

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:00 pm

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

President Hemphill convened the regular meeting at 7:43 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board considered Student Case No. 0910-49-121297

Issel/Riddle and approved on a vote of 4-1 to expel student through this semester with Director Selawsky voting NO

The Board voted to release a temporary certificated employee
Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

The Board also ratified a tentative agreement with BCCE
Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

The Board ratified a classified settlement agreement
Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously

The Board also received information on a variety of personnel issues

President Hemphill announced that the District hired two principals:
Alexander Hunt was appointed as principal of Malcolm X
Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously

Jeremy Paco Furlan was appointed as principal of Rosa Parks **Riddle/Issel** and approved unanimously

Approval of June 9, 2010 Agenda

Superintendent Huyett pulled the Martin Luther King site plans **ONLY** from Item 3.3-C – Approval of Each School’s Single Plan for Student Achievement.

NOTE: Berkeley High School’s plan were not included

President Hemphill pulled Items 3.6-C, 3.9-C and 4.2-C

President Hemphill re-ordered the agenda as follows:

Item 4.2-I – preliminary budget was moved to the top of agenda items, followed by 4.1-A – Budget Reductions and 3.1-A – REALM Charter school.

Discussion/approval of these items will follow the Union representatives’ reports.

Riddle/Selawsky and approved as revised

RECOGNITIONS

Allen King, Berkeley High School BSEP Site Committee chair, was recognized for his service to the District

Outgoing Student Director Valeria Gonzalez was recognized for her year of service on the Board of Education

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The bulk of speakers addressed the possible elimination of the King Middle School Vice President. There were also comments on Item 3.9-C Middle School Math Class Size Reduction and 3.1-A REALM Charter School

UNION REPORTS

Cheryl Chinn and Susan Hodge of UBA addressed cuts to administrative and clerical staff

BFT President Cathy Campbell spoke briefly about successful negotiations between the District and BTF, and then relinquished her remaining time to Allison Krakow who commented on middle school math reductions

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 4.2-I – Preliminary Budget

Deputy Superintendent Javetta Cleveland and Fiscal Manager Pauline Follansbee presented a PowerPoint report on the preliminary budget for 2010-

ACTION ITEMS

Item 4.1-A - Superintendent's Proposed Budget Reductions

Superintendent Huyett noted one change in the proposed budget reductions: Instead of using the safety grant to fund part of the cost for the Director of Student Services; that position has been changed to Manager of Student Services.

Director Issel commented that she cannot support these reductions. She believes that the change from Director to Manager of Student Services may be attributed to pressure from the Union. She firmly believes that we cannot achieve the goals set out in the 2020 vision if we do not have someone in this position that can coordinate ULSS.

Substitute Motion:

Direct staff to revise Superintendent's recommendation to make the Student Services position a Director rather than a Manager and to fund that out of safety money if feasible

Direct staff to prepare budget that does not provide General Fund money for the King Vice Principal but not to take vote on elimination of the position and give the King community the opportunity to determine if they can fund through their own resources

Hemphill/Issel and approved unanimously

Item 3.1-A – REALM Charter School Proposals

Leyva-Cutler/Issel

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Issel – aye

Selawsky – no

Riddle – aye

Leyva-Cutler -aye

Hemphill – aye -

VOTE 4-1 to approve REALM Charter School Proposals

4.1-I - Enrollment report

Accept as information

5.1-I – Facilities Update

Accept as information

10:50 PM Motion to extend past 11:00 until agenda is completed

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR as revised

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

PULLED ITEMS

Item 3.6-C

President Hemphill would like to see a work plan from the Parent Outreach office and how the plan articulates with the 18-month equity plan and the 2020 Vision priorities

Hemphill/Riddle and approved unanimously

Item 4.2-C – MOU/Emergency Medical Technician

Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously

Item 5.9-C – BAM Painting and Flooring

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

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 4.2-I – Preliminary Budget

Director Riddle is curious how the District's ADA seized by the charter school will be reflected in our budget

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 5.1-CF – Approve New Bond

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously

Item 5.2-CF – Approve Special Maintenance Tax

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

Comments from Vice President Leyva-Cutler

Director Leyva-Cutler would like the Board to write to the Governor opposing the elimination of child care programs. She also would like the Board to adopt a Resolution opposing Arizona's immigration laws

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Two speakers expressed opposition to the Board's decision to approve formation of a charter school in Berkeley

ADJOURNMENT

President Hemphill adjourned the meeting at 11:42

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

