

# BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes, Regular Meeting

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009  
Berkeley Unified School District  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley CA 94704

### Roll Call 6:00pm

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

President Riddle convened the regular meeting at 7:32 pm

### Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed property acquisition and disposal with no action taken. They also handled several claims:

Claim No. 09-10 –

**Issel/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve settlement

Claim No 09-11

**Issel/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote to reject claim  
Claim Nos. 2006044216, 2004028364, 2004028785, 2006048886

**Issel/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote to authorize settlement

The Board was updated on the placement of student who was previously expelled. They also discussed employee discipline, dismissal/release and evaluation.

### **APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Vice President Hemphill requested Items 4.1-C, 4.2-C and 5.2-C be pulled for comment/questions

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

### **Teaching and Learning**

The Board received a presentation from Principal Robert Ithurnburn from Willard Middle School and Michael Williams, humanities teacher, with a report on the school's culture fair.

### **Union**

Cathy Campbell talked about certificated layoffs.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Board members had comments

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Huyett attended a Biotech gala where Berkeley High received an award for their partnership with Biotech Partners

He announced that Principal Jim Slep had a burst appendix and will be out on medical leave for a while. He has appointed Maggie Heredia-Peltz as acting principal.

He advised that he will be asking the Board to hire a Director of Special Education as part of an effort to contain special education costs. Even while we are reducing our costs, we need to find a seasoned administrator who can focus solely on the rising costs of this department.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3.1-I – District Math Assessment

2.1-I – Decrease the Number of Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services

2.2-I – Criteria for Determining the Order of Seniority

**PULLED ITEMS**

4.1-C – Contracts and Purchase Orders

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

4.2-C – EMT Program

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

5.2-C – Award to solicit bids for fire alarm upgrade at BHS C Building

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

**ACTION ITEM**

1.1-A – CSBA Delegate Assembly

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote to nominate Sarah Gonzalez, Nancy Thomas and Nancy Riddle

**Riddle/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote to write in candidate Mike McMahon of Alameda Unified

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1-I – Facilities Plan Update

5.2-I – Maintenance and Measure BB Update

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Minutes of 1-28-09

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

Approve Minutes of 2-11-09

Director Issel requested that these minutes be pulled and brought back at the next Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT by President Riddle at 9:20 pm**

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**John T. Selawsky, Clerk**

