

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 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
Valeria Gonzalez, Student Director

Administration: Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Lisa van Thillo, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

President Riddle convened the regular meeting at 7:43

YEARLY ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Item 1.1-0 – Election of President

Director Leyva-Cutler nominated Karen Hemphill for President. Motion seconded by Director Issel and passed unanimously

Item 1.2-0 – Election of Vice President

Director Selawsky nominated Director Leyva-Cutler for Vice President. Motion seconded by President Hemphill and passed unanimously

Item 1.3-0 – Election of Clerk

President Hemphill nominated Director Selawsky for Clerk. Motion seconded by Vice President Leyva-Cutler and passed unanimously

President Hemphill presented a plaque to outgoing President Riddle and thanked her for her year of service to the Board of Education.

Item 1.4-0 – Approve 2010 Board of Education meeting schedule
The Board approved the proposed Board of Education meeting dates for 2010 with one change: February 10 date was changed to February 3.
Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously

Item 1.5-0 – Approve Board of Education appointments to Community Advisory Committees
The Board discussed their various appointments. This item will be placed on the January 20, 2010 agenda for approval.

Item 1.6-0 – Approve Board of Education appointments to Board Committees and Commissions
The Board asked staff to follow up on a number of tasks. This item will be on the January 20, 2010 agenda for approval.

Item 1.7-0 – Approve Board members' selection for Adopt a School assignments
Vice President Leyva-Cutler would like another Board member to represent Berkeley High. This item will also be placed on the January 20 agenda for final approval.

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation, public employee dismissal/discipline with no action taken. They direction on certificated employee evaluations.

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF December 9, 2009

Staff pulled Item 3.1-I – BHS Scheduling. This item will be placed on the agenda in January.

Director Riddle pulled Item 3.1-C (Grant Proposal for a Center in Berkeley for Evaluation Research) for possible discussion. She recused on Item 5.1-A (Approval of Proposed Facilities Changes).

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously as amended

RECOGNITION

Malcolm X and Oxford schools, listed on the California Business for Education Excellence 2009 Honor Roll for superior student academic achievement and reducing achievement gaps were recognized for their outstanding work.

Teaching and Learning

Jason Lustig, King Middle School, Mercedes Sanders and Jeff Bresnik discussed ULSS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Several speakers discussed the proposed charter school. Several community members commented on special education instructional assistants and the differential issue.

UNION REPORTS

Paula Phillips from BCCE commented on special education instructional assistants and a related agenda item

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huyett thanked Director Riddle for her year of service. He also commented on remarks made in public testimony from special education instructional assistants. He provided a brief update on the 2020 planning and advised that the report is being provided to the SGC's for feedback.

He cautioned that from all reports at the recent CSBA conference, there is bleak news on the horizon about school district budget reductions.

Board Members' Reports

President Hemphill noted that the CSBA conference will be held in San Francisco next year and believes the District should consider doing a presentation on our nutrition program, our 2020 vision, and/or the defense of our integration plan.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.1-C – CYBER GRANT

Director Riddle would like to see grant and budget when available
Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Item 3.1-A – Pre-School Single Plan for Student Achievement
Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

Item 4.1-A – First Interim

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously

INFORMATION ITEM

ITEM 5.1-I - Discussion of General Obligation Bonds

Discussion of types of bonds available should the Board consider a bond measure election.

Motion to extend meeting past 11 pm to consider Items 3.2-I, 3.4-I and 5.1-A

Riddle/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Item 5.1-A – Approval of Proposed Facilities Changes

Vice President Leyva-Cutler would like cosmetic improvements to the outside of Hopkins pre-school.

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved on vote of 4-0; Director Riddle recused

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.2-I – 2009-2010 Student Assignment Plan Report

Board received report as information

Director Riddle believes the number of families who received their first and second choices has decreased. She would like to see past years' data and requested this information be provided in Friday notes

Item 3.4-I – Proposed History Textbook for BHS

This item was received for information and will be on the December 16 agenda for action

INFORMATION ITEMS TO BE CARRIED OVER

Item 3.3-I – Quarterly Report on Special Education Assessments

Item 5.2-I – Facilities Plan Update

Item 5.3-I – First Interim FY 2009 BB Financial Update Report

Item 5.4-I – Maintenance and Measure BB Update

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM CARRIED OVER

Approve Minutes of November 18, 2009

President HEMPHILL adjourned the meeting at 11: 23

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

