

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL 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
Cliff Wong, Acting 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 7:46 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed public employment/dismissal/release, property acquisition with no action taken.

They reviewed student case no. 0809-27-053196.

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously on voice vote to expel student for this semester and the fall semester

The Board considered five liability claims:

Claim Nos. 2006048886, 2006045891, 08 BSD 002, 07 BSD 0025, 07 BSD 0115, 00 BSD 0000, 07 BSD 0036 and 07 BSD 0063

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to accept staff recommendations

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Assistant Superintendent Neil Smith corrected Item 3.1-C – Overnight Field Trips: on page 12, the trip to Marin Headlands has a date change from April 16 and 17 to April 27 and 28

Director Selawsky recused himself from Items 4.6-C and #7 of Item 4.1-C And requested that the Board move Item 3.2-A to Consent

President Riddle recused on Item 5.3-C

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

Teaching and Learning Presentation

The Board heard a presentation from LeConte Elementary on Improving English Language Arts and English Language Development Instruction through Practice-Based Professional Development

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Four speakers commented on the continuance of instruction at Franklin Pre School

Five speakers commented on the warm water pool on tonight’s agenda

UNION

Cathy Campbell expressed BFT’s solidarity and support with BCCE in light of tonight’s Board action that will generate layoff notices She thanked the Superintendent and the Board for their support of the Franklin Pre-School program. She switched to an item on tonight’s agenda regarding K-5 capacity and noted that BFT believes this is an excellent proposal and hopes the Board gives it their support. She also encouraged the Board to consider expanding the K-5 project to include middle schools or to form a similar committee to do the same work with middle schools.

She commended the District for filling classified position, long held by contracted employees.

Finally, she commented the District on the Achievement Gap board item and specifically, Goal E, which talks about recruitment of teachers and administrators of color.

Paula Phillips of BCCE discussed classified layoffs

APPROVE CONSENT

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 4.3-I - Safe Routes to Schools

The Discussion was led by Bernadette Cormier, Transportation Manager along with Susan Silber and Amy Ranger from the City of Berkeley. This presentation focused on enhancing student safety through information, education and city-wide logistical changes. Director Selawsky noted that Marci Greenhut was a driving force in the safe routes to school issues and expressed his thanks for her contribution. Director Issel suggested that we set a benchmark for increasing bus ridership among our students.

ACTION ITEM

Item 5.3-A – Accept the Report from the City Wide Pool Task Force Motion by Director Issel to accept the report only – **motion withdrawn:** The staff recommendation is to accept the report from the pools taskforce and encourage the Council to proceed with the environmental analysis (CEQA) of the preferred plan and alternates

Several members of the Pools Task Force were on hand to inform the Board including Lisa Caronna, Deputy City Manager, City of Berkeley and Williams Rogers, Director of Parks and Recreation.

SUBSTITUE MOTION: To accept the report and affirm the school district' willingness to host a warm water pool at the west campus site
Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 4.1-I – Adult Education Budget

Principal Margaret Kirkpatrick was on hand to answer questions.

AGENDA CHANGE:

Due to the lateness of the hour, Items 5.1-A, 5.2-A and 3.1-I will be moved to future meeting agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 2.1-A - Approve revised schedule of classified layoffs
Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.1-A – Approval of Proposed Mural at King Middle School
Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – IEP Compliance Report

Item 4.2-I – Monthly School Enrollment

Item 5.1-I – Facilities Construction Financial Update

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Approve Minutes of 3-25-09

Student Case No. 0809-27-053196 - correction to action taken:
unanimous vote to expel and suspend the expulsion through fall
semester

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 10:38 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk

