

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Special Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, August 26, 2009
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

Nancy Riddle, President
Karen Hemphill, Vice President
John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
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)

President Riddle convened the regular meeting at 7:30 pm

REPORT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

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

All five students were readmitted; case nos. 061093 and 041592 were assigned to B-Tech.

Issel/Hemphill and approved unanimously

The Board approved the hiring of Marni Posey, Director of Nutrition Services
Issel/Hemphill and approved unanimously

The Board voted to approve the appointment of Eric Capral as Dean of Student Services

Leyva-Cutler/Issel and approved unanimously

The Board voted to dismiss a classified employee

Issel/Leyva and approved unanimously

APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Leyva-Cutler/Issel and approved unanimously

Director Selawsky has an excused absence

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Parent of an 8th and 10th grader spoke about the meaning of community schools as opposed to neighborhood schools.

One speaker discussed proposed alternative high school and how that works with our present continuation high school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett proudly announced that the District hired 39 teachers, 11 were teachers of colors.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Items 1.1-I and Item 1.2-I

Secondary Redesign and Progress Report on the All City

Equity Task Force and District Initiatives to Close the Achievement Gap

The Board received a report from the All City equity Task Force that was formed to facilitate ideas which would close the achievement gap. Nicole Sanchez, Executive Director of the Berkeley Alliance, presented a report on the progress of the 2020 Vision and a PowerPoint on the Harlem's Children Zone model.

Victor Diaz, Principal of B-Tech, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Revolutionary Education and Learning Movement (REALM) which would give high school students a small school learning environment.

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

