

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

Nancy Riddle, President - **excused absence**

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

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)

Vice President Hemphill convened the regular meeting at 7:35 pm
President Riddle has an excused medical absence

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The Board reviewed Student Case No. 0809-47-101296

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 4-0 to expel student for first semester and suspend expulsion for second semester, followed by a behavioral assessment before placement in the district

The Board discussed a property issue and provided direction to staff

The Board also approved a Special Education settlement

Selawsky/Issel and approved on a vote of 4-0

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

Superintendent Huyett pulled #6 of Item 4.1-C

Director Selawsky pulled Item 1.1-C

Selawsky/Issel and approved on a vote of 4-0 as revised

TEACHING and LEARNING

Secondary School Music Programs: Suzanne McCulloch, Program Supervisor, Visual & Performing Arts . The Program Supervisor introduced new staff members: Scott Daley is the new vocal music and jazz teacher at Berkeley High. Also introduced were three teachers who work in the elementary and middle schools: Sarah Klein, Michael Hammond and Mary Dougherty. These three teachers are all BHS graduates.

RECOGNITION

Margaret Rowland, former member of Merit Commission was recognized for her years of service on the Commission

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE expressed her pleasure that there was a new hire orientation for classified employees. She also noted that the Union has been meeting with District administration to plan staff development and have had discussions with the Special Education department around training for special education instructional assistants.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

- Student Director Gonzalez distributed the BHS Student Body Constitution to Board members and explained that it was still in the editing process. She is working to get students more involved in the leadership programs and will be meeting with representatives from the small schools on a weekly basis.
- Director Leyva-Cutler congratulated those newly elected as reps for the SGC, BSEP and the new PTCA president.
- Director Selawsky shared an article in the September 21 *Chronicle* that discussed Michael Bauce, a cooking instructor at Thousand Oaks and Berkeley's healthy nutritional program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett updated the Board on the All City Equity Task Force work. All the subcommittee work has been completed and recommendations are being given to the Planning Team. Those recommendations should be on the October 28 agenda.

He reminded the Board about the Special Board meeting on September 30 at 7:00 pm. to discuss the alternative high school proposal.

He also asked the Board to reserve November 4 for a special board meeting. That date does not work for all members so alternative dates need to be explored.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 4-0

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-C - Walk to School and Work Day

The October 7 date should be changed to October 8.

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 4-0

3.1-A

New Textbooks for Spanish and Music at BHS

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 3-1 with Vice President Hemphill abstaining

3.2-A

New Textbooks for Spanish and Music at BHS

Selawsky/Issel and approved on a vote of 4-0

8:15 pm

Open Public Hearing on 3.3-A – Resolution for Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 8:15

3.3-A

Resolution for Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

Selawsky/Issel and approved on a vote of 4-0

CONFERENCE ITEM

5.1-CF - Capacity and Zones Report

Lew Jones, Facilities Director, discussed this report. He asked that the Board provide feedback and direction.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8:30 pm

3.1-I – Accountability Report

Dr. Rebecca Cheung discussed this and Item 3.2-I - English Learner Accountability

4.1-I
Enrollment Report
Received for information

5.1-I
BB Financial Update Report
Received for information

5.2-I
Maintenance and Measure BB Update
Director Selawsky reminded the Board that this Committee wants
and needs members. There are several vacancies.

5.3-I
Facilities Plan Update

5.4-I
Facilities Construction Financial Update

Additional Action Items

Approve Minutes of:

6-10-09

6-17-09

6-24-09

8-12-09

8-26-09

9-9-09

Issel/Leyva-Cutler on all Minutes and approved on vote of 4-0
with edits. Director Selawsky abstained on the Minutes of August
26.

Vice President Hemphill adjourned the meeting at 9:52 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

