

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL BUT UNADOPTED MINUTES

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MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 21, 2001
District Administrative Offices
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

CALL TO ORDER

President Doran called the meeting to order at 6:01 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
Student Director Niles Xi'an Lichtenstein* (left at 11:45 p.m.)

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

2. Recess to Closed Session (Board Conference Room)
- a. Discussion with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).
 - b. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation-Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)).
Specify number of cases: One
 - c. Collective Bargaining Session Government Code Section 3549.1(d).
 - d. Public Employee Discipline/Release/Transfer/Assignment (Government Code Section 54557).
 - e. To Hear a Charge or Complaint Against an Identified Employee (Government Code Section 54957).
 - f. Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957 (Pages 1-3))
Certificated Transactions:
 - (1) Appointment
 - (2) Resignations
 - (3) Retirement
 - (4) Extra Duty: Teacher for GATE; Physical Fitness Inservice; Staff Development; New Software Training; Hourly Curriculum Development.
 - (5) Stipends: Head Girls Basketball Coach; GATE Classes; Staff Development, SB395.

*The Student Director does not attend Closed Session

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:40 p.m.

3. BOARD ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Terry S. Doran
Vice President Shirley Issel
Director Joaquin J. Rivera
Director Ted Schultz
Director John T. Selawsky
Student Director Niles Xi'an Lichtenstein

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

Ten speakers addressed the Board.

UNION REPRESENTATIVES

No one addressed the Board at this time.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

Ms. Nancy Riddle, Co-Chair, Berkeley Schools Excellence Project (BSEP) Planning and Oversight Committee and Mr. Mark Coplan, President, PTA Council, addressed the Board regarding various issues.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Superintendent Goldstone reported on the different activities that he attended at the schools. He announced that a team of Distinguished School representatives will be visiting Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School to determine that school's eligibility to be designated a California Distinguished School.

Dr. Goldstone proposed that each Board member "Adopt a School" so that every school will be visited by a Board Member throughout the year.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Board Members responded to comments made during Public Testimony. Some of the Board members praised the Berkeley High School students and staff who participated in the affirmative action rally for their orderly conduct. Board members highlighted some of the events at various schools they visited.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Presentation by the Tobacco Prevention Staff

Ms. Marcia Brown-Machen, Coordinator, Tobacco Prevention Program, gave an update regarding the program.

AGENDA REORDER

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

16. Adoption of Resolution encouraging California Filmmakers and actors to support films that do not glamorize the use of tobacco; realistically reflect smoking as an addictive behavior rather than as a positive social activity; accurately portray the cosmetic, social and physical consequences of tobacco use; show that, in reality, the vast majority of people in the USA do not smoke; and accurately portray state and local laws prohibiting smoking in indoor work places.

Motion: Directors Rivera/Issesl and approved unanimously on voice vote:

Adoption of this resolution.

AGENDA REORDER

PUBLIC HEARINGS, RATIFICATION, ADOPTION AND AUTHORIZATION

8. Public Hearing and Ratification of the Agreement between the Board of Education and Public Employees Union Local One.

President Doran opened the Public Hearing at 8:55 p.m.

There were no public comments regarding this item.

President Doran declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:56 p.m.

Motion: Directors Selawsky/Rivera and approved 5-(1) on voice vote:

That the agreement between the Board of Education and Public Employees Union Local One is ratified.

AYES: Directors Doran, Issel, Rivera, Schultz, Selawsky.

ABSTAIN: (Student Director Lichtenstein, the Student Director, does not vote on negotiation items.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS, RATIFICATION, ADOPTION AND AUTHORIZATION
(continued)

9. Public Hearing on the District's Reopen Proposals for the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT) and Authorization to Develop Negotiation Proposals.

President Doran opened the public hearing at 8:57 p.m. No one addressed the Board regarding this time.

Motion: Directors Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote:

Authorization to develop negotiation proposals for the Berkeley Federation of Teachers.

AGENDA REORDER

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Motion: Directors Rivera/Schultz and approved unanimously on voice vote:

That items 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 20 are approved.

5. Approval of Personnel Recommendation.
6. Approval of Contracts and Purchase Orders in Excess of \$15,000.
7. Approval of the 2000-2001 One-time Expenditure at Thousands Oaks Elementary School.
12. Approval of Resolution in Support of AB 253: To increase funding for adult education and tie it to 50% of the statewide average unified revenue rate.
13. Approval of recommendation to support SB 10: Renewal of the Safe Routes to School Bill.
14. Second Reading and Adoption of *Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools.*
15. Approval of the K-12 2001-2002 calendar.
20. Approval for the Berkeley Adult School to submit an application to the newly funded CALPRO (the Institutes for Research, California Adult Literacy Professional Development Leadership Project) to become the Bay Area Regional Resource Center.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

19. Approval of the ongoing study of the Berkeley Academic Choice (BAD/International Baccalaureate Program for the Fall of 2001 at Berkeley High School

Staff recommended that the Board approve the establishment of the Berkeley Academic Choice/International Baccalaureate Program for the Fall of 2001 at Berkeley High School.

