

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 16, 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 Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 16, 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
Student Director Andy Turner*

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)

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
- b) Consideration of Student Expulsion
- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- e) Public Employment and 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 7:52 p.m.

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

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

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

At this time, President Issel said: "Tonight, we mourn the death of Bishop Roy C. Nichols. The Bay Area and the nation have lost a giant in the fields of religion, social, economic and civil rights. Bishop Roy C. Nichols, a champion of justice for more than 50 years, died on October 9, 2002."

Approve Agenda

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

That the agenda is approved as amended. The amendment is as follows:

That item 4.1-A: Contract for COBRA, HIPAA and Retirees' Health Insurance processing Services, be moved to Consent and acted on as a Consent Item.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Four speakers addressed the Board.

REPORTS

Union Representatives' Reports

Mr. Alan Miller, Vice President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers, addressed the Board regarding the sixth-period day at Berkeley High School.

Advisory Councils' Reports

Ms. Yolanda Huang, representing the Child Nutrition Advisory Committee, addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence commended staff on a job well done for the successful Staff Development Day, which was held Monday, October 14, 2002.

Board Members' Report

Student Director Turner gave an update regarding activities at Berkeley High School. He expressed his and that of other Berkeley High School students' desire to have one principal at Berkeley High School.

Director Doran expressed his sympathy to the family of Bishop Roy C. Nichols. He said Bishop Nichols was a great man and he will be solely missed. He commended the staff regarding a very good staff development day.

Vice President Rivera urged the Board to approve the Resolution Supporting Proposition 47—Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002. He requested that staff submit a status report to the Board regarding the Dual Immersion Program.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

That the Consent Items are approved.

- 1.1-C: Resolution Supporting Proposition 47
- 1.2-C: Right to Higher Education Resolution
- 2.1-C: Acceptance of Personnel Report, as corrected.
- 3.1-C: Overnight Field Trip Requests
- 3.2-C: School Renovation Technology Grant

Plans for some renovation are being identified for Oxford, Berkeley Arts Magnet, Emerson and Willard.

- 3.3-C: Willard Middle School California State Gear-up for College Grant
- 4.1-C: Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders for Services Contracts
- 4.2-C: Approve listing of Warrants issued in September 2002
- 4.3-C: Approve payroll payments made in September 2002
- 4.4-C: Advertise for bids for repair of failing retaining wall at King Middle School Garden Portable
- 4.1-A: Contract for COBRA, HIPAA and Retirees' Health Insurance Processing Services

INFORMATION

3.1-I
4th Annual Report on the District's Early Literacy Plan

Ms. Christine Lim, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services; Mr. Neil Smith, Director, Curriculum, Instruction & Staff Development; Ms. Susan Hodges, Interim Principal, Emerson; Ms. Kate Roberts, Early Literacy teacher, Rosa Parks; and, Mr. Rupert Gomez, Early Literacy teacher, Berkeley Arts Magnet, presented this item. Ms. Lim gave the history of the Early Literacy Program, which began in September 1998 and was revised, by the Board, in 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

President Issel declared the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2002, adjourned at 12:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

Secretary, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

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