

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 6:30pm

Members Present:

Nancy Riddle, President
Karen Hemphill, Vice President
John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director
Valeria Gonzalez, Student Director

Administration: Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational
Services
Cliff Wong, Acting 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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The Board appointed Alma Maya Hernandez as Manager of School Linked Programs

Issel/Leyva-Culter and approved unanimously

The Board approved a STRS Waiver for a certificated teacher **Leyva-Cutler/Issel** and approved on a vote of 4-1 with Director Selawsky abstaining

The Board heard Student Case No. 0809-10-022196

Issel/Selawsky and approved on a vote of 4-1 with President Riddle voting No to readmit student with an assessment prior to placement

SWEARING IN of Student Director Valeria Gonzalez
President Riddle administered oath of office

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Selawsky – Recused on #1 from 4.1-C and 4.8-C
Superintendent Huyett pulled 4.6-C for correction
Vice President Hemphill pulled 2.1-C for questions
Selawsky/Hemphill and approved as revised

TEACHING and LEARNING

Sterling Bruner, Principal, Berkeley Adult School: Berkeley Adult School
Benchmarks

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Rose Lipan – parent re school assignment and inter-district transfer
process
Deja Luckett – comments regarding school assignment
Renaldo Pelagrino talked about school assignment procedures

UNION REPORTS

Paula Phillips, BCEE – BCCE has reached an agreement with the District
on several contract violations: new hire orientations for classified
employees, the district and BCCE have formed a staff development
committee. BCCE is still working on scheduling in service days. The
Union met with Kay Altizer, Executive Director of Special Education, to
talk about concerns of special education instructional assistants. Ms.
Phillips also discussed involuntary transfers of classified employees.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Student Director Gonzalez looking forward to representing Berkeley High
School

Director Issel reported that the Board Policy Subcommittee recently met
to review various models of governance and identified three models for
the high school. The Committee will bring to the high school, the
governance council, to staff and to students. Superintendent Huyett will
elaborate in Friday notes.

Elections for the SGC take place at Berkeley High on September 22.
Parents are encouraged to run as parent representatives.

Director Selawsky drew attention to the recently released report from the
Warren Institute, in collaboration with The Civil Rights Project/*Proyecto
Derechos Civiles*, announces the publication of a year-long study of the

Berkeley Unified School District's (BUSD) integration plan. The authors, Lisa Chavez of the Warren Institute and Erica Frankenberg of The Civil Rights Project, conclude that BUSD is exemplary in its diversity goals and their implementation. The report illustrates how the BUSD assignment plan works and analyzes the extent to which the district is meeting its goals, and will be useful for districts that are thinking holistically about how to achieve diverse schools.

President Riddle noted that the Board may hold an additional meeting this month. The Superintendent has proposed September 30 for a study session meeting. The topic will be on the proposed alternative high school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett welcomed everyone back for the new school year and reported that the opening has gone smoothly. He briefly discussed the student assignment system and how well it has worked.

He announced that tomorrow is back-to-school night and encouraged parents and the community to attend.

He advised that the State Superintendent of Schools may be visiting our District soon. He will keep everyone apprised when he has a firm date.

The API has been delayed and will likely be released to the public on September 15.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

4.2-A

Independent Accountant's Report for Measure AA of 2000

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

4.1-A

2008-2009 "Un-Audited Actuals" (item incorrectly listed as 2007-08 Un Audited Actuals)

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously

PULLED ITEMS

2.1-C – Personnel Recommendations

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously

4.6-C – MOU – Contracts for Non Public Agencies

Pg. 32: CORRECTION: The estimated amount for Judith Lunger-Bergh and Deborah McCloskey's services for the 2009 -2010 SY is \$41,000.00 per student for a total amount of \$82,000 total **Should read \$41,000 for two students.**

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A

Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously

3.1-A

Approve Revised Student and Organizational Performance Indicators

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously

3.2-A

Approve Board Policy Regarding Complaint Procedures

This complaint procedure is for categorical programs, special education, etc. The District has three complaint systems: Williams, Uniform and a general complaint procedure. An employee should go to their union representative. The procedure on tonight's agenda is meant for parents and community members.

Negotiated agreements have complaint procedures imbedded within the various union contracts.

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

CONFERENCE ITEM

3.1-CF

Berkeley High School Textbook Approval

Selawsky/Issel to accept these textbooks for first reading

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I

Berkeley Adult School Skills Benchmarks

Report received for information

3.2-I

Williams Quarterly Report for April-June 2009

Report received for information

3.3-I

Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation on Grading

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 10:56 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

