

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 21, 2002
District Administrative Offices
Board Meeting Room
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

ADOPTED MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER

President Shirley Issel called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Shirley Issel
Vice President Joaquin J. Rivera
Director Terry S. Doran
Director Ted Schultz
Student Director Andy Turner

MEMBER EXCUSED: Director John T. Selawsky

Administration: Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary

Prior to Closed Session, as necessary, staff/employee comments are taken per Government Code Section 54956

No one addressed the Board at this time.

Recess to Closed Session (Government Code Sections 3549.1(d), 54956.9(a) and 54957) and Education Code Section 48918(c)—Board Conference Room

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
- b) Consideration of Student Expulsion:
 - 1) Case #: 44-02
 - 2) Case #: 45-02
 - 3) Case #: 46-02
- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- e) Public Employment Appointments
- f) Liability claims
- g) Property Acquisition

*The Student Director does not attend Closed Session.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened in Public Session at 8:03 p.m.

BOARD ROLL CALL: President Shirley Issel
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Director Ted Schultz
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MEMBER EXCUSED: Director John T. Selawsky

Report Closed Session Action

President Issel stated that in Closed Session, the Board took the following action regarding student expulsion:

b) Case #: 44-02
The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Panel, to expel the student but to modify it to a suspended expulsion.

Case #: 45-02
The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Panel, not to expel the student.

Case #: 46-02
The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Panel, to grant a stipulated agreement of expulsion.

c) Collective Bargaining

In Closed Session, the Board also discussed Collective Bargaining.

Approve Agenda

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

That the agenda is approved as amended. The amendments are that items 3.2-C are pulled and item 4.4-C is tabled.

AYES: Directors Doran, Issel, Rivera, Schultz, (Turner)
EXCUSED: Director Selawsky

General Services

1.1-C

Oath of Office for Andy Turner, newly elected Student Board Director

Ms. Cheryl Morse, Assistant City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Andy Turner, newly elected Student Board Director.

After the Oath of Office, Student Director Andy Turner took his seat on the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Five speakers addressed the Board.

REPORTS

Union Representatives' Reports

No one addressed the Board at this time.

Advisory Councils' Reports

No one addressed the Board at this time.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence updated the Board regarding the preparations for the opening of school. She said the administrative team at Berkeley High School is making a lot of progress. The Berkeley High School administrative team, the Manager of Student Services, representatives from the Berkeley Police Department and her, met and strategized regarding the opening of school. It was a successful meeting. Superintendent Lawrence reiterated that no decisions have been made regarding the Franklin Parent Nursery Program. She elaborated on the District's actions for increasing the enrollment in the Free/Reduced School Meal Program.

Board Members' Reports

Each Board Member welcomed Andy Turner, the new Student Director, to the Board. President Issel reported that the Special Education parent meeting, which was held last night, was a positive meeting. Also, the Management Team Workshop and Community Partnership Meeting were positive meetings, too.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

That the Consent Items are approved as amended.

The amendments are to pull items 3.2-C and 4.4-C.

1.2-C: Acceptance of Gifts/Donations

2.1-C: Acceptance of Personnel Report

Kwame Nitoto, Instructional Specialist, Rosa Parks, was pulled.

3.1-C: Approval of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant Application for \$75,000

3.2-C: Approval of the 2002-2003 Single Plan for Student Achievement

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

That Cragmont Elementary School and Willard Middle School 2002-2003 Single Plan for Student Achievement is approved.

That Berkeley Arts Magnet and Jefferson elementary schools; King Middle School and Berkeley High School 2002-2003 Single Plan for Student Achievement, are to be revisited.

AYES: Directors Doran, Issel, Rivera, Schultz, (Turner)

EXCUSED: Director John T. Selawsky

CONSENT ITEMS (continued)

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

Approval of the following Consent Items:

- 4.1-C: Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders in Excess of \$15,000
- 4.2-C: Approve Listing of Warrants issued in July 2002
- 4.3-C: Approve payroll payments made in July 2002
- 4.4-C: Review and discuss the District's direction in utilizing technology

This item was tabled.

AGENDA REORDER

INFORMATION

Business and Operations

4.1-I

District-wide network and implementation of Quintessential School Systems

Mr. Jerry Kurr, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations, Mr. Andrew Prestage, Mr. Phil Scrivano, and Mr. Jim Higgenbottom, representatives from FCMAT (Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team), presented an overview on the progress of the QSS (Quintessential School Systems) software for payroll, accounting, accounts payable, budgeting and personnel support.

Mr. Andrew Prestage discussed, in detail, the QSS Conversion and Mr. Phil Scrivano discussed the Network Overhaul.

AGENDA REORDER

ACTION ITEMS

Educational Services

3.1-A

Identity and Ethnic Studies Course

Ms. Christine Lim, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, explained that the course, Identity and Ethnic Studies, introduces students to the language and concepts of the social science disciplines through an exploration of issues of identity.

Vice President Rivera said this course could be a one-semester course instead of a one-year course. He expressed concern regarding the words: "personal values" as components of the course. He said some of the course content appears to be intrusive.

Director Schultz said he is concerned about the words "students will reflect and articulate their own personal feelings and values regarding sex." He would like to have this portion re-worded. Director Schultz said he would consider making this a one-semester course.

Director Doran said staff should investigate ways in which to make the course more meaningful for freshmen.

President Issel discussed the need for teacher training and a level of sensitivity to students' particular concerns. She said this course appears to be out of compliance with Board policy, which states that curriculum content is to be reviewed by the District's Curriculum Committee. President Issel noted the lack of a reading list for this course.

Motion: Directors Doran/Schultz and approved 3-1)-1-1 on voice vote:

AYES: Directors Doran, Issel, Schultz (Turner)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Director Rivera

EXCUSED: Director Selawsky

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

3.2-A

Contracts for Non-Public School Placement of Special Education Students for the 2002-2003 School Year

Superintendent Lawrence said in the past, the Board has received the non-public school placement contracts for special education students one-by-one throughout the year. She said the Licensed Children's Institution (LCI) contracts are entirely reimbursed by the State.

Motion: Directors Rivera/Schultz and approved 4-0-(1)-1 on voice vote:

Approval of the Contracts for Non-Public School Placement of Special Education Students for the 2002-2003 School Year.

AYES: Directors Doran, Issel, Rivera, Schultz

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: (Student Director Turner)

EXCUSED: Director Selawsky

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

One speaker addressed the Board at this time.

At 10:34 p.m., the Board recessed to Closed Session.

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:45 p.m.

President Issel announced that in Closed Session, the Board voted to extend the contracts of the three associate superintendents to 2005: David A. Gomez, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources; Jerry Kurr, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations; and Christine A. Lim, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services.

ADJOURNMENT

President Issel declared the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2002, adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

Secretary, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

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