

## BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Minutes, Regular Meeting

### OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

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

### Roll Call 6:30pm

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 7:54 pm

### Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed property acquisition and disposal and provided direction.

The Board considered student expulsion no. 0809-39-011196 and on motion by **Selawsky and seconded by Issel** on a vote of 4-0, student was expelled for this semester and the fall semester. Director Leyva-Cutler did not attend closed session.

The Board also approved a settlement

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on a vote of 4-0

## **APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Item 2.2-C – Consent to Teach Outside Credential – item pulled to be brought back at later date

Vice President Hemphill pulled Items 1.1-C and 4.1-C for discussion  
Director Issel pulled Item 3.7-C for a question and requested that Item 4.2-A be moved to Consent

Director Selawsky pulled Item 5.3-C and President Riddle pulled Items 3.3-C and 3.5-C and recused on Item 5.2-C.

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously as revised

## **RECOGNITION**

Berkeley Public Education Foundation honorees were acknowledged and presented with a BUSD certificate by President Nancy Riddle. Honorees were Malcolm X Principal, Cheryl Chinn, Berkeley High teacher Susannah Bell, district volunteer Karen Meryash and The Cheese Board Collective.

## **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Principal Pat Saddler of Longfellow and Counselor Rosina Keren discussed Longfellow's counseling program.

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Ten speakers commented on various subjects: retaining counselors at Berkeley High School and issues related to staff at Berkeley Arts Magnet

## **P&O REPORT**

The spokesperson from P&O commented that the Committee approved tonight's BSEP agenda item for Visual and Performing Arts but expressed concern about future deficits.

## **UNION REPORT**

Terry Goodman, Berkeley High counselor and Amber Lester, counselor at B-Tech expressed concerns about the retention of counseling staff.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

3.1-I – SAT and AP Results

Dr. Rebecca Cheung, Aaron Glimme and Amy Frey presented a review of 10<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT tests and also discussed SAT results.

## **PULLED ITEMS**

1.1-C – Resolution in Support of SCA 5

**Hemphill/Issel** and approved unanimously with revision

3.3-C – Approval of Overnight Field Trips

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

3.5-C – BSEP – VAPA

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

3.7-C – Evaluation of BHS Redesign

**Issel/Selawsky – motion withdrawn – item will be placed on agenda in August**

4.1-C – Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders

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

4.6-C – Amendment to Consultants' Contracts

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

Board would like a copy of CDE Verification Report

**Motion to extend meeting past 11:00 pm**

**Riddle/Leyva-Cutler and approved on voice vote with Director Issel voting NO**

5.3-C – Bid for Sitework

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

2.1-A – Classified Layoffs

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

4.2-A – Proposed Budget Reductions

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3.2-I – Williams

3.3-I – State School Rankings –

Director Issel requested this item be brought back at a future date when there is more time for discussion

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Director Selawsky briefly commented on the defeat of Proposition 8.

Student Director Shames discussed recent incident at Berkeley High.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Huyett reported on his recent visit to three high schools to observe their bell schedules. There will be a forum on Thursday, May 28 to share that information. He also plans to take a similar trip in the fall and will have a recommendation to the Board in October or November.

**President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 11:10 pm**

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John T. Selawsky, Clerk

