

**Berkeley Unified School District  
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## **BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEETING AGENDA\***

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Call to Order           The Presiding Officer will call the Meeting to Order at  
**6:00 p.m.**, recess to Closed Session **6:05 p.m.** and reconvene in  
Public Session by **7:30 p.m.**

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  
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
- c)** Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal /Release/Evaluation
- 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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

## Report Closed Session actions

Approve Agenda

Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of May 9, 2007

### TEACHING AND LEARNING

Alma Owens and Students from King Middle School on Read 180

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Persons wishing to address the Board should fill out a card located on the table by the door and submit the completed card to the Board Recorder. Speakers will be selected by lottery. The Public Testimony is limited to 30 minutes – 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers with the same concerns are encouraged to select a spokesperson to address the Board.

Union Representatives' Reports  
Superintendent's Report  
Board Members' Reports

### CONSENT ITEMS

These items are considered routine and may be enacted by a single motion. Any items needing discussion may be moved to the appropriate section of the agenda upon the request of any member of the Board.

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<b><u>General Services</u></b>	
1.1-C Acceptance of Donations/Gifts	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> <b>7</b> Accept the donations/gifts to the District and issue letter of appreciation
1.2-C SB 288: Comprehensive Pupil Learning Support System	<u>Board Member Recommendation:</u> <b>8</b> Approve Letter of Support for SB 288: Comprehensive Pupil Learning Support System
<b><u>Personnel Services</u></b>	
2.1-C Approve Personnel Report	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> <b>23</b> Approve Personnel Report No. 07-08 which tracks personnel changes throughout the District
<b><u>Educational Services</u></b>	
3.1-C Approve student placement for special education student	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> <b>26</b> Approve non-public school placement for special education

3.2-C	student	
Approve 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	<b>27</b>
3.3-C	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u>	<b>29</b>
Approve Adoption of Science Textbooks	Approve adoption of science textbooks	
3.4-C	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u>	<b>35 +</b>
Perkins Grant: Career Technical Education	Approve Perkins Grant for Berkeley Adult School Career Technical Education Programs	<b>under separate cover</b>
3.5-C	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u>	<b>36</b>
Approve for Grant Proposal for Additional Physical Education Teachers	Approve Grant Proposal for Additional Physical Education Teachers	
<b><u>Business Services</u></b>		
4.1-C	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u>	<b>38</b>
Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders	Authorize the Deputy Superintendent and/or Purchasing Agent to execute contracts and purchase orders	
4.2-C	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u>	<b>39</b>
Resolution No. 07-55 Errors and Omissions Insurance Coverage for Audit Committee Members	Adopt Resolution No. 07-55 extending errors and omissions insurance through our Memorandum of Coverage with ASCIP for volunteer community members of the Audit Committee	
4.3-C	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u>	<b>42</b>
Resolution No. 07-56 to Establish the 2007-08 Tax Rate for the Berkeley Schools Educational Excellent Act of 2006 (Measure A of 200-6 School Special Tax)	Adopt Resolution No. 07-56 to establish the 2007-08 tax rate for the Berkeley Public Schools Educational Excellent Act of 2006 (Measure A of 200-6 School Special Tax)	
4.4-C	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u>	<b>44</b>
Approve hire of consultants to provide hazardous material consulting services for the Transportation Project	Approve hire of consultants to provide hazardous material consulting services for the Transportation Project0.	

## **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 2007-08 Consolidated School Plans	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the 2007-08 Consolidated School Plans	<b>45 + under separate cover</b>
3.2-A Community Day School Plan	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the Community Day School Plan Proposal	<b>47</b>
3.3-A Measure A: Class Size Reduction	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve expenditures to support the Class Size Reduction	<b>56</b>
3.4-A Measure A: Library	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve expenditures to support the Library	<b>60</b>
3.5-A Measure A: Professional Development, Technology and Evaluation and Assessment	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve expenditures to support Professional Development, Technology and Evaluation and Assessment	<b>63</b>

### **Business Services**

4.1-A Approve 2007-08 Budget Priorities	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve 2007-08 Budget Priorities	<b>70</b>
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## **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.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

### **Educational Services**

3.1-I Consent Decree Quarterly Reports I, II and III	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Receive information on Consent Decree Quarterly Reports as information	<b>77 + under separate cover</b>
3.2-I Monthly Enrollment Reports	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Receive Monthly Enrollment	<b>78</b>

and ADA Report as information

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Minutes of April 11, 2007  
Approve Minutes of April 25, 2007

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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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**