

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, June 12, 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**

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### **BOARD ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Shirley Issel  
Vice President Joaquin J. Rivera  
Director Terry S. Doran  
Director Ted Schultz  
Director John T. Selawsky  
Student Director Sarena M. Chandler\*

Administration: Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary

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All Board Members were present.

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Agenda Approval

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

That Item 1.1-I: Report regarding Small Schools visit to Boston and New York be moved up earlier on the agenda.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### General Services

#### 1.1-C

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

Approval of the Resolution Recognizing Retirees of 2001-2002.

## **AGENDA REORDER**

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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1.3-C: Adopt Resolution Opposing Racial Privacy Initiative (RPI)

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Ms. Monica Thyberg, Manager, BSEP, and representatives from the Berkeley High School BSEP Site Committee, presented this item and responded to Board questions and comments. Ms. Thyberg and the representatives explained their plan for the expenditure of the allocated \$539,274 for FY 2003.

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#### BSEP (Berkeley Schools Excellence Project) Planning and Oversight Recommendations for Expenditures of the BSEP Building, Maintenance and Security funds for Fiscal Year 2003

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

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## **CONFERENCE**

#### Educational Services

##### 3.1-CF

#### Receive for Adoption Consideration: Houghton Mifflin: A Legacy and McDougal Little Reading and Language Arts Program

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**CONSENT ITEMS** (continued)

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AYES: Directors Doran, Rivera, Schultz, Selawsky  
NOES: Director Issel (Student Director Chandler)  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**AGENDA REORDER**

**INFORAMTION**

Business and Operations

4.1-I

Budget Update and Fiscal Year Recovery Plan Information Discussion

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**EXTENED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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APPROVED:

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