

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2007
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Council Chambers
Berkeley, CA 94704

ADOPTED MINUTES

Roll Call 6:30 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 7:30 PM

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board considered the following student expulsion matters:

Student Case No. 0506-03-060891

Issel/Selawsky and voted unanimously on voice vote to deny readmission for failure to complete rehabilitation plan

Student Case No. 0506-21-012191

Selawsky/Issel and voted unanimously on voice vote to deny readmission based on failure to complete rehabilitation plan

Student Case No. 0506-47-083102

Hemphill/Riddle and voted unanimously on voice vote to deny readmission based on failure to complete rehabilitation plan

Approve Agenda

Superintendent Lawrence pulled No. 5 in Item 4.1-C

Vice President Selawsky recused on Nos. 2, 3, and 4 in Item 4.1-C

Vice President Selawsky pulled Item 4.4-C for discussion

Director Riddle recused on Item 4.5-C

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Marissa Saunders, representing United in Action, commented on the upcoming Superintendent Recruitment process.

A parent commented on her concerns about having her issues addressed.

David Cobb from the Construction Advisory Committee spoke in support of Item 4.6-C – CHPS Standards

Merit Commission Comments

Margaret Rowland, Chair of the Merit Commission, addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence introduced several of the District's new administrators. She also discussed her recent meeting with the State Board of Education and program improvement issues.

Board Members Reports

Directors Rivera, Riddle, Hemphill, and Student Director Bauce shared comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

Director Riddle recused on Item 4.5-C

Vice President Selawsky recused on Nos. 2, 3, and 4 of Item 4.1-C

Vice President Selawsky pulled Item 4.4-C for comment

Hemphill/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

ACTION ITEMS

Item 4.4-C – CHPS Standards

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – Workers' Compensation Benefits Technician

Issel/Rivera and approved on voice vote

Director Riddle voted No

Vice President Selawsky abstained

Student Director Bauce abstained

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1.1-I - Enrollment Report

Item 1.2-I – Recruitment for New Superintendent

Item 4.1-I – Governor's 45-Day Budget Revise

Item 4.2-I – Arborist Report

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Approve Minutes of 9-5-07

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

President Rivera adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Joaquin J. Rivera
Board President

Michele Lawrence
Secretary