

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, August 20, 2008
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 6:00 pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President
Nancy Riddle, Vice President
Karen Hemphill, Director - **excused absence**
Shirley Issel, Director
Joaquin J. Rivera, Director
Eve Shames, Student Director

Administration: Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Lisa Udell, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Prior to Closed Session, as necessary, staff/employee comments are taken per Government Code Section 54957. No one addressed the Board at this time.
Recessed to Closed Session (Government Code Sections 3549, 1(d), 54956.9(a) and 54957) and Education Code Section 49819(c)

President Selawsky called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0607-02-052591 – tabled until September 10, 2008

Student Case No. 0607-08-081493

Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote of 4-0 to readmit student and acknowledge progress on meeting all terms and conditions

Student Case No. 0607-58-050893

Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote of 4-0 to readmit after fulfillment of all terms

Student Case No. 0607-53-090292

Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote of 4-0 to deny readmission

Student Case No. 0708-23-111492

Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote to acknowledge eligibility and readmit under suspended expulsion

Grant CASHEE waiver for four students

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote of 4-0

Appointed Meredith Raymond as Program Supervisor of Special Education

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote of 4-0

The Board also discussed several personnel and negotiation matters
President Selawsky announced the Board will recess to closed session at the end of the Board meeting

President Selawsky conducted the swearing in of Eve Shames, Student Director for 2008-9

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Director Rivera pulled Item 1.1-C for discussion

Vice President Riddle pulled Item 2.3-C for questions

President Selawsky recused on Item 4.1-C, #7 and Item 4.6-C, both items pertain to the YMCA

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Teaching and Learning

Margaret Kirkpatrick, Principal, Berkeley Adult School and Vice Principals, Tom Orput and Joan Lehman reporting on Adult School Benchmarks

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Two speakers (Kristin Leimkuhler and Thomas Towey) addressed the Board on Item 5.1-I – Rehabilitation Option for West Campus

Pastor Michael McBride thanked the Superintendent and Board for their support at B-Tech

UNION REPORTS

Cathy Campbell from BFT discussed the special education expenditures included in tonight's agenda

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett welcomed new Student Director, Eve Shames. He announced that kindergarten enrollment has increased, with four more classes than last year. He also commented on the successful all-day workshops with administrators and principals.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 1.1-C – Resolution in Opposition to Proposition 8

Director Rivera proposed and added changes in the language of this proposition.

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 2.3-C – Approval of TSA Position

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

Item 2.1-A – Declaration of Need

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 5.1-A – Free Use of Facilities for Berkeley Community Media

Selawsky/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote to table item until more information is gathered

Item 5.2-A – Schematic Design – South of Bancroft

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – BHS WASC Report

Item 3.2-I – Adult School Benchmarks

Item 3.3-I – Williams Complaints

Item 5.1-I – Rehabilitation Option for West Campus

Item 5.2-I – Facilities Updates

Approval of Minutes

June 11, 2008 – revisions

June 18, 2008

August 11, 2008

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

Minutes of June 25, 2008 to be brought back on September 10, 2008 Board Agenda

Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:22 p.m.

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed personnel matters and negotiations. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 11pm.

John T. Selawsky, President

William Huyett, Secretary/Clerk

