

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2008
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

ADOPTED MINUTES

Roll Call 5:30 pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President
Nancy Riddle, Vice President
Karen Hemphill, Director – **excused absence**
Shirley Issel, Director
Joaquin J. Rivera, Director
Rio Bauce, Student Director – **excused absence**

Prior to Closed Session, as necessary, staff/employee comments are taken per Government Code Section 54957. No one addressed the Board at this time.

Recess 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 7:44 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board briefly discussed pending litigation. With regard to student case no. 0607-59-072792, the Board voted 4-0 to readmit student to district. On student case no. 0607-59-110190, the board requested further information before making a decision; they will review at January 23 meeting.

The board also discussed collective bargaining, public employee matters and personnel issues with no action taken.

The board rejected seven claims, nos. 08-08 through 08-14.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Items 1.1-C through 1.3-C were pulled for discussion. Director Issel requested Item 3.2-C be pulled for questions and Director Rivera asked that Item 3.1-A be moved to Consent Calendar.

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Teaching and Learning Presentation

Principal Jesse Ramos of Thousand Oaks Elementary School discussed meeting the needs of Spanish speaking English learners.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were several speakers who commented on Item 2.1-CF – Classification Study. Bebo Turman, Eric Weaver and Julie Sinai remarked on Item 3.3-I – Nutrition Services presentation.

UNION REPORTS

Tim Mull of Local 21 had comments about the classification study as did Tim Donnelly representing BCCE. BFT President Cathy Campbell discussed the facilities plan with regard to BHS and employee evaluations.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence announced that the January 16 board meeting will be a presentation on district data. She reported that the new superintendent, Bill Huyett, will begin on February 4.

BOARD MEMBERS

Board members shared comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

ACTION ITEMS

Item 2.1-A – Market Survey

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 2.2-A – Classification Job Descriptions

Rivera/Riddle and approved on voice vote of 3-0 (Director Riddle not present for vote)

Item 3.2-A – ULSS Guidelines

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – Facilities Financial Plan

The Board approved the following recommendations relative to recommended budget changes:

No. 1 – Longfellow Annex schematic

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

No. 2a – Increase classrooms at BHS

Rivera/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

No. 2b – Design phase of BHS South of Bancroft

Selawsky/Rivera and approved on voice vote of 3-1 with Director Issel abstaining

No. 2c – Analyze G/C Bridge

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

No. 4a – Schematic of new maintenance facility

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

No. 5 – Small wares for King Dining Commons

Selawsky/Rivera to approve – Riddle Abstained – Issel No – motion failed

No. 6 – Adjust inflation budget

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Rivera/Issel to extend meeting until midnight

Item 4.2-A – West Campus Schematic Deign

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 1.1-CF – Board Policies 5030, 5030.1, 5030.2, and 5030.4

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote for first reading

Item 2.1-CF – Classification Study

No action taken

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 2.1.I – Employee Evaluation

Board requested staff to revisit this item with a plan to remedy dismal results

Item 3.1-I – ADA

Item 3.2-I – School Linked Health Services

Report by Lisa Warhuus and Kate Graves

Item 3.3-I – Nutrition Services

Presentation by Ann Cooper, Director of Nutrition Services

Item 4.1-I – First Interim

This item to be brought back at a later date

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of December 8, 2007

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Minutes of December 12, 2007

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

ADJOURNMENT

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 11:53 pm.

John T. Selawsky, President

Michele Lawrence, Secretary/Clerk

