

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 6:0pm

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 7:42pm

Report Closed Session Actions

Approve appointment of certificated administrator, Maria Carriedo as Principal of Early Childhood Education

Leyva-Cutler/Selawsky and approved unanimously

Approved request to carry over remaining 7 days of vacation into this year for Superintendent Huyett

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

Approved dismissal of certificated employee or in the alternative, suspension for 90 days pending resolution of issues

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

The Board discussed Superintendent evaluation, negotiations and potential litigation, with no action taken.

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF November 18, 2009

Item 3.2-I – BHS Redesign was removed from agenda

President Riddle recused on Item 5.1-A – Approval of Zone Changes

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

Teaching and Learning

Thousand Oaks Principal, Julianna Sikes and teachers Ann Hirose, Patty Casetta and Connie Jubb discussed focusing on literacy for second grade students. They all attended the Summer Institute and Tom Prince Workshop and came away with strategies that help them in their work toward achieving the vision of the 2020 Plan and closing the achievement gap. These second grade students are in the class of 2020.

RECOGNITION

Margit Roos-Collins, Barbara Morita and Rosa Luevano were recognized for their tireless efforts in prepare out school sites for disaster emergencies.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Ted Merman, a member of the SGC at Malcolm X discussed Item 5.1-A – zone changes.

Natasha Hawkins and her husband are parents of a student at BAM. They expressed concerns about a possible incident involving their son. Three other speakers piggybacked with their concerns about BAM. Lewis Seagal , co-chair of the SGC at Malcolm X thanked BUSD for listening to their concerns about re-zoning issues.

UNION REPORT

Cathy Campbell remarked on BFT’s grievances with the District.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – Math Assessment

Dr. Rebecca Cheung presented a report on district assessments in literacy and math. These district-wide assessments monitor student performance and guide instruction with greater frequency than state tests.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Student Director Gonzalez advised that Spirit Week was successful. Director Issel advised that the Board Policy Subcommittee met to discuss various policies. They will be bringing a report to the Board, either in late December or January that addresses School Governance Council student assignment at Berkeley High. They are also discussing policies on translation, secondary class size, and immigration. Director Leyva-Cutler would like to see the translation policy expand beyond federal guideline requirements.

President Riddle announced two community feedback meetings for the 2020 Vision. They are on December 14 and January 9 at –Tech.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1.1-A – Board Policies

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously

Item 5.1-A – Zone Changes

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved on vote of 4-0 with President Riddle recusing.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.3-I – School Governance Council Diversity

Item 3.4-I – Williams Case Settlement Quarterly Report

Both items received for information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Approve Minutes of October 28, 2009

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously with minor revision

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 10:29 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

