

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 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 6:04 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
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

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
- b) Consideration of Student Expulsions
- c) 1. Case #: 36-02

- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- e) Public Employment and Appointments
 - 1. Director of Maintenance

- f) Liability Claims
- g) Property Acquisition

*The Student Director does not attend Closed Session.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. and reconvened in Public Session at 7:50 p.m.

BOARD ROLL CALL President Shirley Issel
 Vice President Joaquin J. Rivera
 Director Terry S. Doran
 Director Ted Schultz
 Director John T. Selawsky
 Student Director Sarena Chandler

All Board Members were present.

Report Closed Session Action

President Issel stated that in Closed Session, the Board dealt with the following Closed Session items:

- b) Consideration of Student Expulsion:
 Case #: 36-02

The Board voted unanimously to uphold the Administrative Panel's decision regarding Case # 36-02.

- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

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

To accept the Administrative Judge's decision regarding certificated layoffs.

- e) Public Employment and Appointments

1. Director of Maintenance

Superintendent Lawrence announced the appointment of Rhonda Bacot, Director of Maintenance, effective May 13, 2002.

Agenda Approval

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

That the agenda is approved as modified. The modification is that item 2.2-A: Phoebe Tanner Visiting Educator Contract, be added to the Consent Items.

AGENDA REORDER

INFORMATION

General Services

1.1-I

Presentation regarding Berkeley High School's Safety and Procedures

Superintendent Lawrence made opening comments and then deferred to Ms. Meg Matan and Mr. Robert McKnight, Deans at Berkeley High School. Mr. McKnight and Ms. Matan gave an overview of the Students, Success, and Safety Program. Mr. McKnight said the number one commitment at Berkeley High School is to our students' academic success and safety. Class attendance is the key to both issues. At Berkeley High School, all students are required to attend all of their classes. On the rare occasion a student must be out of class, the student should have documentation as to the reason he/she is out of class. Mr. McKnight and Ms. Matan stated that as part of their procedures, gates will be closed at the start of second period. The Allston Way Green Gate, and the Milvia-Bancroft Gate will remain open. Gates will reopen at lunch. Gates will close again after lunch and reopen after sixth period. They discussed campus supervision, student ID's and the evacuation plans.

Superintendent Lawrence said the Supervisor of Custodians will be spot-checking the restrooms to ensure their cleanliness.

AGENDA

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Board received comments from twelve speakers. Six speakers addressed the issue of classified layoffs. Three speakers, Sean Dugar, Robert McKnight and Derick Miller, announced their candidacy to serve on the School Board. Mr. Mark Coplan, Director, In Dulci Jubilo, presented a \$2500.00 check to two teachers at LeConte School, for the Dual Immersion Program.

UNION REPORTS

Ms. Stephanie Allan, Business Representative, Stationary Engineers, Local 39, AFL-CIO, introduced herself and gave an overview of Local 39. She said Local 39 has 16,000 plus members in Northern California/Northern Nevada, representing the public and private sector. They run a training center, which provides education in the trades as well as apprenticeship programs. Local 39 is affiliated with the Alameda Central Labor Council, State Federation of Labor and International Union of Operating Engineers. Ms. Allan said they are looking forward to working with the District to improve the work conditions of members in the Operations & Support Unit and helping the District to fulfill its educational mission. Mr. Barry Fike, President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers, introduced three members of their Executive Board and read a statement regarding the budget crisis in the District. Ms. Lisa Davis, Business Agent, Public Employees' Union Local One, addressed the Board regarding the District's budget and the reduction in hours of some food service workers.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Eric Weaver, Chair, CNAC (Child Nutrition Advisory Committee), addressed the Board regarding the decrease in hours of food service workers. Mr. Derick Miller, President, PTA Council, reported on the "Get on the Bus to Pay Schools Now!" Lobby day in Sacramento, which was held today. He said it was a successful trip. Ms. Yolanda Huang, Chair, Maintenance Advisory Committee addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence addressed the issues related to student services and teacher layoffs. She reiterated that teacher layoffs are done by seniority per Education Code. She said there will be no teacher layoffs beyond May 15, 2002.

