

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2007
District Administrative Offices
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA. 94704-1180

ADOPTED MINUTES

Roll Call: 6:00 pm

Members Present:

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

Administration:

Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Lisa Udell, Assistant Superintendent of HR - **absent**
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 7:37 pm.

Report on Closed Session Actions:

The Board discussed collective bargaining and possible litigation; they had nothing to report

The Board voted unanimously to reject liability claim no. 07-13

Selawsky/Hemphill

The Board voted unanimously to approve workers' compensation claim no. 2004020035

Hemphill/Issel

The Board voted unanimously to pay settlement agreements nos. OAHN2006100086 and ADR2007163

Selawsky/Issel

Approve Agenda

Superintendent Lawrence requested that Item 3.2-A: Community Day School be moved to the Conference calendar

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Principal Pappenheimer and Reading Specialist Alma Owens provided an overview of King's Read 180 program

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Several speakers had comments about Item 3.2-A, the Community Day School proposal

Union

Cathy Campbell discussed two agenda items: The Community Day School Plan and the 2007-08 Budget Priorities.

President Rivera announced that BCCE and the District reached a tentative agreement today.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence acknowledged that today is California's Day of the Teacher. She extended her appreciation to Berkeley's wonderful teaching force and all credentialed staff as well. She announced that the District has received a Noyce Math Grant.

Board Members' Reports

Director Riddle attended the last in the series of films sponsored by the PTA and shared that it was well attended by members from the greater community. She was present at the Academic Choice Parent meeting. Two of our schools are turning 100 years old: Emerson and Jefferson. Emerson is holding its celebration on Friday, May 11 at 4pm; the reception follows at 6pm. Jefferson is holding its celebration on Saturday from 11-3. Tours and historical presentations will be a part of the celebration.

Director Hemphill attended the PASS meeting. This meeting primarily addresses concerns around the achievement gap of our African American and Latino parents. Washington School is holding its spring fair on June 2. It is a major fundraiser. She noted that today marks the 60th anniversary of *Mendez v. Westminster*, the court case that challenged racial segregation in California schools.

Director Issel attended a meeting at the Petris Center, UC Berkeley. This lecture series brought her up to speed on the governor's health plan and mental health services proposition. The Board Policy Subcommittee members met this week to discuss the development of new policies. One such policy being developed is one on ULSS (Universal Learning Support System).

Vice President Selawsky thanked the public for attending tonight's Board meeting. He announced that a task force meeting for the safe routes to schools program will be on Monday, May 21, 7pm at the Washington School Library. Director Selawsky is holding a community meeting on May 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 at the South Berkeley branch of the library.

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

Item 3.1-A – 2007-08 Consolidated School Plans

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.3-A – Measure A Class Size Reduction

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.4-A – Measure A Library

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.5-A – Measure A: Professional Development

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – 2007-08 Budget Priorities

Fund the Special Education Fiscal Analyst position at \$76K:

Riddle/Issel and motion passes 3-2; Selawsky/Hemphill voted NO

Approve the list of 2007-08 Budget Priorities as important but not approve funding; approve 2007-08 Budget Priorities (one-time revenues) NOT to include the Desired but Unfunded Initiatives

Issel/Riddle and motion passes 3-2; Selawsky/Hemphill voted NO

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 3.2.-A – moved from Consent – Community Day School

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – Consent Decree

Item 3.2-I – Enrollment

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes of April 11, 2007

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Approve Minutes of April 25, 2007

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

MEETING ADJOURNED by President Rivera at 11 p.m.

Joaquin J. Rivera
Board President

Michele Lawrence
Secretary

