

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 28, 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
Lisa van Thillo, Assistant Superintendent of Human
Resources

President Riddle convened the regular meeting at 7:49pm

Report Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0910-05-091992

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously to approve the stipulated expulsion for this semester and the next semester

The Board considered three liability claims:

Claim No. 2005037520 and No. 08-BSD 0031

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously to accept the District's recommendation to approve claims

Claim No. 10-02

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously to reject claim

Accept retirement of Lisa van Thillo, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously

The Board held a hearing for a classified employee **Issel/Leyva-Cutler** and approved unanimously to approve district's recommendation to suspend employee for three days to run concurrently with an unpaid leave. This suspension falls under Article 60100.1 (a) (4) – failure to maintain the requirements of the classification. The suspension will continue until November 30, 2009 or until the requirements are met. It is the duty of the employee to present proof of these requirements to Human Resources no later than 4:00 pm on November 30, 2009 or the District will initiate termination of the employee effective December 1, 2009.

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF October 28, 2009

Vice President Hemphill pulled Item 4.4-C – NCLB MOU

Director Selawsky recused on #1 of Item 4.5-C – Contracts and Purchase Orders

Superintendent Huyett pulled Item 3.2-C for correction – Overnight Field Trips. He noted that on Item 3.1-A – Global Tides Charter Petition – that there is a corrected page for the Board to consider

President Riddle advised that Vice President Hemphill will chair the meeting when agenda Item 4.5-I is considered. President Riddle is recusing.

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously as revised

Teaching and Learning

Victor Diaz, Principal of Berkeley Technology Academy on Community Health Fair discussed various ways the school is addressing health care issues.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Solange Gould on BUSD rezoning - increased kindergarten enrollment – concerns of Malcolm X PTA body
- Marion Mabel – BUSD rezoning
- Lindsay Turrentine – President, Washington PTA re redistricting
- Yvette Felarca representing BAMN and opposing proposed charter school
- Noah St. John from King Middle School and speaking in opposition to Realm Charter School
- Ronald Cruz, organizer with BAMN discussing Realm Charter School
- Tania Kappner re charter school
- Robert Abiad – parent at Malcolm X – increase in kindergarten enrollment
- Lewis Seagall = Malcolm X SGC – co-chair – rezoning
- Raquel Parra – UC Berkeley student opposing Board's approval of charter school

UNION REPORT

Kris Amaral of Local 39 expressed concerns regarding the classification study and the changes in the salary structure

INFORMATION ITEMS

8:15 PM

Item 5.4-I – Approval to Proceed with Zone Modifications (meeting chaired by Vice President Hemphill).

The Board received a report from Lew Jones, Director of Facilities.

8:30 PM

Item 3.1-I – Report on Student Performance on the California Standards Test. Presentation by Dr. Rebecca Cheung

10:35 PM – Motion to Continue Meeting past 11:00 pm Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

President Riddle requested that Item 5.1-I – Discussion of General Obligation Bonds be tabled until a later meeting. The Board also accepted Items 5.2-I and 5.3-I without a presentation

Item 3.2-I – Class Size Report received as information

Director Beatrice Leyva-Cutler announced that she has appointed Frederico Castillo to the Facilities Maintenance Committee

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously as amended

Item 4.7-C – Resolution being approved is the language contained in the board packet, not the verbiage contained in the agenda

PULLED ITEMS

Item 3.2-C – Overnight Field Trips – correction – Black College Tour trip has been added

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously

Item 4.4-C NCLB Memorandum of Understanding

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Item 3.1-A – Global Tides Charter Petition

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously to deny petition

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1.1-I – Administrative Regulations: 3543, 5125.1, 5125, 5144.1, 5148 and 6163.4

Received for information

Item 1.2-I – Board Policies: BB 9320, BP 5125, 5145.7 and 6163.4

Received for information. To be returned at later meeting

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes of

September 30, 2009

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

October 14, 2009

Director Leyva-Cutler corrected the record to say that she appointed Eduardo Orozco to the Youth Commission not Itzel Duran.

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 11:30 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

