

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 22, 2007
District Administrative Offices
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA. 94704-1180

ADOPTED MINUTES

Roll Call: 5:30 pm

Members Present:

Joaquin J. Rivera, President
John Selawsky, Vice President – excused absence
Karen Hemphill, Director
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, Director

Administration: Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Lisa Udell, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Eric D. Smith, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services - excused absence

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 7:50 pm.

President Rivera announced Vice President Selawsky's absence because his father died on Friday. The meeting will be adjourned in memory of his father.

Report on Closed Session Actions:

Student Expulsions:

Student Case No. 0607-02-052591 – **Riddle/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote to deny readmission
Student Case No. 0607-03-122891 – **Riddle/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve readmission of student conditional upon fulfilling terms of expulsion contract
Student Case No. 0607-25-051391 – **Riddle/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote to readmit student to district
Student Case No. 0607-27-072293 – **Riddle/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote to readmit student to district
Student Case No. 0607-28-071694 – **Riddle/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote to readmit student to district

Student Case No. 0607-30-110190 – **Riddle/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote to readmit student on suspended expulsion for next semester

Student Case No. 0607-53-090292 –**Issel/Riddle** and approved on voice vote to expel student for fall 2007 semester: Director Hemphill abstained

The Board also voted on the following public employment appointments:
Riddle/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote to ratify contract of P.J. Hallam, Director of Assessment and Evaluation
Hemphill/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to appoint Christina Faulkner as Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to appoint Evelyn Bradley as Coordinator of Independent Study
Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve appointment of Javetta Robinson, Chief Business Officer

The Board considered the following liability claims:
Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously to deny claim No. 08-02
Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously to deny claim No. 08-03
Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously to deny claim No. 08-05
Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously to deny claim No. 08-06

The Board also discussed possible litigation and collective bargaining.
No action to report.

Approve Agenda

Pull Item 4.2-A – Facilities Allocation

Pull Item 4.8-C for discussion – Add Approved Vendor

Move Items 3.1-A through 3-4-A to Consent

Move Item 4.6-C to Action - Property Management Modifications

Riddle/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Four speakers addressed Item 4.1-A = Implementation Plan for Hillside Property

Union Report

Tim Donnelly from BCCE addressed payroll overpayments to classified employees and how it relates to contract compliance issues

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence welcomed all new teachers; she welcomed new CBO Javetta Robinson, and thanked outgoing Deputy Eric Smith.

Board Members' Reports

Board members shared comments.

Victor Diaz, Principal of B-Tech, was one of eight persons awarded a Koshland Community Fellows grant through the SF Foundation for his work in the West Berkeley Community.

CONSENT ITEMS

Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

ACTION ITEMS

Item 4.6-C – Approval to Modify Property Management Procedures

Riddle/Rivera for discussion purposes

Riddle/Rivera remove motion to approve

Riddle/Issel approve first and second recommendations and approved unanimously on voice vote

Hemphill motion to approve special subsidized rate for non profit youth organizations who want to use the field at half the cost of direct rate

Motion failed due to lack of second

Issel/Riddle to approve staff recommendation and approved on voice vote of 3-1 with Director Hemphill opposing

Item 4.8-C – Approval to Add Authorized Vendor

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – Approval of Implementation Plan for Hillside Property

Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously conditional upon staff presenting a shortened timeline

Item 4.3-A – FCMAT Special Education Implementation

Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.4-A – School Bus Replacement

Riddle/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 2.1-CF – Discussion of Salary Increase for Middle School Secretaries
President Rivera: this request will be addressed in the classification study currently in progress; Director Riddle concurred

Item 3.1-CF – Science Textbook Adoption

Approved for First Reading

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 2.1-I – Classification Study

Item 4.1-I – American Disabilities Act Facilities Report

Item 4.2-I – Maintenance and Measure BB Update

Item 4.3-I – BB Financial Update Report

Item 4.4-I – Facilities Construction Financial Plan Update – 4th Quarter

President Rivera expressed concerns about the environmentally and seismically unsafe conditions in the Central Office building. He would like to expedite the

moving process, even if it means we consider relocating the Central Office to portables.

Item 4.5-I – Accessibility Report

Additional Action Items

Approve Minutes of June 20, 2007

Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Approve Minutes of June 27, 2007

Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

MEETING ADJOURNED by President Rivera at 9:42 pm.

Joaquin J. Rivera
Board President

Michele Lawrence
Secretary