

# BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **Minutes, Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

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

## **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **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 7:44 pm

### **Report on Closed Session Actions**

Student Case No. 0809-26-011931

**Issel/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote to expel and suspend the expulsion through fall semester

The Board also received a report from Attorney Jon Streeter, lead counsel in the Pacific Legal Foundation matter, a lawsuit challenging the District's school assignment policy.

The Board approved a settlement

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

## **APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Director Selawsky pulled items 3.4-C and 4.7-C and recused himself from item 4.8-C

Director Leyva-Cutler pulled item 1.1C

Vice President Hemphill pulled items 3.3-C and 4.6-C for questions

President Riddle pulled item 4.5-C

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

## **RECOGNITION**

Rosemary Mann and Pamela Doolan were honored for the Rotary Clubs Dictionary Project for third grade students.

## **Teaching and Learning**

Janet Levenson, Principal of Oxford Elementary discussed early intervention

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

There were two speakers: One commented on safe routes to school and safety measures around the school sites.

The second speaker talked about ways to get more cars off the road by using a different approach on how students are assigned to schools.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

President Riddle attended the Alameda County School Board Association meeting where the discussion was about parcel taxes. The next meeting is April 30. The topic will be on expulsions and appeals of inter district transfers.

She announced that Berkeley Unified won its appeal in the student assignment matter

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Huyett attended ACSA Legislative Day in Sacramento on Monday. He announced that there will be a June revise.

He acknowledged the month long celebration of Cesar Chavez with various learning activities at our school sites.

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

4.1-I

Wellness Report presented by Ann Cooper and Melanie Okamoto.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Item 1.1-C – Resolution – Cesar Chavez  
**Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.3-C – Homeless Grant  
**Hemphill/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.4-C – King Eco Literacy  
**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.5-C – MOU with Bread Project  
**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.6-C – Non Public School Placements  
**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.7-C  
Revision to Adult Education Fund  
**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

#### **ACTION ITEM**

Item 3.1-A – Summer School  
**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote

#### **INFORMATION ITEM**

Item 3.1-I – Textbook Adoption  
Item 3.2-I – SARC  
Item 5.1-I – Facilities Update  
All information items received

#### **ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM**

Approve Minutes of 3-11-09  
**Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler** and approved unanimously on voice vote

**President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 9:57 pm**

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John T. Selawsky, Clerk

