

# BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Minutes, Special Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 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 –  
**excused absence**

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)

### INFORMATION ITEM

1.1-I – Merit Commission and Board of Education

The Board met with the Merit Commission members to discuss their duties and responsibilities

President Selawsky reconvened the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

### Report on Closed Session Actions

None

### APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were three speakers from the community who commented on the BHS Re-Design plan.

### UNION REPORT

Cathy Campbell of BFT talked about teachers' involvement in the efforts to close the achievement gap.

Paula Phillips, representing BCCE, remarked on the intertwining roles and duties of the Merit Commission and the Board of Education.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Board members had parting remarks and well wishes for outgoing Director Joaquin Rivera.

President Selawsky declared November 25, 2008 as Joaquin J. Rivera Day in the District.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Huyett acknowledged Director Rivera's 12-year commitment to the Board of Education.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

President Selawsky read a Resolution Honoring Outgoing Director Rivera and presented him with a plaque acknowledging his service to the District.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7:45 pm**

4.1-I

Open Public Hearing on AB 1200 – Public Disclosure

**7:46 pm**

Close Public Hearing on AB1200

4.1-I

Received for information

3.1-I – 2020 Vision

A panel consisting of district staff and agency members discussed the plan to narrow the achievement gap in Berkeley schools.

3.2-I – BHS Grant

Principal Slep discussed the Smaller Learning Community Grant

**11:00 pm**

**Selawsky/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to extend meeting indefinitely.

### **Extended Public Testimony**

Wanda Stewart      Mary McDonald

**ADJOURNMENT at 11: 37pm**

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William Huyett, Secretary

Board of Education