

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

District Administrative Offices
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA. 94704-1180

ADOPTED MINUTES

Roll Call

Members Present:

Joaquin J. Rivera, President
John Selawsky, Vice President
Karen Hemphill, Director
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, Director
Mateo Aceves** - Student Director

Administration:

Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Lisa Udell, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Eric D. Smith, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

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(a) and 54957) and Education Code Section 49819(c)

President Rivera called the meeting to order at approximately 7:34 pm.

Report on Closed Session Actions:

The Board considered the following student expulsions:

Student Case No. 0607-41-021292 and approved a suspended expulsion for the current and following semester

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Student Case No. 0607-47-062192 and approved a suspended expulsion for the current and following semester

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Student Case No. 0607-25-051391 and revoked a suspended expulsion

Selawsky/Issel and approved on a vote of 4-1 with Director Hemphill voting no

The Board discussed collective bargaining and did not have anything to report

The Board discussed employee discipline/dismissal and release and voted to approve a five day suspension for a classified employee **Selawsky/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Approve Agenda

Director Riddle recused herself on Items 3.5-C and 4.3-C because they relate to Jefferson School

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Willard Elementary School Principal Robert Ithiburn and teachers Sharon Arthur and Ryan Chinn presented a report on Math: Teach, Reteach. This program is geared to meet the needs of math students who are on different levels.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were three speakers who addressed Item 4.1-A – The Curvy Derby Project. Tom Kelly from Kyoto USA spoke in support of installing solar panels at Washington Elementary School.

Union

No reports from Union representatives.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence shared information about the Stanford adequacy study. She attended, along with Director Issel, an Ed Source meeting last week where they discussed the impact on public education. The study, posted on our web page, discusses major reforms for public education and the dramatic underfunding of our schools.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director Aceves had nothing to report

Director Riddle recently attended the Alameda County School Board Association's award ceremony for student directors. She and Vice President Selawsky attended the community meeting about replacement of the King Middle School track; there was good community participation. She noted that the field will be closed this summer.

Director Hemphill announced that the public library is hosting a children's book day on April 29 sponsored by Friends of the Public Library. There will be music, magic, and book giveaways.

Director Issel spoke about the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech. She assured the community that the privacy rights granted adults who have mental health concerns do not extend to children under the age of 18. Tonight's agenda has three items that tackle prevention, health education and early intervention around mental health issues. These agreements will allow us to have the kinds of services to ensure that we can address mental health issues.

Vice President Selawsky announced that he will be holding a community meeting on May 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the South Library branch.

President Rivera had nothing to report.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Consent calendar was approved as a whole.

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

Educational Services:

Item 3.1-A – Approve Plans for Expenditure of Discretionary Block Grant Site Funds

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.2-A – Approve Position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Business Services:

Item 4.1-A – Approve Engagement of Consultants to Develop Options for the East Campus Field

Aceves/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.2-A – Budget Priorities

Reconsider item at next Board meeting with Measure A costs and how the principals receive professional Development

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to extend the Board meeting until 11:30 pm.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS

Received as information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of March 28, 2007

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

Minutes of April 11, 2007

Minutes tabled until next Board meeting

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

ADJOURNMENT

President Rivera adjourned the meeting at 11:30 pm.

Joaquin J. Rivera
Board President

Michele Lawrence
Secretary

