

**Berkeley Unified School District  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEETING AGENDA\***

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Call to Order           The Presiding Officer will call the Meeting to Order at  
**6:00 pm**, recess to Closed Session until and begin the  
regular meeting agenda at **7:30 pm**

Roll Call

Members Present:

Nancy M. Riddle, President  
Karen Hemphill, Vice President  
Shirley Issel, Director  
John T. Selawsky, Director/Clerk  
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. Recess to Closed Session (Government Code Sections 3549, 1(d), 54956.9(a) and 54957) and Education Code Section 49819(c)

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation/Anticipated
- b) Consideration of Student Expulsions
- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal /Release/Evaluation
- e) Public Employment /Appointment
- f) Liability Claims
- g) Property Acquisition & Disposal

\* Board agenda posted on District website: [www.berkeley.k12.ca.us](http://www.berkeley.k12.ca.us)

\*\* The Student Director does not attend Closed Session

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Report Closed Session actions

Approve Regular Meeting Agenda of February 11, 2009

**TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Greg John, Principal, John Muir Elementary: Monitoring Student Progress

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Persons wishing to address the Board should fill out a card located on the table by the door and submit the completed card to the Board Recorder. Speakers will be selected by lottery. The Public Testimony is limited to 30 minutes – 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers with the same concerns are encouraged to select a spokesperson to address the Board.

Union Representatives’ Reports  
Board Members’ Reports  
Superintendent’s Report

**APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

These items are considered routine and may be enacted by a single motion. Any items needing discussion may be moved to the appropriate section of the agenda upon the request of any member of the Board.

**General Services**

1.1-C Approval of Resolution No. 09-33 Proclaiming February 2009 as Black History Month	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve Resolution No. 09-33 proclaiming February 2009 as Black History Month	<b>7</b>
1.2-C Approval of Resolution No 09-34 Proclaiming March 2009 as Arts Education Month	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve Resolution No. 09-34 proclaiming March 2009 as Arts Education Month	<b>10</b>
1.3-C Approval of March 4, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve addition of Special Board of Education Meeting on March 4, 2009	<b>13</b>

**Personnel**

2.1-C Approval of Personnel Report	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Accept Personnel Report No. 09-03 which tracks personnel changes throughout the District	<b>14</b>
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**Educational Services**

3.1-C Approval of Consolidated Application	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the Consolidated Application for Categorical Programs (separate cover)	<b>17</b>
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**Business Services**

4.1-C Approval of Contracts and Purchase Orders	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Authorize the Purchasing Manger and/or Deputy Superintendent to execute contracts and purchase orders	<b>19</b>
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4.2-C Approval of Listing of Warrants	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the listing of warrants issued in January 2009	<b>20</b>
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4.3-C Approval of Listing of Payroll Warrants	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the payroll warrants issued in January 2009	<b>23</b>
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4.4-C Acceptance of Gifts and Donations	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Accept the donations and gifts to the District and request staff to extend letter of appreciation	<b>26</b>
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4.5-C Approval of Application for REMS Grant	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve the application for REMS grant monies to be spent on emergency preparedness updates and staff training	<b>28</b>
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4.6-C Ratification of Enrollment Agreement with Perkins School	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Ratify enrollment agreement for Perkins School for the Blind for severely impaired student for 2008-09 school year	<b>29</b>
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4.7-C Approval of Contract with Advantage Nursing	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve contract with Advantage Nursing Care for nursing services for 2008-09 school year	<b>31</b>
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4.8-C Approval of Contract with Robert Half	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve contract with Robert Half	<b>36</b>
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4.9-C  
Approval of Purchase of Two School Buses

Staff Recommendation:  
Approve purchase of two school buses under board approved replacement schedule

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**Facilities**

5.1-C  
Resolution No. 09-35  
Authorization to Reject and Readvertise to Solicit Bids

Staff Recommendation:  
Approve authorization to reject and readvertise to solicit bids for the BHS Community Theatre curtain supply and installation

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**ACTION ITEM**

These items are presented for action at this time. Some may have been reviewed at a previous meeting.

**General Services**

1.1-A  
Approval of BHS Redesign Proposal Recommendations

Staff Recommendation:  
Approve recommendations for Berkeley High School Redesign Proposal

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**INFORMATION ITEM**

These items are intended to keep the Board informed on various District business matters, which do not require action, by the Board.

**Business Services**

4.1-I  
Monthly School Enrollment and ADA Summaries

Staff Recommendation:  
Receive monthly enrollment and average daily attendance summary reports for information

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**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Minutes of 1-14-09

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2009

February 25	April 15	June 10	September 23
March 4 - special	April 29	June 17	October 14
March 11	May 13	June 24	October 28
March 25	May 27	August 12	November 18
		September 9	December 9 - org

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### Guidelines for Speakers

You are invited to participate in Meetings of the Board of Education and make your views known at these meetings.

### **WHEN YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT AN AGENDA ITEM OR A NON-AGENDA ITEM:**

Please fill in a **REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CARD**) and give it to the Board Secretary. Speakers will be selected by lottery. Your card must be submitted before the Presiding Officer calls for **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**. You will be called to speak by the Presiding Officer. A Speaker has three minutes in which to make his/her remarks.

Any subject related to the District or its educational programs is welcome at the Board of Education Meetings. **However, we respectfully ask that matters pertaining to individual employees of the Berkeley Unified School District be discussed in private. There is an established procedure for making such complaints.** You may obtain information about this procedure from a school or from the Superintendent's Office.

## **MISSION AND GOALS OF THE BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Berkeley Unified School District, a diverse community deeply committed to public education, is to ensure that all students discover and develop their special talents, achieve their educational and career goals, become life long learners, and succeed in a rapidly changing society by:

- empowering students, parents and staff,
- providing a strong standards based curriculum, and
- offering alternative learning experiences in a racially integrated, multilingual environment.

### **VISION**

Berkeley Unified School District creates a system that enables every student, including those with diverse needs, to meet or exceed rigorous standards for academic performance. All students will develop the attitudes, skills and habits of mind needed to succeed in and beyond the classroom. The members of this school community share a vision of educational excellence, an appreciation for the partnerships with local government agencies, community based organizations, businesses, institutions of higher education and will work collaboratively to realize this vision.

### **PERFORMANCE GOALS**

- 1. Increase the academic achievement of all students through effective instruction and a challenging and engaging curriculum**
- 2. Implement interventions that address barriers to student learning in order to meet the needs of the whole child**
- 3. Establish and maintain the culture and governance necessary to support an environment conducive to learning**

### **STRATEGIES TO CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP**

- A. Continue to build and implement a pre-K-12 comprehensive and aligned system of core curriculum, instruction, assessment and intervention**
- B. Strengthen the ability of BUSD staff to educate a diverse student body**
- C. Partner meaningfully with parents pre-K to 12**
- D. Prepare pre-school children for success in elementary school**
- E. Attract, support and retain teachers and administrators of color**