

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 2009
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

Karen Hemphill, President
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President
John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, 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 Hemphill convened the regular meeting at 7:45 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board considered Claim No. 10-04

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously to reject claim

The Board ratified settlement agreement for a certificated employee
Riddle/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

They also discussed classified negotiations and the superintendent's evaluation with no action taken

RECOGNITION

The Board of Education recognized Dan Lindheim and Julie Holcomb, co-chair persons of the BSEP (Berkeley Schools Excellence Program) Planning and Oversight Committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Five speakers addressed science programs at Berkeley High School. Other speakers commented on the proposal for charter schools.

INFORMATION ITEM

3.2-I – Proposal for Charter Schools

Representatives from Realm Charter School addressed the Board of Education regarding their proposal for two charter schools. President Hemphill announced that the Proposals will be loaded on the District's website and copies will also be available in the Superintendent's office.

Board Members' Reports

Directors Leyva-Cutler and Hemphill had brief comments.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huyett extended holiday greetings.

APPROVE REGULAR AGENDA

Selawsky – On item 4.6-C, recuse from No. 2

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEM

3.1-A – MOU to Apply for Race to the Top Funding

President Hemphill requested that we send letter to State explaining why BUSD did not apply for funding. The Board agreed that many aspects and guidelines of the MOU are unclear.

Riddle/Issel and unanimously voted not to approve MOU

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I – BHS Data Report

3.3.-I – Interdistrict Permit Report and Home Visit Total

3.4-I – Quarterly Report of Special Education

5.1-I – Facilities Plan Update

5.2-I – First Interim FY 2009 BB Financial Update Report

5.3-I – Maintenance and Measure BB Update

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes of 11-18-09

Riddle/Selawsky and approved

Approve Minutes of 12-09-09

Corrections by Director Riddle:

Page 47 – under report of closed session, second sentence, should read: they gave direction on certificated employee evaluations

Page 48 – under approve consent calendar: 3.1-C is listed twice (second one is correct) Director Riddle would like to see the final grant and budget

Page 49 – item 3.4-I – proposed history text for Berkeley High School: question whether it was approved for First Reading rather than received for information

Correction by Vice President Leyva-Cutler: Under Board members' report, third sentence: should read and/or the defense of our integration plan

Riddle/Selawsky and approved as revised

President HEMPHILL adjourned the meeting at 10:35pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

