

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Council Chambers
Berkeley, CA 94704

Roll Call 5:30 pm

Members Present:

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

Administration:

Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Javetta Robinson, 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. 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 7:37 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote to move forward with dismissal of elementary school teacher and place on unpaid leave

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to appoint Pauline Follansbee as Director of Fiscal Services

Riddle/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote to settle workers' compensation claim no. 2200027261

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to reject Claim No. 08-07

The Board also discussed possible litigation and collective bargaining with nothing to report.

Approve Regular Meeting Agenda

Vice President Selawsky pulled items 4.1-C and 4.6-C

Superintendent Lawrence approved a field trip for the women's basketball team which approval will be ratified at the December 12, 2007 board meeting.

Regarding Item 2.1-C – page 12, 5th person down, Karmin Guzder, location should be Preschool, not Longfellow. Superintendent also pulled Item 1.2-I – AR 4040.

Hemphill/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

Teaching and Learning Presentation

Cheryl Chinn, Principal of Malcolm X and staff members discussed their continuing efforts to close the achievement gap

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

Union Members' Report

None

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence responded to claims by the PTA Council that African American families were not being represented due to Ramona McCrary's, the Parent Access person, extended leave of absence.

Board Members Reports

Board members shared comments.

Director Riddle said that the PTA Council would like to see other Board members attend their meetings.

CONSENT ITEMS

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

Item 4.1-C – Contracts and Purchase Orders

Vice President Selawsky corrected a typo on page 50 – should be King Media not Kind Media

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.6-C – Approval of Contract to Hire Baker/Vilar Architects and Demolition of Old Gym

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to hire architects for design element of this project. The Board is not approving the demolition and asks that the item be brought back as soon as possible with timelines

Open Public Hearing: Item 2.1-A – Local 39 Proposal for New Contract

Selawsky/Riddle to open public hearing and approved unanimously on voice vote

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to close public hearing

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote to accept proposal (Director Hemphill not sitting for vote)

Open Public Hearing: Item 2.2-A – BCCE Proposal for New Contract

Selawsky/Riddle to open public hearing and approved unanimously on voice vote

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote to close public hearing

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote to accept proposal (Director Hemphill not sitting for vote)

Open Public Hearing: Item 2.3-A – BFT Proposal for New Contract

Riddle/Selawsky to open public hearing and approved unanimously on voice vote

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote to close public hearing

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to accept proposal

Item 4.1-A – Proposed Budget Cuts

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 1.1-CF – Board Policy 4040

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

Item 1.2-CF – Board Policy 6163.4

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

Item 1.3-CF – Board Policy 5030

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

Director Issel noted that the ULSS policy has not been approved as stated in the cover memo.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1.1-I – Gamut Updates

Item 3.1-I – IB at BHS

Rory Bled, Jared Baired and Susan Werd were on hand to discuss the application and proposal process of bring the International Baccalaureate program to Berkeley High School

Item 3.2-I – Berkeley LEARNS

Emily Davidow, District LEARNS Coordinator and Rebecca Cheung, Principal on Special Assignment, and three staff members discussed the After School LEARNS program

Item 3.3-I – Measureable Achievement Objectives

Item 3.4-I – School Governance Council

Superintendent Lawrence is researching elements of this item

Item 3.5-I – Special Ed Quarterly Report

Item 3.6-I – Monthly Enrollment Report

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approval of October 10, 2007 Minutes

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote with President Rivera abstaining

President Rivera adjourned the meeting at 9:49

Joaquin J. Rivera
Board Vice President

Michele Lawrence
Secretary