Board Members' Report

Directors Doran and Selawsky reported that today's lobbying trip to Sacramento was successful. Director Selawsky said he would like to propose regular lobbying trips to Sacramento so that relationships can be developed and maintained with legislators. He thanked Julie Chervin for organizing this trip. Director Doran asked about the status of the Vera Casey Center. Director Schultz announced that four grounds people have been added to the Maintenance Department.

President Issel announced that there will be a Community Budget Workshop, tomorrow, Thursday, May 9, 2002, 6:30 p.m., in the Longfellow Arts and Technology Magnet Middle School, Auditorium, 1500 Derby Street. President Issel congratulated the following: The Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble. Mayor Shirley Dean proclaimed April 28, 2002 Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble Day. She congratulated Berkeley High School Men's Novice 4 Boat—first place winner against Serra Notre Dame; Hitomi Oba, Sean Erick, Jens TenBroek, and Justin Brown for being selected, as members of the San Francisco Jazz All-Star High School Ensemble, to be in the finals of the Lincoln Center's Essentially Ellington High School Band Festival and competition; Molly Knobler received a Gold Medal and Katherine Ammirati, Rebecca Pollack, and Clara Bvosak-Schroeder earned perfect scores on The National Latin Exam. Only 1599 of the 121,000 students who took the exam earned a perfect score. President Issel announced that the Berkeley High School Parent Resource Center is hosting an awards program honoring Berkeley High School heroes, who will include teachers, students, parents, administrators and community members who have helped in some way to make Berkeley High School a better place. The event will take place on May 31st at the North Berkeley Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

That the Consent Items are approved.

- 2.1-C: Acceptance of Personnel Report
- 3.1-C: Approval of Overnight Field Trip Requests
- 3.2-C: Approval of Berkeley High School 2002-2003 Bell Schedule
- 4.1-C: Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders for Service Contracts in excess of \$15,000
- 4.2-C: Receive and Approve Information on the Issuance of Payroll Warrants for Employee Services for March and April 2002

CONSENT ITEMS (continued)

- 4.3-C: Resolution 02-19 to Establish the 2002-2003 Tax Rate for the "Berkeley Schools Facilities Safety and Maintenance Act of 2002" (Measure BB, November 2002)
- 4.4-C: Independent Audit Reports Voluntary Integration Program for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001
- 4.5-C: Approval to change the bid opening date for Jefferson School
- 4.6-C: Approval to Award C Building Roofing Project
- 4.7-C: Approval to advertise the replacement of certain play equipment
- 2.2-A: Phoebe Tanner Visiting Educator Contract

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A

Recommendation to expand membership of Principal Selection Committees for current openings

Superintendent Lawrence said she believes that the current policy needs to be waived to add additional steps in the screening process to provide and expand the level of participation in order to give the selected candidate broader support from those he/she represent, once selected, and to ensure all aspects of each candidate has been scrutinized. She asked for a waiver of Policy GBDD through August of 2002 or until we have filled the vacant administrative positions.

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

To approve recommendation to expand membership of Principal Selection Committees for current openings and that students be involved in all stages of the selection process.

4.1-A

Budget Development and Advisory Process and Timelines for FY 2002-2003

Mr. Jerry Kurr, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations, presented this item.

Director Schultz requested that his recommendation be included in the timelines and suggested that item #26 be changed to read: Preliminary J200 with addendums.

4.1-A
Budget Development and Advisory Process and Timelines for FY 2002-2003
(continued)

Director Selawsky requested that there be a scheduled budget workshop or public hearing regarding the budget process.

At 11:02, the Board recessed to Closed Session.

At 11:35 p.m. the Board reconvened to Public Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

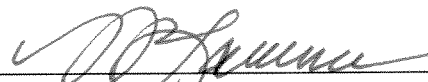
President Issel declared the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2002, adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST



President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District



Secretary, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

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