

# BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 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 7:44 pm.

### Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed existing and anticipated litigation with no action taken.

The Board considered the following liability claims:

No. 08-32

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to reject claim

No. 08-33

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to reject claim

No. 08-34

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to reject claim

No. 09-03

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to reject claim

No. 09-04

**Issel/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote to tentatively approve claim pending further research by staff

No. 09-05

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to reject claim

The Board considered a CAHSEE Waiver

**Rivera/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve CAHSEE waiver

**Issel/Hemphill** and approved unanimously on voice vote to increase Local 21's compensation under in its 2007-08 contract

**Rivera/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote to increase confidential employees compensation under in its 2007-08 contract

President Selawsky noted that page 1 of Item 2.1-C has been revised.

#### **APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Director Hemphill requested that items 3.2-C, 4.5-C and 5.1-C be pulled

**Rivera/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

#### **RECOGNITION**

Staff from King Child Development and Franklin Preschool were recognized for their hard work and dedicated to Berkeley Unified's youngest students.

#### **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Principal Cheryl Chinn along with Ellen Bernstein and Pamela Harris presented a report on how Malcolm X is working to close the achievement gap.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

There was testimony from Amy Roth, Terry Powell and Donna Corbeil, all representing Friends of Berkeley Public Library and a request for support and endorsement of Measure FF, a bond measure that would be used to upgrade four branch libraries in Berkeley.

#### **UNION REPORT**

Cathy Campbell of BFT had comments about teacher evaluations.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Board members had comments

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Huyett had "mark your calendar" dates for the ribbon cutting ceremony on October 7 for Franklin Preschool and November 1 for King Dining Commons.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 3.2-C – Approval of Mentor Grant Proposals for Small Schools at BHS

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote

**ACTION ITEM**

**8:30pm**

Open Public Hearing on Item 3.1-A – Resolution for K-12 Textbooks and Instructional Materials

**8:30 pm** – Close Public Hearing

Item 3.1-A - Resolution for K-12 Textbooks and Instructional Materials

**Rivera/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 4.5-C – Approval of Authorization to Increase Contract with Robert Half International

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 5.1-C

**Hemphill/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

**ACTION ITEMS**

Item 1.1-A – Approval of Board Policies and Bylaws

**Issel/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

Item 4.1-A – Approval to Transfer Fund Balances in BSEP Funds

**Rivera/Issel** and the following voice vote was taken:

Rivera – aye

Riddle, Hemphill and Selawsky – no

Issel – abstained

**Motion failed**

Item 5.1-A – Sale of Sixth Street Facility

**Issel/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Item 3.1-I -ULSS

Presentation by Dr. Lisa Warhuus, BUSD’s Office of Community Partnerships and Tracey Schear from the Berkeley Alliance

Item 5.1-I – BB Financial Report

Item 5.2-I – Maintenance and Measure BB Update

Item 5.3-I – Facilities Plan Update

Item 5.4-I – Facilities Construction Financial Update

**ADJOURNMENT at 9:58pm**

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**John T. Selawsky, President**

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**William Huyett, Secretary/Clerk**

