

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 14, 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
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 7:35 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board considered the following student expulsions:

Student Case No. 100496

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously to a stipulated suspended expulsion for both fall and spring 2009-10 semesters

Student Case No. 032896

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved on a vote of 4-1 with Director Issel voting no to approve stipulated suspended expulsion for both fall and spring 2009-10 semesters

Student Case No. 1230395

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously to expel student for both fall and spring semesters of 2009-10

The Board heard testimony regarding a classified employee and voted to uphold the recommendation for employee dismissal

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously

The Board considered several liability claims:

Claim No. 09-2-2

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously to accept recommendation to approve claim

Claim No. 09 BSD 0008

Claim No. 07 BSD 0066

Claim No. 07 BSD 0046

Claim No. 08 BSD 0037

Claim No. 2005041573

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously to accept settlements

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

President Riddle recused on Item 5.1-C

Director Leyva-Cutler pulled Item 4.3-C

Vice President Hemphill pulled Item 4.5-C

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

Teaching and Learning

Cheryl Chinn, Principal of Malcolm X discussed raising achievement for all students and closing the achievement gap. She was joined by Cynthia Allman, Jennifer Adcock and Pamela Harrison-Small. They discussed their efforts to target underperforming students and address their needs academically and beyond the school day.

RECOGNITION

Margaret Kirkpatrick, former principal of Berkeley Adult school was recognized for her long service to the District.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Three speakers commented on the sale of the Hillside property. Two parents discussed the options and approach to math at AHA. One community person talked about hazardous waste and nuclear debris in Berkeley.

8:15 pm.

Open Public Hearing – Item 3.1-A – Charter School Proposal

Selawsky/Issel

8:16 pm – Close Public Hearing

Selawsky/Hemphill

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Director Leyva-Cutler appointed Itzel Duran to the Youth Commission. She presented Superintendent Huyett with a dictionary courtesy of the Rotary Club. In the past seven years, the Club has delivered dictionaries to third grade students in Berkeley.

Director Selawsky appointed Susi Marzuola to the Citizens Construction Committee. He reminded the Board that there are vacancies on several committees.

Vice President Hemphill announced a joint meeting between the City and BUSD on November 3, 2009, 7pm at Longfellow to receive 2020 recommendations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett advised that three community forums have been held on the elementary school boundaries. Staff will make recommendations to the Board at its October 28 meeting.

He asked that the Board reserve December 16 for a special board meeting to discuss the BHS redesign.

He thanked administrators and staff for their participation and assistance with Staff Development Day.

He announced that the second edition of the A+ News is published. The public can sign up as a subscriber on our website.

INFORMATION ITEM

8:30 PM

5.1-I – Maintenance Schematics

ACTION ITEM

3.2-A Approve CAHSEE Waiver

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously

5.1-A – Approval of Sale of Hillside

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved staff recommendation

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously as revised

PULLED ITEMS

4.3-C - EMT

Leyva-Cutler/Selawsky and approved unanimously

4.5-C – Contract/Ala Costa Center

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

1.1-I – Mission, Vision and Goals

3.1-I

Assessment of Progress on Plan to Close the Achievement Gap

3.2-I

New Foreign Language Textbook for BHS

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

