

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

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At the board meeting on January 20, 2010 the Board discussed the following items:

Report on Closed Session:

The Board conducted two Expulsion Hearings:

Case No. 0910-14-081797: Suspended Expulsion through June 2010 and Case No. 0809-45-100496: Expunge records of Suspended Expulsion. The Board discussed Public Employee Discipline, voting to suspend the employee for three days. The Board returned to Closed Session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation and other Personnel Issues with no action taken.

Teaching and Learning Presentation:

Washington Principal Rita Kimball and Washington teachers shared Washington's Response to Intervention, which addresses the reading ability of all students.

Board Appointments:

Vice President Leyva-Cutler appointed Nicolie Bolster-Ott as her representative to the Citizens Construction Advisory Committee. Note: On January 13th Leyva-Cutler named Monica Tamayo as her representative on the Youth Commission. The Board will interview Youth Commission candidates before the Board meeting on February 3rd.

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda, pulling Consent Item 4.3-C Approval of Contract Extension with American Logistics, for discussion, and moved Information Item Consolidated Application for Categorical Programs to the Consent Calendar. **All Consent Items were approved.**

Action Items

3.1-A New Course at BHS: Expository Reading and Writing Course

The Board approved the new Expository Reading and Writing Course. This is a twelfth grade course developed by California State University (CSU). Course materials, training and support are provided free of charge to all Berkeley High teachers who want to teach the class. **

3.2-A Consolidated Application for Categorical Programs

The Board moved this item to the Consent Calendar for approval. This is Part II of the consolidated application, Part I of the application was submitted on June 30, 2009.

5.1-A PG&E Solar Schools Program Grant for Rosa Parks

The Board voted to accept the PG&E Solar Schools Grant for a solar array for Rosa Parks Elementary School. The Board approved submission of the grant on January 14, 2009. PG&E notified the District in December that Rosa Parks had been awarded the grant.

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Information Items

3.1-I Williams Case Settlement Quarterly Report

The Board received the Williams Complaint Quarterly Report for information. **

3.2-I Data Presentation on BHS Attendance, Discipline and GPA

The Board received the second of three overviews of the District's high school student data. This presentation covered Grade Point Averages; California Physical Fitness Test Results; Attendance and Discipline Data and the results of a Student Satisfaction Survey administered by the University of California. The reports will be posted on the BUSD Website. **

3.3-I Free and Reduced Lunch Report for the 2009-10 School Year

The Board received a report on the percentage of students participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program for the 2009-10 school year. There has been an increase in participation across the board, with the District total rising from 39.7% to 41.2%. **

4.1-I Governor's Budget Update

The Board received an update on the Governor's proposed budget for the 2010-11 school year (made public on January 8, 2010). **

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from 01-13-10 with minor changes.

Complete information about these items is available for review in the January 20, 2010 Board packet, located in the Board Meeting section of the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Schedule of Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

February 3, 2010

February 24, 2010

March 10, 2010

March 24, 2010

April 14, 2010

April 28, 2010

May 12, 2010

May 26, 2010

June 9, 2010

June 23, 2010

June 30, 2010 (Tentative)

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www.berkeley.k12.ca.us and hard copies are available for review in the office of the Superintendent.

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