

**Berkeley Unified School District  
Office of the Superintendent  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180  
Phone: (510) 644-6206 Fax: (510) 540-5358**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEETING AGENDA\***

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Call to Order           The Presiding Officer will call the Meeting to Order at  
**5:30 p.m.**, recess to Closed Session at **5:35 p.m.** and reconvene  
in Public Session by **7:30 p.m.**

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Administration:

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

Prior to Closed Session, as necessary, staff/employee comments are taken per Government Code Section 54957

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/Anticipated
- b) Consideration of Student Expulsions  
**Student Case No. 0607-37-050794**  
**Student Case No. 0607-38-081694**  
**Student Case No. 0607-40-072795**
- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal /Release/Evaluation  
**March 15 Notices for Certificated Employees**
- e) Public Employment /Appointment
- f) Liability Claims
- g) Property Acquisition

\* Board agenda posted on District website: [www.berkeley.k12.ca.us](http://www.berkeley.k12.ca.us)

\*\* The Student Director does not attend Closed Session



1.3-C Resolution No. 07-42 Proclaiming March as National Nutrition Month	<u>Board Member Recommendation</u> Approve Resolution Proclaiming March as National Nutrition Month	<b>12</b>
1.4-C Approval of Appointment to FSMOC Committee	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve Millard Long as the FSMOC Board at Large Appointee.	<b>15</b>
<b><u>Personnel Services</u></b>		
2.1-C Personnel Report No. 07-04	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve Personnel Report No. 07- 04 that tracks personnel changes in the District	<b>16</b>
<b><u>Educational Services</u></b>		
3.1-C Approval of Overnight Field Trips and Out of State Travel	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve Overnight Field Trips and Out of State Travel Consistent with District policies and instructional programs	<b>23</b>
3.2-C Speech and Language Independent Services Contract	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve Speech and Language Independent Services Contract	<b>25</b>
3.3-C CDE Grant Application for Funding for School Gardens	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the CDE Grant Application for Funding for School Gardens	<b>26</b>
3.4-C Letter of Commitment for Berkeley Birth to 5 Action Team	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the Letter of Commitment for Berkeley Birth to 5 Action Team to Review Referrals and Identify Follow-Up Actions and Services for Preschool Low Income Families	<b>29</b>
3.5-C Non Public School Placements for Special Education Students	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the non public school placements for special education students	<b>32</b>
3.6-C 2007 Summer School Program	<u>Staff Recommendation</u> Approve the 2007 Summer School Program	<b>34</b>

**Business Services**

4.1-C Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Authorize the Deputy Superintendent and/or Purchasing Agent to execute contracts and purchase orders	<b>36</b>
4.2-C Resolution No. 07-41 Establishment of the 2007-08 tax rate for the Berkeley School Facilities Safety and Maintenance Act of 2000 – Measure BB, November 2000	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Adopt Resolution No. 07-41 authorizing a COLA increase for the Berkeley Schools Facilities Safety and Maintenance Act of 2000 (Measure BB) tax rate	<b>40</b>
4.3-C Approval of payment to Alameda County Registrar of Voters	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve payment to Alameda County Registrar of Voters for November 2006 Election	<b>43</b>

**ACTION ITEMS**

These items are presented for action at this time. Some may have been reviewed at a previous meeting.

**Educational Services**

3.1-A Plan to Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Receive and approve Plan to Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics	<b>44</b>
---	--	-----------

**Business Services**

<b>8:15 pm</b> 4.1-A Certification of Second Interim Report for the period ending January 31, 2007	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Accept the Positive Certification of the Second Interim Report, certifying that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two years	<b>49 + under separate cover</b>
4.2-A Approval of Five Year Deferred Maintenance Plan	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve Five Year Deferred Maintenance Plan	<b>51</b>

## CONFERENCE ITEMS

These items are submitted for advance planning and to assist the Board in establishing future agenda items. The Board may, however, take action.

### Educational Services

3.1-CF Discussion of Grade 6 at Berkeley Arts Magnet	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Discuss and consider the elimination of grade 6 at Berkeley Arts Magnet	<b>53</b>
--	---	-----------

## INFORMATION ITEMS

These items are intended to keep the Board informed on various District business matters, which do not require action by the Board.

### Business Services

4.1-I Facilities Plan Update	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Receive and Accept Facilities Plan Update as information	<b>55</b>
4.2-I BB Financial Plan Update	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Receive BB Financial Report that updates BB Expenditures from July 1, 2006 through January 1, 2007 as information	<b>60</b>

### **Additional Action Items:**

Approve Minutes of February 7, 2007  
Approve Minutes of February 21, 2007

## **EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Schedule of Board of Education Meetings for 2007:

March 28	June 27
April 11	August 22
April 25	September 5
May 9	September 19
May 23	October 10
June 6	October 24
June 20	November 14
	November 28 – <b>tentative</b>
	December 12 - <b>organizational</b>

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Board of Education Meetings are broadcast live on KPFB/FM 89.3  
Berkeley Government Access Channel 33**

Guidelines for Speakers

You are invited to participate in Meetings of the Board of Education and make your views known at these meetings.

**WHEN YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT AN AGENDA ITEM OR A NON-AGENDA ITEM:**

Please fill in a **REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CARD**) and give it to the Board Secretary. Speakers will be selected by lottery. Your card must be submitted before the Presiding Officer calls for **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**.

You will be called to speak by the Presiding Officer. A Speaker has three minutes in which to make his/her remarks.

Any subject related to the District or its educational programs is welcome at the Board of Education Meetings. **However, we respectfully ask that matters pertaining to individual employees of the Berkeley Unified School District be discussed in private. There is an established procedure for making such complaints.** You may obtain information about this procedure from a school or from the Superintendent's Office.

## **MISSION AND GOALS OF THE BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Berkeley Unified School District, a diverse community deeply committed to public education, is to ensure that all students discover and develop their special talents, achieve their educational and career goals, become life long learners, and succeed in a rapidly changing society by:

- empowering students, parents and staff,
- providing a strong standards based curriculum, and
- offering alternative learning experiences in a racially integrated, multilingual environment.

### **VISION**

Berkeley Unified School District creates a system that enables every student, including those with diverse needs, to meet or exceed rigorous standards for academic performance. All students will develop the attitudes, skills and habits of mind needed to succeed in and beyond the classroom. The members of this school community share a vision of educational excellence, an appreciation for the partnerships with local government agencies, community based organizations, businesses, institutions of higher education and will work collaboratively to realize this vision.

### **PERFORMANCE GOALS**

- 1. Increase the academic achievement of all students through effective instruction and a challenging and engaging curriculum**
- 2. Implement interventions that address barriers to student learning in order to meet the needs of the whole child**
- 3. Establish and maintain the culture and governance necessary to support an environment conducive to learning**