

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting
January 17, 2007
District Administrative Offices
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

ADOPTED MINUTES

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

President Joaquin Rivera
Vice President John T. Selawsky
Director Shirley Issel
Director Nancy Riddle
Director Karen Hemphill
Student Director Mateo Aceves

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(a) and 54957 and Education Code Section 49819(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 Appointment
- f. Liability Claims
- g. Property Acquisition

President Rivera called the meeting to order at 7: 40 pm

President Rivera announced the passing of Miriam Magid, a long time supporter of schools and a former Public Information Officer for the District. He called for a moment of silence, and announced that the meeting would be adjourned in her honor.

Report on Closed Session Actions:

The Board discussed existing litigation with legal counsel and collective bargaining

The Board considered a liability claim and on a motion by **Issel/Selawsky** voted unanimously to deny the claim

The Board scheduled a Special Board Meeting on February 24, 2007 to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation

Student Case No. 0607—17-110190 was withdrawn

Student Case No. 0607-18-050389: the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation for a suspended expulsion

Student Case No. 0607-19-020292: The Board voted 4 to 1, with Director Hemphill voting no, to accept the recommendation for a suspended expulsion

Approve Agenda of January 17, 2007

Riddle/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended
Superintendent Lawrence had the following changes:

Page 94: Adopt A School: Director Hemphill is assigned to Rosa Parks and President Rivera is assigned to Longfellow

Page 22: Item 4.1-C#15 – should not be included; it has its own agenda item

Teaching and Learning Presentation

Pat Saddler and Suzanne Ingley of Rose Parks discussed the school's environmental science curriculum

Public Testimony

Mick Austin, parent of a BHS student, introduced Charles Hamilton, Berkeley High School music teacher who was just awarded an outstanding teaching award from the National Foundation for Advancement of the Arts.

Several speakers voiced their support on the warm water pool issue.

Alan Miller, BFT treasurer, commented on the South of Bancroft agenda item.

REPORTS

Union

Cathy Campbell of BFT had comments about the grievance process.

Committee Report

Isaiah Roter and Elizabeth Snowden of the Audit Committee commented on the Audit Report

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence extended sympathies to the family of Marian Magid. She announced that she has appointed Terry Doran to the Construction Committee. She also acknowledged BHS teacher Charles Hamilton for his award.

Board Members

Student Director Aceves thanked Mr. Hamilton. He announced that the high school debate club's next theme is Brown v. Board of Education.

Director Riddle had nothing to report

Director Hemphill passed

Director IsseI shared comments about Miriam Magid, someone she has known for many years. The service will be held on Sunday at Congregation Beth El.

Vice President Selawsky congratulated Mr. Hamilton and thanked him for his 35 year service to the District. John recently attended a LGBT meeting and shared two primary goals to which they are working: to provide a forum for issues and concerns of our LGBT staff and students and to also start a

discussion of appropriate curriculum that will advance and enhance inclusion. A possible update of our Board policy might be necessary.
President Rivera had nothing to report

CONSENT CALENDAR

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

Item 3.1-A – South Berkeley Mural Project

Selawsky/Issel to approve the South Berkeley Mural Project and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – Independent Audit

President Rivera congratulated the staff for a job well done, remarking that he never seen such a clean audit.

Riddle/Rivera to approve the Independent Audit and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.2-A – EIR

Aceves/Selawsky to accept the EIR and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.3-A – South of Bancroft

Issel/Selawsky to approve the South of Bancroft project and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.4-A – Hillside

The Surplus Committee was on hand to discuss their recommendations. They suggest that the property be declared surplus and that an assertive effort be made to dispose of the property within two years. The disposal of this property is time critical since the building is rapidly deteriorating. Director Riddle thanked the committee for including all the voices in the community that have an interest in the Hillside property.

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 1.1-CF - Board Policy 6161.2

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote for first reading

Item 1.2-CF – Board Policy 0430

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote for first reading

Item 1.3-CF – Board Policy 6159

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote for first reading

Item 1.4-F – Board Policy 6159.1

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote for first reading

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1.1-I – GAMUT Updates

Received for information

Item 1.2-I – Adopt A School Assignments

Receive for information as amended

Item 1.3-I – Board Committees

Re: Construction Committee – Tom Seaton was not President Rivera’s appointment to this committee; he was appointed to the Peace & Justice Committee

Student Director Aceves did not appoint Michael Sherman to the Peace & Justice Commission

Item 3.1-I - Student Assignment Report

The Kindergarten fair will be held this Saturday, January 20, from 10-1 at Le Conte Elementary School

Item 4.1-I – Facilities Plan

Received for information

Additional action items:

Minutes of December 6, 2006

Page 129: under union report: add: as a result of NCLB initiated mandates

Page 129 – last name of slain student is Mehari

Aceves/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Minutes of December 13, 2006

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Public announcements

There were further comments from Ann Marx, representing the Warm Water Pool Committee.

Meeting Adjournment

President Rivera adjourned the meeting at 10:21 pm. in honor of Marian Magid.

ATTEST:

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Joaquin Rivera, President
Board of Education

Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Board of Education