

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2008
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:00 pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President

Nancy Riddle, Vice President

Karen Hemphill, Director

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 reconvened the meeting to order at 7:54 pm.

Report on Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0708-09-012191 –

Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote of 4-1 with Director Issel voting NO to readmit student

Student Case No. 0506-10-082091

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to readmit student

Student Case No. 0607-02-052591

Issel/Hemphill and approved on voice vote of 4-1 to readmit student with Director Rivera voting NO

Student Case No. 0708-17-022094

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to readmit student

Student Case No. 0607-07-080891 was pulled

The Board approved the following claims:

09-01 – Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to settle claim
09-02 - Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to settle claim
08-63613 - Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to settle claim
08-18 – Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to settle claim
08-25 – Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to settle claim

The Board approved a request for change of teacher leave status
Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote of 4-0 with Director Riddle abstaining

The Board also discussed personnel matters and facilities surplus property with no action taken.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Director Hemphill requested that Item 3.1-C – BAS Course Approval be pulled for discussion

Riddle/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

RECOGNITION

Recognition certificates were presented to Berkeley High art teacher Kimberley D’Adamo and King Middle School drama teacher Richard Silberg. Both were Artist/Art Teacher Fellowship recipients.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Suzanne McCulloch, Program Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts and music teacher Karen Wells presented: Music In Our Schools.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Five community members discussed Item 5.3-A – Approval of a Plan to Sell Hillside facility

Thomas Kelley from Kyoto USA made comments

Seven members from the two classified unions spoke on various issues of concern

UNION REPORTS

Tim Donnelly from BCCE

Cathy Campbell from BFT talked about its support for the classified unions

Board Members’ Reports

Board members’ had comments

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Huyett shared several comments with the Board and the community. He discussed the API test scores and congratulated our schools for their hard work. He announced that 90 new teachers had been hired this year and 17 administrators. He commented on the continuing good work taking place on the 2020 vision in partnership with the Berkeley Alliance.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Information Item

Item 3.1-I – Accountability Report
Presented by Rebecca Cheung

Action Item

Item 5.3-A – Approval of a Plan to Sell Hillside Property
Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve recommendation to sell property and take steps outlined

Item 3.1-C – BAS Course Approval

Hemphill/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

4.1-A – Unaudited Actuals

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

4.2-A – Approval of Gann Limit

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

5.1-A – Approval of Proposed Facilities Plan Modifications

Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote of 4-0 with Director Riddle recusing to accept plan except for \$500,000 slated for future initiatives

10:58 PM

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to extend meeting until 11:30pm

5.2-A – Approval of a Resolution to Exempt the West Campus Project from City Zoning Ordinances

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

1.1-CF – Board Bylaws, Policies and Administrative Regulations

Approved for First Reading

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.2-I – Enrollment Report

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of July 18, 2008

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

Minutes of August 20, 2008

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm

John T. Selawsky, President

William Huyett, Secretary/Clerk

