

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Special Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2009
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 7:00pm

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
Lisa van Thillo, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

President Riddle convened the regular meeting at 7:15 pm

APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Three speakers expressed their opposition to a charter school in Berkeley. One speaker talked about the BHS redesign program.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Student Director Gonzalez remarked on the opening of the new small school at BHS, funded by PG&E. She also informed the Board that she is still working on updating the student government constitution.

Director Issel advised the Board about the recent Policy Subcommittee meeting where they discussed governance and mission, vision and goals.

Vice President Hemphill talked briefly about the 2020 Vision and the recommendations received from the subgroups: 0-5 years, K-5, grades 6-8 and 9-12. Recommendations should be completed by the end of the month. A joint meeting with the City Council will be held on Tuesday, November 3 where final recommendations will be presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett went into further detail about the planning grant funded by PG&E. Berkeley High was one of five bay area recipients of this grant.

He elaborated on Director Issel's comments about governance at the high school and the three different models they are considering.

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 3.1-I - Alternative High School

The Board received information regarding the development of an alternative high school. Staff presented information on a proposed curriculum, three facilities options, a multi-year financial plan for the school and an overview of charter schools.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of 9-23-09

Selawsky/Issel and approved 4-1 with President Riddle abstaining

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 10:27 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

