

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING: Budget Workshop
Wednesday, March 5, 2001
District Administrative Offices
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

CALL TO ORDER

President Terry S. Doran called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and the Board recessed to Closed Session.

1 BOARD ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Terry S. Doran
Vice President Shirley Issel
Director Joaquin J. Rivera
Director Ted Schultz
Director John T. Selawsky

ABSENT: Student Director Niles Xi'an Lichtenstein

ADMINISTRATION: Stephen A. Goldstone, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent,
Secretary

2. Recess to Closed Session
a. Collective Bargaining Session (Government Code Section 3549.1(d)).

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to Public Session at 6:05 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Doran stated that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

COLLECT "REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION" CARDS

President Doran collected the "Requests to Address the Board of Education" cards.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Three speakers addressed the Board.

BOARD WORKSHOP: Discussion of 2001-2002 Budget

3. Introduction

Dr. Stephen A. Goldstone, Interim Superintendent, said this workshop is one of many meetings in which the staff and community will be able to provide input in the District's budget process.

BOARD WORKSHOP: Discussion of 2001-2002 Budget (continued)

4. 2001-2002 Budget Update, Discussion, Input

Dr. Goldstone presented a three-page document, "Meeting the Challenge." He described two scenarios—Scenario 1 with a possible deficit of \$2,620, and Scenario 2, with a possible deficit of \$362,000.

5. Closing Comments

Board questions and comments included the following:

- What is the status of the special education funding?
- How much revenue is generated from the Community Theatre? It should be self-sustaining.
- Investigate other areas to cut; save class size reduction.
- How much revenue will be generated if we decrease energy usage by 12-15%?
- What are our legal expenses by category.
- Staff should submit to the Board monthly financial and accountability reports, by category with goals and targets.
- How are we tracking attendance?
- Implement a spending freeze.
- Scrutinize every expenditure.
- Scrutinize overtime—submit an overtime update.
- What is staff's long-term vision and General Fund support for maintenance?

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Two speakers addressed the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

President Doran declared the Special Meeting of March 5, 2001 adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

Secretary, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

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