

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD UPDATES

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At the board meeting on April 14, 2010 the Board discussed the following items:

Report on Closed Session:

The Board approved the settlement of Liability Claims No. 2005038079, No. 08-BSD 0104 and No. 09 BSD 0042 The Board also approved the release of a Temporary Certificated Employee. There was no other discussion or actions taken in Closed Session.

Board Recognition:

The Board recognized the WriterCoach Connection, celebrating their tenth year serving Berkeley middle and high school students with individual coaching. The program has been so successful in Berkeley that they have expanded to offer their services to surrounding districts. See Board Recognition on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/11013275>

Teaching & Learning Presentation:

The Board received a report on the District's Universal Learning Support System (ULSS) from the Berkeley Alliance, contracted to evaluate the program. See the ULSS presentation on Vimeo.com: [Link]<http://www.vimeo.com/11007351>

Public Comment:

See Public Comment on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/10985933>

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda, pulling Consent Item 5.4-C Approval to Hire Consultant for Inspection Services Related to the Berkeley High School Stadium Project for discussion and tabling 2.2-C Approval of Job Description – Director Student Services to return on April 28th. **All Consent Items were approved, including Item 5.4-C.** See Closed Session, Agenda and Approval of Consent Calendar on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/11004514>

Action Items

1.1-A Approval of Class Size Report

The Board approved the recommendation from the Superintendent and the

BSEP Planning & Oversight Committee for the Expenditure of the BSEP Class Size Reduction Fund to reduce class sizes in FY 2010-11. Sixty six percent of the revenues raised by BSEP Measure A of 2006 are allocated to “Smaller Class Sizes, Expanded Course Offerings and School Counseling Services”. See 1.1-A on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/11003155>

3.1-A Proposed Charter School

Public Hearing on Item 3.1-A

The Board held a Public Hearing as required whenever the District receives a Charter School Proposal. There were a number of comments from both sides of the issue. The item will come back to the Board on May 12, 2010, following a review of the applications by staff. ** See 3.1-A on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/10995339>

3.2-A Approval of 2020 Vision Phase I Report

The Board accepted the contents of the 2020 Vision Phase I Report that was presented at the joint City Council/School Board meeting on March 26, 2010. The Board’s approval will provided staff with direction in developing a two year (2010-2012) District plan for the next phase of work. ** See 3.2-A on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/10996082>

Information Items:

2.1-I Proposal to Sunshine BFT and BUSD Negotiations

The Board received the BUSD proposal to negotiate the implementation of two furlough days for the 2010-11 school year with the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT). These furlough days are being considered as possible alternatives to lay-offs or other cost cutting measures. There will be a Public Hearing on April 28, 2010. See Item 2.1-I on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/10986452>

2.2-I Berkeley High School Principal Selection Process

The Board received a report on the Principal Selection Process for Berkeley High School. ** See Item 2.2-I on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/10985651>

5.1-I Facilities Construction Financial Update

The Board received an update on the Facilities Construction Plan approved by the Board on March 10, 2010. The report includes all expenditures and income recorded in the BUSD accounting system as of March 20, 2010. ** (No Presentation)

5.2-I Proposed Bond Program Allocations

The Board received a recommendation of project

allocations to be contained in a new bond that would be on the November ballot, and gave feedback to staff. The Board and the administration have been discussing a new bond and a renewal of the current maintenance parcel tax. ** See Item 5.2-I on Vimeo.com: <http://www.vimeo.com/10996811>

Approval of Minutes:

The approved the minutes from February 24, 2010; March 3, 2010; March 10, 2010 and March 24, 2010. **

Complete information about these items is available for review in the April 14, 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

April 28, 2010

May 12, 2010

May 26, 2010

June 9, 2010

June 23, 2010

June 30, 2010 (Tentative)

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