

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 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 - excused
absence

John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk

Shirley Issel, Director

Nancy Riddle, Director

Valeria Gonzalez, Student Director – excused absence

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 Hemphill called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board considered the following student expulsions:

Student Case No. 0910-33-120195

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously to uphold expulsion through fall
2010

Student Case No. 0910-40-051999

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously to uphold stipulated
suspended expulsion through spring 2010

Student Case No. 0910-41-022499

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously to uphold stipulated suspended
expulsion through spring 2010

Student Case No. 0910-38-050892

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously to uphold stipulated suspended
expulsion through spring 2010

Student Case No. 0910-39-030593

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously to uphold stipulated suspended
expulsion through spring 2010

The Board discussed and gave staff direction regarding negotiations

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA of May 12, 2010

Item 5.3-I – This item will be moved before the Consent calendar for discussion

Director Riddle pulled Item 3.1-C and moved item 3.1-A to consent

Neil Smith provided the Board with an addendum to Item 4.3-C

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously to approve agenda as revised

Recognition

Jefferson and Oxford schools were recognized for recently being named 2010 California Distinguished schools

Teaching and Learning

Becca Todd, Library Coordinator discussed BUSD libraries: Common Threads and Specific Highlights

Public Testimony

Several speakers commented on the Kids in Motion after school program at John Muir

Peggy Scott and Marty Mertens had remarks about the new bell schedule at Berkeley High School

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Student Director Gonzalez announced that Lias Djili will be the new student director for 2010-11.

She also told the Board that the graduation ceremony this year will be student run with no adults speaking.

Vice President Leyva-Cutler, Student Director Gonzalez and Monica Tamayo recently visited Washington DC to attend a forum at the National Latino Institute.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huyett announced that he will be attending an event at Albany High School tomorrow at 7pm to talk about the effect of education cuts. He is meeting with West Ed on May 20 to discuss promise neighborhood grants. The Mayors Annual Awards are also on May 20. On May 26, the Transportation Department will host a reception from 4-6pm.

Item 5.3-I – John Muir Property Management

The Board received and discussed this informational item

APPROVE CONSENT

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously as amended

Item 3.1-C – Green Academy

On page 12, first paragraph, second sentence of board packet, second sentence: **However, a proposal cannot pass if all members present from any constituency vote against it**, should be deleted.

Director Selawsky requested that the Board look at all small school governance models to see if the 2/3 vote clause is contained within their bylaws.

Director Issel asked that we investigate and ensure that the bylaws of each smaller learning community are in line with the vision, mission and goals work as well for the Single Plan of the School Site Council, She also requested that this item be placed on the Board Policy Subcommittee agenda for review.

President Hemphill requested re-arrangement of the **Mission** portion:

- #3 - 1) to prepare students to understand and actively engage in creating an environmentally sustainable and socially just world;
- #1 - 2) to prepare students for college and green careers; and
- #2 - 3) to provide educational and career opportunities in science and math to all students, including those who have been historically underrepresented in these fields.

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously as revised

ACTION ITEM

2.1-A – Approval of Classified Layoffs

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1-I – Draft Language for a new bond

5.2-I – Draft Language for the renewal of the maintenance special tax

Both items discussed at length and received as information

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:56 pm

The Board provided direction to staff regarding recruitment of management employee

President Hemphill adjourned the meeting at 11:30 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

