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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

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** 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	7
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	10
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	13

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	14
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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)	17
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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	19
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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	20
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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	23
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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	26
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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	28
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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	29
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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	31
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4.8-C Approval of Contract with Robert Half	<u>Staff Recommendation:</u> Approve contract with Robert Half	36
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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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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**

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Board of Education
FROM: John T. Selawsky, Director
DATE: February 11, 2009
SUBJECT: Resolution Proclaiming February 2009 as Black History Month

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Berkeley Unified School District has a tradition of commemorating Black History Month in February of each year. African Americans have a rich history of outstanding accomplishments in every field of human endeavor from literature and art to science, industry, education, diplomacy, athletics and jurisprudence. It is important that our students learn of the African American people and events that enrich our history.

POLICY/CODE

None

FISCAL IMPACT

None

BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Resolution proclaiming February 2009 as Black History Month.

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2009
AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Resolution No. 09-33

WHEREAS, February has been designated Black History Month by various official bodies and is celebrated as such in schools, businesses, and governmental agencies throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified School District recognizes and celebrates the contributions of African-American historical figures, leaders, teachers, parents, community activists, and students, and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified School District further recognizes and celebrates the value of diversity and the richness of cultural heritages within the City of Berkeley and within the District, and the integral part that each of our many communities plays in the overall fabric of our history as well as the present state of the City and District; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley school community has chosen to name three of its K-12 schools after African-American leaders of national, and international, renown, i.e., Malcolm X Elementary, Martin Luther King Jr. Middle, and Rosa Parks Elementary, clearly reflecting the importance of these Black American leaders to the residents of the Berkeley community; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified School District has a long-time commitment to integration in our public schools and a long-time commitment to an appreciation of and a celebration of diversity in our public schools, and further, a long-time commitment to recognizing the value, contributions, and importance of our African-American students, parents, teachers, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, with the election of our first African-American President there is additional reason to celebrate, to rejoice, and to work together toward unity and our common goals; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified School District again affirms its commitment to appreciating, celebrating, and valuing its African-American students, staff, parents, and families and recognizes the importance of acknowledging the history, culture, and struggles of our African-American community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 11th day of February, 2009, that February 2009 is declared Black History Month in the Berkeley Unified

School District, and that the Board of Education encourages discussions, presentations, and projects relating to and enhancing the experience of Black History Month within the BUSD.

John T. Selawsky
Clerk, Board of Education

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Board of Education
FROM: John T. Selawsky, Director, Board of Education
DATE: February 11, 2009
SUBJECT: Resolution Proclaiming March as Arts Education Month

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Arts education is an integral part of basic education for students and provides balanced learning and develops the full potential of their minds. The District has adopted the goal of the Fully Articulated Arts Program and the celebration of Arts Education Month is in keeping with that goal.

POLICY/CODE

None

FISCAL IMPACT

None

BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 09-34 proclaiming March as Arts Education Month and distribute the approved Resolution to all school principals

**BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 09-34
PROCLAIMING MARCH 2009 AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theater, and the visual arts, is an integral part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds; and

WHEREAS, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, critical thinking and problem solving skills, discipline, and a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and are collectively one of the most important repositories of culture; and

WHEREAS, many national, state, and local professional arts education associations hold celebrations in March focused on students' participation in the arts, and

WHEREAS, these celebrations give Berkeley schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to Berkeley's young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to students, and to enhance public support for this important part of our curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy adopted in March 1997 that each student should receive a high quality, comprehensive arts education program based on the adopted *Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve*; and

WHEREAS, our BUSD Youth Arts Festival will run from February 11 through March 28 at the Berkeley Arts Center on Walnut St. and we will showcase our performing artists at the Berkeley Community Theater on the Berkeley High campus on Sunday, March 29; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Board of Education has adopted the "Fully Articulated Arts Program" as a goal, and Visual and Performing Arts Policy 6142.6 of April 2006, therefore be it

RESOLVED on February 11th, 2009 that the Berkeley Board of Education proclaims the month of March 2008 as *Arts Education Month* and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful student

activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Board of Education directs that suitably prepared copies of this resolution be distributed to all school principals in the Berkeley Unified School District.

John T. Selawsky
Clerk, Board of Education

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Board of Education
FROM: William Huyett, Superintendent
DATE: February 11, 2009
SUBJECT: Revision to 2009 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I am requesting approval to add a Special Board Meeting on March 4, 2009 to discuss possible layoffs.

POLICY CODE

Education Code 44951

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the addition of a March 4 Board of Education Meeting