

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 19, 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 Special Board of Education Meeting of June 19, 2002, 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
Director John T. Selawsky

MEMBER ABSENT: Student Director Sarena M. Chandler

Administration Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary

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

No one addressed the Board at this time.

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

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- b) Consideration of Student Expulsion
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- e) Public Employment and Appointments
- f) Liability Claims
- g) Property Acquisition

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened in Public Session at 7:54 p.m.

BOARD ROLL CALL President Shirley Issel
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Report Closed Session Action

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- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- e) Public Employment and Appointments:

The Board voted in Closed Session to approve the employment of the following:

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- ◆ Kenneth John Jacopetti, Director, Pupil Support Services
- ◆ Neil Smith, Director Curriculum, Instruction and Staff Development
- ◆ Gabriel McCurtis, Executive Vice Principal, Berkeley High School
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The transfer of the following employees:

- ◆ Thelette A. Bennett, Executive Vice Principal, Berkeley High School
- ◆ Rebecca Cheung, Principal, Longfellow Arts & Technology Middle School
- ◆ Gene Nakamura, Vice Principal, Longfellow Arts & Technology Middle School

Approve Agenda

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

That the Special Meeting Agenda of June 19, 2002, as amended, is approved.

The amendments are to move the following items to Consent:

3.6-C: Environmental and Spatial Technology (EAST) Contract

President Issel pulled this item for further clarification.

3.1-A: Berkeley Unified School District's Music Program Funding for FY 2003

3.2-A: BSEP School Enrichment Program Plans for FY 2003

3.3-A: 2002-2003 Part I of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs

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

ABSENT: (Student Director Chandler)

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Directors Rivera/Selawsky and approved 5-0 on voice vote:

Approval of the May 22 and 29, 2002 Minutes.

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

ABSENT: (Student Director Chandler)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Eleven persons addressed the Board.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

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REPORTS (continued)

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Vice President Rivera discussed the Dual Immersion and Franklin Parent Nursery programs. He said there is a need to improve communication with parents in these programs.

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CONSENT ITEMS

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CONFERENCE

Business Services

4.1-CF

Public Hearing and Discussion of the Preliminary Budget and Fiscal Recovery Plan for 2002-2003

President Issel opened the Public Hearing at 9:48 p.m.

Mr. Jerry Kurr, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations, presented this item. He reported on the current status of the budget and discussed, in detail, the Balanced Budget; Reserve Requirements; Self-Insurance Fund; Class Size/Fiscal Emergency; Cafeteria Fund and the Child Development Fund; and, items identified in 2001-2002 Budget Disapproval. Mr. Kurr said there will be a review and accounting of the use of the Fire Insurance Settlement proceeds. He gave a brief overview regarding the Budget Process; Budget Oversight; Budget Status General Fund; Other Funds and Fiscal Recovery.

Ms. Nancy Riddle, BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee, addressed the Board regarding the Class-Size/Fiscal Emergency item.

Director Schultz responded to Ms. Nancy Riddle's comments regarding the Class-Size/Fiscal Emergency item. He suggested that the item be reworded and reviewed by the BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee and resubmitted to the Board.

Vice President Rivera suggested that the Class-Size/Fiscal Emergency item be dealt with next year.

Director Doran asked about the legal requirement of the 3% Reserve for Economic Uncertainties.

Superintendent Lawrence said we have been in a cutting mode all year and we still have a serious budget crisis that we have to address.

Vice President Rivera thanked staff for all of their hard work and said we need to make it clear that we are still \$3 million dollars in the hole.

President Issel declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:56 p.m.

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Superintendent Lawrence requested that this item be pulled and brought back to the Board next week in order to allow staff more time to research this item and prepare a recommendation which reflects the Adult School graduation requirements are in alignment with Berkeley High School's graduation requirements.

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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At 11:40 p.m., the Board reconvened to Public Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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APPROVED

ATTEST:



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