

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

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Call to Order           The Presiding Officer will call the Meeting to Order at  
**6:00 p.m. Interviews for an appointment to the Merit  
Commission will be conducted.** The Board will then recess to  
Closed Session and reconvene in Public Session by **7:30 p.m.**

Roll Call

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President  
Nancy Riddle, Vice President  
Joaquin J. Rivera, Director  
Karen Hemphill, Director  
Shirley Issel, 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; 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  
**Approve and amend employment contracts for incoming and outgoing superintendents**
- 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

***The Berkeley Unified School District intends to provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If a special accommodation is desired, please call the Superintendent's Office 48 hours prior to the meeting at 510-644-6206***

**Report Closed Session actions**

**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.

**APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

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| <p><b><u>General Services</u></b></p> <p>1.1-A<br/>Merit Commission Appointment</p> | <p><u>Staff Recommendation</u></p> <p>Select and approve the Board's nomination to serve on the District's Personnel Commission for a term of to years. Confirmation is not final until a public hearing has been conducted within 45 days of this date.</p> |
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**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

**Schedule of Board of Education Meetings for 2008**

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| <p>January 9<br/>January 16 – <b>special</b><br/>January 23<br/>February 13<br/>February 27<br/>March 12<br/>March 26<br/>April 9<br/>April 23<br/>May 14</p> | <p>May 28<br/>June 11<br/>June 25<br/>August 20<br/>September 10<br/>September 24<br/>October 8<br/>October 22<br/>November 12<br/>December 10 - <b>organizational</b></p> |
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**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**