

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING

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**Wednesday, September 19, 2001**

District Administrative Offices

Board Meeting Room

2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Doran Called the Meeting to Order at 6:03 p.m.

**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 Sarena M. Chandler\*

Administration:              Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary

**2. Prior to Closed Session, as necessary, staff/employee comments are taken per Government Code Section 54957**

No one addressed the Board at this time.

**3. Oral Interview of Personnel Commission Candidate, Teresa Beglinger**

Board Members took turns asking questions of Ms. Teresa Beglinger, Personnel Commission Candidate for consideration of her appointment to the Commission.

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\*The Student Director does not attend Closed Session.

4. Recess to Closed Session (Board Conference Room)
  - a. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a):  
 Service of Process  Existing Settlement Negotiations
  - b. Collective Bargaining Session (Government Code Section 3549.1(d)
  - c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 54957)
  - d. Public Employment and Appointments (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:19 p.m.

#### **RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:38 p.m.

#### 5. **BOARD ROLL CALL:**

##### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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Vice President Shirley Issel  
Director Joaquin J. Rivera  
Director Ted Schultz  
Director John T. Selawsky  
Student Director Sarena M. Chandler

At this time, President Doran asked for a moment of silence in honor of those who lost their lives, were injured, and their families during the September 11, 2001 tragedy in New York and Washington, D.C.

Motion: Directors Selawsky/Schultz and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve the printed agenda, as amended. The amendments are as follows:

- a. That items 14 and 16 be tabled.
- b. That items 12, 13, 15, 17 and 21 be moved to the Consent Calendar.

#### **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

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

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Five speakers addressed the Board.

## **UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Don Klose, Berkeley Federation of Teachers and Mr. Rick Spaid, Public Employees Union Local One, addressed the Board.

## **ADVISORY COUNCILS**

Ms. Stephanie Allen and Ms. Yolanda Huang, Maintenance Advisory Committee addressed the Board.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Lawrence introduced Ms. Karen Candito, Director, Child Nutrition. She announced that the only Board Meeting in November would be November 14, 2001. And, there will be a Special Board Meeting regarding the Superintendent's evaluation, on Saturday, September 29, 2001, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. She reported that staff is preparing the CBEDs report; the comprehensive position control and closing the financial books.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Members responded to comments made during Public Testimony from a group of students. The Board expressed concern regarding the treatment of some students because of their religious belief and ethnic background. The Board also expressed concern regarding the WASC report.

## **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: ACTION**

6. Approval of Resolution of Proclamation of Appreciation for Ted Rosenkrantz, Founder of In Dulci Jubilo

Director Selawsky read the Resolution.

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

Approval of this Resolution.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

That the Consent Calendar be approved as amended.

7. Approval of Minutes: August 27, 2001 and September 5, 2001
8. Approval of Personnel Reports

This item was approved as amended. The amendments are as follows:

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Add Employment: Tiffany Carrico  
Music, Willard, .20, BSEP,  
8/29/01-6/30/02

Susanne McCulloch  
Visual & Performing Arts Coordinator  
District, 1.0, .50 FTE BSEP; .50 Grant,  
9/21/01-6/30/02

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Retirement: Elaine Pecot, Manager, Transportation  
January 2, 2002

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Probationary: Jewel Murphy  
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

9. Approval of Purchases in Excess of \$15,000
10. Approval of Non-Public School Placements of Special Education Students at:
  - a. LaCheim for the period of September 5, 2001-June 30, 2002, at a cost of \$41,000;
  - b. Spectrum for the period of August 29, 2001 to June 30, 2002, at a cost of \$39,000;
  - c. Children's Learning Center for the period of September 5, 2001 to June 30, 2002, at a cost of \$34,000
  - d. Seneca for the period of July 20, 2001 to June 30, 2001, at a cost of \$30,429 reimbursed 100% by the State of California;
  - e. LaCheim for the period of August 29, 2001, to June 30, 2002, at a cost of \$36,000;
  - f. Spectrum for the period of August 29, 2001 to June 30, 2002 at a cost of \$39,000

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)**

11. Approval of the Berkeley Adult School Course Offerings for 2001-2002
12. Approval of Expenditure Plan for the Academic Performance Index (API) School Site Employee Bonus Award for Oxford Elementary School
13. Approval of Expenditure Plan for the Academic Performance Index (API) Governor's Performance Award for Oxford Elementary School

**AGENDA REORDER**

15. Nomination of Personnel Commissioner Reappointment  
  
No appointment was made at this time.

**AGENDA REORDER**

17. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher and Company to provide Owner Controlled Insurance on the Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School Project

**AGENDA REORDER**

21. Approval of Visiting Educator contract for 2000-2001

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

**AGENDA REORDER**

14. Approval of Modifications to Board Policy 6146.1: Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency—Second Reading

This item was tabled.

**AGENDA REORDER**

16. Acceptance of Proposal from Modular Information Systems (MIS) Data General for replacing the existing Micro Data Computer with a Data General Computer as previously planned

This item was pulled.

## **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/REPORTS**

### 22. Report on Implementation of Berkeley High School's Critical Pathways Program

A panel from Berkeley High School which included: Dr. Frank Lynch, Principal; Ms. Mary Ann Valles, Vice Principal; Mr. Mike Hassett, Vice Principal; and Ms. Annie Johnson, History Teacher, presented this item.

Based on concerns from the Board, parents and staff they determined that early intervention of at risk students, clustering students with high academic needs, and personal contact with parents, families and students, are important factors in addressing the needs of students at risk of failing. Building on components of the Rebound Program, a program called Critical Pathways was developed. The main components of the Critical Pathways Program are:

- a. Procedures for identifying students;
- b. Academic support and curriculum enhancement; and
- c. Program evaluation.

Dr. Lynch and the other panel members explained the specifics of the Critical Pathways Program. The Board offered suggestions but was complimentary on the presentation and asked for a future follow up report in a few months.

## **AGENDA REORDER**

### 18. Approval of Nomination of Assemblywoman Dion Louise Aroner for California School Boards Association's (CSBA) Outstanding Legislator of the Year

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

Approval of this item.

## **APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

### 19. Approval to join efforts by some Alameda County School District Superintendents and Board of Directors of the County Boards Association regarding Governor Gray Davis' Response to the Williams vs. California ("basic educational necessities") Lawsuit

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

Approval of this item.

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

20. Approval of a Resolution: National Walk to School Day

Although the Board was generally supportive of the resolution, had concerns because of the safety issues on city streets.

It was agreed that the Superintendent would write a cover letter to parents and staff accompanying the Resolution drawing attention to these concerns and suggesting caution.

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

That this Resolution be approved and that the Superintendent attaches a cover letter to the Resolution encouraging parents and students to be safe.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

One speaker addressed the Board.

**BOARD MATTERS**

22. Board Committee Appointments/Reports:

- Berkeley Arts 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

**BOARD REQUESTS**

Director Selawsky requested a status report on the use of identification badges at Berkeley High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Doran declared the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2001, adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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President, Board of Education  
Berkeley Unified School District

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Secretary, Board of Education  
Berkeley Unified School District

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