

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

Karen Hemphill, President
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President
John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, 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_(EXCUSED ABSENCE)

President Hemphill convened the regular meeting at 7:59

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board received legal advice about Hillside property and gave direction to staff to prepare a RFP (Request for Proposal) by a commercial real estate firm to dispose of the site

The Board also discussed Superintendent's Evaluation with no action taken

On a motion by Riddle, seconded by Selawsky, the Board approved the hire of Ardarius McDonald as Dean of Berkeley High School

The Board considered the following student expulsions:

Student Case No. 0910-10-070797 – The Board expelled the student through November 16, 2010 with a suspended expulsion for the fall semester of 2010 and with required assessment before placement
Issel/Riddle and approved on vote of 4-1 with Director Selawsky voting no

0910-13-020894

The Board approved a suspended expulsion for student for this and next semester with the requirement that student attend anger management counseling as part of conditions

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

0910-11-011500

The Board approved suspended stipulated expulsion thru the end of the school year

Issel/Selawsky and approved on a vote of 3-1-1 with Vice President Leyva-Cutler voting no and President Hemphill abstaining

0910-12-081093

The Board approved stipulated suspended expulsion through the end of the year

Issel/Riddle and approved on vote of 3-2 with Vice President Leyva-Cutler and President Hemphill abstaining

Approve Regular Meeting Agenda of January 13, 2010

Director Riddle recused on Item 5.1-A – Yearly Facilities Plan Modifications. She also pulled Item 4.3-C – Elimination of Lunch Charge for Free and Reduced Meals for discussion

Director Issel requested Item 1.2-A – Approval of Adopt A School Assignment be moved to Consent Calendar

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously as revised

RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Susan Helmrich, Julie Holcomb and Jenny Burroughs, Co-president of the Berkeley High School Development Group for their service to the District.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Zachary Pless, Program Supervisor, BEARS Extended Learning Program Discussed BEARS' 2009 summer program

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:27 on Item 3.1-I – Charter School Proposal

Six speakers had comments on the proposed charter schools.

The Public Hearing Closed at 8:55pm

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Members of the public commented on Berkeley High School science lab changes

UNION REPORTS

Cathy Campbell from BFT offered support for district sponsored options at the secondary level.

Paula Phillips of BCCE on classified staff matters.

Board Members' Reports

Lifelong Medical is holding a H1N1 vaccination clinic on Sunday, January 24, 2010 between 10 am and 12 noon and again from 1 to 4pm

On January 18, 2010, there will be a walk from Jefferson to MLK school in honor of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.

Victor Diaz, Principal of B-Tech, is being honored for his leadership by the Redford Center on February 4 from 7-9 pm at Sundance in San Francisco

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huyett advised that he sent a letter through the e-trees that addresses the science curriculum issues at Berkeley High. He also commented on aspects of the Governor's proposed budget cuts. He congratulated Principal Diaz for his recognition by the Redford Center.

Approve Consent Calendar

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

PULLED ITEM

4.3-C – Elimination of Lunch Charge for Reduced Price Meals

Selawsky/Issel and approved on vote of 4-1 with Director Riddle abstaining

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A – Approve Board appointments to Brown Act and Community Advisory Committees

Director Issel requested that staff make confirming phone calls to appointees to determine if they wish to continue as representatives. The Board would like District staff to advertise for vacant positions. Vice President Leyva-Cutler appointed Monica Tamayo to Youth Commission. **Selawsky/Riddle** and approved as revised

2.1-A – Elimination of Clerical Specialist

Riddle/Selawsky and approved on vote of 4-1 with Director Issel abstaining

5.1-A – Yearly Facilities Plan Modifications

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved on vote of 3-2 with Director Riddle recusing and Director Issel abstaining

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.2-I -Improvement Plan Addendum for Title III

Received for information

3.3-I - B-Tech Schedule for spring Semester

Received for information

5.1-I - Facilities Plan Update

Received for information

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mark Airgood commented on access to District administration as it relates to news stories.

President HEMPHILL adjourned the meeting at 10: 50 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

