

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 29, 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
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 7:38 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board approved settlement of Claim No. 199156-D7
Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously on voice vote

The Board discussed classified employment/dismissal/release, negotiations and property acquisition with no action.

The Board also approved the hiring of Kay Altizer for the position of Executive Director of Special Education.

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously on voice vote

Teaching and Learning

The Board heard a presentation on Autism from Rosa Parks principal, Kathy Hatzke and three teachers.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Several speakers commented on the warm water pool on tonight's agenda

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Tim Donnelly of BCCE

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Director Selawsky congratulated the District and Kyoto on receiving a Department of Energy's Solar grant. He asked Superintendent Huyett to look into Berkeley High School's School Governance Council's operating rules and regulations.

Vice President Hemphill appointed Hafez Alsaidi to the Peace & Justice Commission.

President Riddle received a letter from the Alameda County Office of Education concurring with the District's positive certification of the Second Interim report. She announced that she was elected to CSBA's Delegate Assembly.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett sent out a phone blast about the swine flu. He noted the hiring of the new Executive Director of Special Education and thanked Felton Owens, Director of Student Services, for his work with Special Education.

He attended the Title One Achievement Awards ceremony in San Diego where Malcolm X received an award. He announced that May 6 is Staff Appreciation Day and that there will be a recognition ceremony for classified employees on May 12, from 3-6 pm at B-Tech.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEM

5.1-A – Approve Process to Examine Capacity at K-5 Schools and Possible Zone Modifications

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

5.2-A – Facilities Initiatives

Remove Item #8 and approve items 1-7 and 9-10

Selawsky/Riddle and approved on voice vote with Vice President Hemphill **abstaining**

5.3-A – Approve Recommendation for City to Proceed with Environmental Analysis of the Plan for Pools in the City of Berkeley

Selawsky/Hemphill: Original motion is debated and amended

SUBMOTION: Host the warm water pool at West Campus, retain the existing lap pool at West Campus and add up to an additional 1900 square feet of additional land in order to build a pool of comparable size of the existing warm water pool which is approximately 2250 square feet

Issel/Hemphill and approved on voice vote with President Riddle **abstaining**

INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1-I – Personnel Budget

3.1-I – R-30 Report

3.2-I – SNOR Report

3.3-I – Achievement Gap

5.1-I – Facilities Plan

All reports received for information

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 10:46 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk

