

# BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2009  
Berkeley Unified School District  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley CA 94704

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

### Roll Call 5:30 pm

Members Present:

Nancy Riddle, President  
Karen Hemphill, Vice President  
John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk  
Shirley Issel, Director  
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director  
Eve Shames, Student Director

Administration:

Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary  
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent  
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services  
Lisa Udell, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Prior to Closed Session, as necessary, staff/employee comments are taken per Government Code Section 54957. A classified employee addressed the Board at this time.

The Board recessed to Closed Session (Government Code Sections 3549, 1(d), 54956.9(a) and 54957) and Education Code Section 49819(c)

President Riddle reconvened the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

### Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board conferred with legal counsel on a litigation matter.

The Board discussed claim No. 06-51399-PV but took no action.

They also discussed property issues; no vote was taken.

The Board deliberated a classified employee discipline item and on a motion by **Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler** and on a 3-1 vote they rejected staff's recommendation for suspension. Vice President Hemphill abstained and Director Issel voted no.

On a vote by **Hemphill/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote the Board ratified the UBA contract

### APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

Director Selawsky recused on Item 4.6-C. Items pulled were: 5.1-C, 5.5-C, 5.4-C and 5.6-C. Items 3.1-A and 3.2-A were moved to Consent.

### **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Christina Faulkner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Christina Green, science teacher from BAM gave a presentation on BAM's science and technology program.

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

There were two public speakers who had comments about the warm water pool.

### **UNION REPORT**

Cathy Campbell from BFT discussed recruitment, hiring, support and retention for teachers of colors.

Paula Phillips of BCCE talked about layoffs.

Kris Amaral from Local 39 had general favorable comments for the Board.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Board members shared remarks

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Huyett told the Board there would be a budget presentation at the next Board meeting. He also advised that he was re-convening the Budget Advisory Committee to work on projections to line up with the governor's proposed budget cuts.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

### **PULLED ITEMS**

Item 5.1-C – Solar Panels at Rosa Parks

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 5.4-C – King Track

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved on voice vote of 4-1 with President Riddle voting NO

Item 5.5-C – Acoustics at four sites

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 5.6-C – Longfellow Annex

**Hemphill/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Item 1.1-A – Board Committees

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote with note that negotiations vacancies remain unfilled

Item 3.3-A – Achievement Gap

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 5.1-A – Yearly Facilities Plan

**Issel/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 5.2-A – New Facilities Initiatives

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Item 3.1-I – BHS Data presentation by Rebecca Cheung and Aaron Glimmer

**10:49 pm – Motion to extend meeting until agenda is complete**

**Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.2-I – Data K-8 presentation

Item 3.3-I – Williams

Item 3.4-I – Interdistrict Transfers

Item 3.5-I – IEP

Item 3.6-I – School Governance Council Diversity

Item 5.1-I – Pools Task Force

The final community meeting will be held on January 24, 2009

### **ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Minutes of 11-12-08

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved on voice vote of 4-1 with Director Leyva-Cutler abstaining

Approve Minutes of 12-10-08

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

The Board recessed to closed session at 11:18

### **ADJOURNMENT at**

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**John T. Selawsky, Clerk**

