

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:31pm

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 7:34 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0809-20-090594

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote for suspended expulsion for current and fall semester

Approval of two non-re elects

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve

The Board provided direction on a settlement with an employee, and discussed employee discipline/release and evaluation and existing litigation with no action taken.

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

President Riddle asked that the Board move Item 4.1-A to precede Item 4.2-A as they are tied together and then move directly to Item 4.1-I.

Superintendent Huyett corrected Item 2.2-C to read “Director of Personnel Services” for Pasquale Scuderi.

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Teaching and Learning

Jason Lustig, Principal at King Middle School: What’s on Your Plate, a program focused on food and health. Principal Lustig was joined by sixth grade math teachers, Robin Goldman, Phoebe Tanner and Beth Sonnenberg.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Three public speakers commented on the music budget and Berkeley Community Media.

UNION

Remarks from Paula Phillips of BCCE talked about the union’s solidarity with the teachers’ union. She discussed the proposed classified staffing reductions.

Cathy Campbell, President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers announced their upcoming rally on Friday at 4pm in front of Old City Hall. She also discussed public education in our state.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

President Riddle reported on the March 6, 2009 2 x 2 committee meeting, a partnership between the District and the City of Berkeley. They discussed a variety of topics including budget crisis and possible federal funding. They spent some time talking about security around BHS campus and how to get our security officers to wear uniforms so they could be seen more clearly. They also received updates from various groups about the 2020 vision. There was a pool update and news that there will be an upcoming recommendation around the 25th of March.

Vice President Hemphill recently attended a Black Elected Officials event that focused on workforce issues in Alameda County. She learned that the two biggest obstacles for young adults in gaining employment is being unable to pass a drug test and not having a driver’s license. She offered this information as a way to think about how they relate to the 2020 Vision.

Stiles Hall, a non profit organization, loosely affiliated with UC are having 125th anniversary and have extended their application deadline for The

Berkeley Experience for black, a program for African American, Hispanic and Native American students who are thinking about attending UC.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent spoke at length about the difficulty of distributing layoff notices and ended his remarks with comments about the newspaper article on small schools that recently appeared in the East Bay Express.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

Item 4.1-A – Approval of Budget Adjustments

Issel/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.2-A – Approval of Second Interim

Hemphill/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 4.1-I – Staff Proposed Budget Reductions

Received presentation from Deputy Superintendent Cleveland

ACTION ITEMS

Item 2.1-A – Approve Executive Director of Special Education

Issel/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

10:58 pm

Selawsky/Issel to extend meeting as needed

Item 5.1-A – Approval of 2009 Facilities Plan

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously on voice vote

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 5.1-I – BB Financial Update

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes of 2-11-09

Revision: Roll call vote on this discussion – add student director vote of YES

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously on voice vote

Approve Minutes of 2-25-09

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously on voice vote

Approve Minutes of 03-04-09

Revision: under Information items: add: Superintendent Huyett agreed to create a comprehensive plan to address some of the issues identified in the CHKS.

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 11:06 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk

