

# BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2008  
Berkeley Unified School District  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley CA 94704

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

### Roll Call 6:45 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 7:45 pm.

### Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed the following student expulsions:

Student Case No. 0809-05-070695

**Riddle/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote to expel student for this semester and the following semester

Student Case No. 0809-03-100294

**Riddle/Issel** and approved on a vote of 4-1 with a NO vote from Director Hemphill to accept stipulated expulsion

The Board considered the following claims:

Claim No. 2006047891

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to accept settlement

Claim No. 2004028515

**Hemphill/Riddle** and approved on vote of 4-1 to accept settlement, Director Issel abstained

**Hemphill/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote to increase the salary of the Deputy Superintendent's salary by 1% and an increase of three (3)

vacation days. The Board also approved increases for the two Assistant Superintendent's of 1% and extended the contract for one year for Assistant Superintendent Udell

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

**Riddle/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote  
Director Rivera requested Item 5.4-C be pulled for a question

#### **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Maggie Riddle, Principal of Jefferson Elementary School discussed the school's work in narrowing the achievement gap. She was joined by Mary Casdon, Special Education teacher and ULSS Coordinator and Laurie Stiles, Literary Coach.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

#### **UNION REPORT**

Cathy Campbell of BFT commented on the status of union grievances.

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

Board members provided updates

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

Superintendent Huyett attended the dedication ceremony opening of King Dining Commons. He discussed the planning currently being done by the Equity team. He also bore less than positive news about the Governor's mid-year cuts.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Item 5.4-C

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Item 3.1-A – Stagebridge Grant

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

#### **CONFERENCE ITEM**

1.1-CF – Board Policies

**Rivera/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote for First Reading

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Item 3.1-I – Williams Complaint

Item 5.1-I – Pool Task Force

Item 5.2-I – Facilities Plan Update

All reports received as information

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:49 pm.**

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William Huyett, Secretary  
Board of Education