

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD UPDATES

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www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

At the board meeting on February 24, 2010 the Board discussed the following items:

Report on Closed Session:

The Board approved the renewal of contracts for the Superintendent; Deputy Superintendent; Asst. Superintendent and Director of Fiscal Services, with no changes in the compensation. Note: There was no contract renewal for the position of Assistant Superintendent Human Resources due to the anticipated retirement of Lisa van Thillo at the completion of the current contract. The Board also discussed Personnel issues and Collective Bargaining with no action taken.

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda, pulling Consent Item 5.1-C Approval to Hire Commercial Real Estate Firm to Assist in the Sale of the Hillside Facility for the purpose of transparency, and Director Selawsky recused himself from 4.5-C Approval of Cal-Safe Contract because of his relationship with the YMCA.

All Consent Items were approved.

The Board called special attention to Consent Item 1.1-C Resolution Proclaiming March as Arts is Education Month and 1.2-C Resolution Proclaiming March 4, 2010 as a Statewide Day of Action to Defend Public Education. The Berkeley Federation of Teachers will be “starting their day serving students” leafleting around the K-8 schools both before and after school. Board Members and Administrators will join them at 4:00 PM. They plan to form a line along MLK Jr. Way from University Avenue to Dwight Way, and encourage community members and families to join them.

Teaching & Learning Presentation:

Berkeley Arts Magnet Elementary School Principal Kristin Collins and BAM staff shared “Implementation of Positive Behavior Supports (BEST). See the Teaching & Learning Presentation: Berkeley Arts Magnet Elementary School on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/9803136>

Board Recognition: Washington School

The Board recognized the Washington Elementary School Staff, recipient of the 2010 Title I Academic Achievement Award. See the Board Recognition on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/9803557>

Action Items

1.1-A CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

The California School Boards Association is a collaborative group of virtually all of the state's 1,000- plus school districts and County Offices of Education. The Board voted for four candidates to represent Sub-region 7-B for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. Note: Director Riddle is currently a delegate, elected to a two year term last year. **

2.1-A Local 21, IFPTE New Contract Proposals

9:05PM Public Hearing on Item 2.1-A

The Board opened a Public Hearing as required before consideration of Action Item 3.1-A, the District and Local 21's Joint proposal for negotiation re-opens. There were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed at 9:06PM.

4.1-A Independent Audit Report for FY Ending June 30, 2009

The Board reviewed and approved the Audit Report and Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June

30, 2009 as presented by Vavrinek Trine Day & Co., LLP. ** See Public Comment on Item 4.1-A on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/9812231>

See Item 4.1-A: <http://vimeo.com/9812467>

And Board Action: <http://vimeo.com/9812594>

5.1-A Review of Facilities Financing Options and Hiring Public Opinion Surveyor

The Board received and commented on a report from the financial advisor on the financing options for a bond, and approved the hiring of a public opinion researcher to implement a survey. The public opinion survey will provide information to the Board to assist them in deciding whether to proceed with any November 2010 ballot initiatives. Goodwin Simon Strategic Research, the firm that has conducted the BUSD's surveys for the past five elections, will conduct the survey. ** See Item 5.1-A on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/9811297>

Information Items

2.1-I Joint Initial Proposal of BUSD and BFT for the 2010-11 School Year

The Board accepted the joint District and Berkeley Federation of Teachers proposal to "Sunshine" the contract to re-open negotiations to extend the expiration of the contract from June 30, 2010 to June 20, 2011. **

3.1-I Welcoming Schools Curriculum

The Board Accepted the Welcoming Schools Curriculum for a first reading. The Welcoming Schools Guide is a comprehensive resource that facilitates establishing a fully inclusive, respectful, and supportive elementary school environment for all students and their families.

See the Public Comment on Item 3.1-I Welcoming Schools Curriculum on Vimeo.com:

<http://vimeo.com/9803712> See Item 3.1-I: <http://vimeo.com/9803894> **

5.1-I Superintendent's Facilities Committee Report

The Board received a report from the Superintendent's Facilities Committee, formed on August 12, 2009 to make recommendations to the Board on future facility needs. The Committee came to consensus on these three ideas:

1. To proceed with a Proposition 39 Bond in November 2010 which would cover District needs for the period 2011 to the end of 2020;
2. To simultaneously proceed with a renewal of the Maintenance Special Tax; and,
3. To proceed with projects that require a bond of \$205.8 million.

See the Public Comment on 5.1-I on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/9804492>

See the report on 5.1-I: <http://vimeo.com/9804648>

5.2-I Acceptance of Report from the Citizens Construction Advisory Committee

The Board received a report from the Citizens Construction Advisory Committee with their recommendations regarding the Board's consideration of a future bond measure. ** See Item 5.2-I on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/9818248>

5.3-I Facilities Plan Update

The Board received an update on the Facilities Construction Plan approved by the Board on March 11, 2009 and as amended. Data in the report is current as of February 5, 2010. The report includes projects contained in BSEP Fund 7 and updates of all active construction projects. ** See Item 5.3-I on Vimeo.com:

<http://vimeo.com/9813231>

5.4-I Information About Potential Surplus Sites

On January 28, 2009 the Citizen's Construction Advisory Committee presented their Annual Plan. One of their recommendations was that the Board receive an annual report listing potential surplus properties. The Board received the first annual report for information. **

5.5-I Maintenance and BB Second Quarter FY 2010 The Board received the Maintenance and BB report

updating the progress in the second quarter of the 2010 Fiscal Year. The reporting period covers October 24, 2009 through January 25, 2010. **

Complete information about these items is available for review in the February

24, 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

March 3, 2010 (Special Board Study Session)
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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