For the 2001-2002 school year the Academic Choice/International Baccalaureate Program will consist of approximately 90 juniors and 90 seniors who will be enrolled in the Baccalaureate Academic Core Program.

In the year 2002-2003, the program will expand to the tenth grade, including approximately 90 tenth graders. The ninth grade may be added depending on the evolution of the Village Nine Program.

Motion: Directors Issel/Rivera and approved 4-(1)-1 on voice vote:

That the recommendation presented in the document that was given to the Board tonight be approved.

AYES: Directors Issel, Rivera, Schultz, Selawsky (Student Director Lichtenstein)
NOES: Director Doran

AGENDA REORDER

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/REPORT

22. Response to Berkeley Schools Excellent Project (BSEP) Class Size Subcommittee regarding interdistrict permits and Berkeley High School class size.

Dr. Stephen Goldstone, Interim Superintendent; Ms. Christine Lim, Associate Superintendent, Instruction; and Ms. Catherine James, Associate Superintendent, Support Services, presented this item. They highlighted Board Policy 5117: Interdistrict Attendance; Board Policy 5118: Transfers; non-tuition Interdistrict Attendance Agreement; letter to parents requesting current report for new Interdistrict Permit Requests; and reminder to parents to obtain a renewal interdistrict permit from their home district.

They discussed three factors to consider prior to limiting the number of interdistrict permits and the four methodologies used to determine Berkeley High School class sizes.

Ms. Lim announced that the District will be implementing a centralized registration process for all incoming new students to Berkeley High School. She said this will address some of the concerns raised by the Berkeley Schools Excellence Project (BSEP) Planning and Oversight Committee.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/REPORT (continued)

22. Response to Berkeley Schools Excellent Project (BSEP) Class Size Subcommittee regarding interdistrict permits and Berkeley High School class size. (continued)

Board comments included:

- How is the Interdistrict Attendance policy being enforced? The policy needs to be revisited and made more specific.
- They requested that staff provide a one-page summary outlining the benefits of interdistrict transfers.

23. An Analysis of Village 9 at Berkeley High School

Ms. Michele Patterson and Mr. Larry Lee gave a Power Point presentation. They made the following eight recommendations:

- Common planning period for CORE teachers.
- Backup algebra.
- Articulation with middle/elementary schools.
- Closed campus for freshmen.
- Expanded Link Crew Program.
- Adult mentoring.
- 8-5 summer school Bridge Program.
- High risk CORE within Village 9.

AGENDA REORDER

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

10. Approval for the Board of Education to enter into a five-year agreement with the Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League to construct and maintain a softball field at Longfellow Arts & Technology Magnet Middle School.

Ms. Catherine James, Associate Superintendent, Support Services, presented this item. She recommended that the Board consider entering into a five-year agreement with the Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League in which they will construct and maintain a softball field at Longfellow Middle School in exchange for the exclusive right to use the field on weekends and weekday evenings. Ms. James said the use of the softball field will not interrupt the instruction or any of the other activities at the school. She said this agreement is similar to the one with Willard and King.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS (continued)

10. Approval for the Board of Education to enter into a five-year agreement with the Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League to construct and maintain a softball field at Longfellow Arts & Technology Magnet Middle School. (continued)

Board comments included:

- Was this agreement checked by county counsel?
- Provisions for community use should be included in the agreement.

Motion: Directors Rivera/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote:
That this Resolution is approved.

11. Second reading and adoption of a Board policy establishing a Green Procurement and Sustainable Procedures Policy for the Berkeley Unified School District. (This item was initially approved at the March 7, 2001 Board of Education Meeting.)

Motion: Directors Issel/Schultz and approved unanimously on voice vote:
Approval of this item.

AGENDA REORDER

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

17. Approval of resolution in support of the concept of working jointly with the City of Berkeley and the University of California to explore the possibility of developing affordable housing on the Ashby Street west parking lot for District employees.

Dr. Stephen Goldstone, Interim Superintendent, recommended adoption of this resolution. He said there is no money involved, just supporting the concept.

Motion: Directors Doran/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote:
Approval, in concept, of this item.

AGENDA REORDER

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/REPORT

21. Status report from the Energy Conservation Committee

This item was postponed.

AGENDA REORDER

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no Additional Public Testimony at this time.

BOARD MATTERS

24. Board Committee Appointments/Reports

- Berkeley Arts in Education Steering Committee
- Berkeley School Financing Corporation
- Citizens Advisory Committee on Diversity
- Citizens Budget and Finance Advisory Committee
- Citizens Construction Program Advisory Committee
- Facilities Maintenance and Security Advisory Committee
- Music Program Committee
- Peace and Justice Commission
- Student Assignment Advisory Committee
- Surplus Facilities Advisory Committee
- Two-by-Two Committee
- Youth Commission

There were no appointments or reports at this time.

BOARD REQUESTS

Director Selawsky requested that staff research the possibility of hiring a part time K-12 Coordinator for the Music Program.

ADJOURNMENT

President Doran declared the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2001 adjourned at 12:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

Secretary, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

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