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BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA*
Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Call to Order The Presiding Officer will call the Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm, recess to Closed Session until and begin the regular meeting agenda at 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Members Present:

Nancy M. Riddle, President
Karen Hemphill, Vice President
Shirley Issel, Director
John T. Selawsky, Director/Clerk – excused absence
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director

Administration:

Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Lisa van Thillo, 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
Student Case No. 0708-06-011094
Student Case No. 0708-20-061093
Student Case No. 0708-25-082591
Student Case No. 0809-14-041592
Student Case No. 0809-14-011294
- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal /Release/Evaluation
Classified Employee
- e) Public Employment /Appointment
Certificated employee
- f) Liability Claims
- g) Property Acquisition & Disposal

* Board agenda posted on District website: 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

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CALL TO ORDER

Report Closed Session actions

Approve Agenda of August 26, 2009

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 15 minutes – 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers with the same concerns are encouraged to select a spokesperson to address the Board.

Union Representatives' Reports
 Board Members' Reports
 Superintendent's Report

INFORMATION ITEMS

These items are intended to keep the Board informed on various District business matters, which do not require action, by the Board.

General Services

1.1-I Progress Report on the All City Equity Task Force and District Initiatives to Close the Achievement Gap	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Discussion	5
1.2-I Secondary Redesign	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Discussion	6

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

September 9
 September 23
 October 14

October 28
 November 18
 December 9

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

STRATEGIES TO CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

- A. Continue to build and implement a pre-K-12 comprehensive and aligned system of core curriculum, instruction, assessment and intervention
- B. Strengthen the ability of BUSD staff to educate a diverse student body
- C. Partner meaningfully with parents pre-K to 12
- D. Prepare pre-school children for success in elementary school
- E. Attract, support and retain teachers and administrators of color