

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 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

Vice President Rivera called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 20, 2002, to order at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President Joaquin J. Rivera
Director Terry S. Doran
Director Ted Schultz
Director John T. Selawsky

MEMBERS EXCUSED: President Shirley Issel
Student Director Andy Turner

Administration Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary

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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 49819(c)

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
- b) Consideration of Student Expulsion
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- e) Public Employment and Appointments
- f) Liability Claims
- g) Property Acquisition

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BOARD ROLL CALL: Vice President Joaquin J. Rivera
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Report Closed Session Action

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda of November 20, 2002, as amended. The amendment is that items 1.1-C, 1.2-C, and 4.4-C are pulled for further clarification. Items 3.1-A and 4.1-A are moved to Consent and voted on as Consent Items.

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

AGENDA REORDER

CONSENT ITEMS

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Motion: Directors Doran/Selawsky and approved 3-0-1-1(1)-0 on voice vote:

Approval of the Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing Board Member Ted Schultz.

AYES: Directors Doran, Rivera, Selawsky

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Director Schultz

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ABSENT: None

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CONSENT ITEMS (continued)

4.4-C: Resolution 02-41: Authorized Signatures

Motion: Directors Doran/Selawsky and approved
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Approve Resolution to add District authorized signers of checks issued from General Fund, Adult Fund, Cafeteria Funds, Child Development Fund, and Revolving Cash Fund, as corrected.

AYES: Directors Doran, Rivera, Schultz,
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CONFERENCE

1.1-CF Second Reading of REVISED Board Policies CEB and ABB: Role of the Superintendent and Role of the Board of Education

Director Doran suggested that he and the Superintendent review the policies and resubmit the proposed policies at the December 11, 2002 Board Meeting.

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APPROVED:

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