

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 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
Rio Bauce, Student Director - **absent**

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.

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 6:00 pm and listed to public comment from parent regarding closed session item and recessed to Closed Session at 6:11 pm. **The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:42 pm.**

Report on Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0708-22-111492 –

Rivera/Riddle and approved on voice vote of 4-1 with President Selawsky opposed to a suspended expulsion for this and the following semester

Student Case No. 0708-22-082992

Hemphill/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote for a suspended expulsion for this and the following semester

Student Case No. 0708-20-061093

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

Student Case No. A0708-17-060090

Rivera/Riddle and on a vote of 3-2 with Directors Issel and Hemphill opposing to reject admission to BUSD

The Board discussed the following workers' compensation claims:

Claim No. 2005040265

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote to accept settlement

Claim No. 2004027275

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to accept settlement

Claim No. 2006053130

Hemphill/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote to accept settlement

The Board voted on a property/liability claim No. 08-18

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to reject claim

The Board discussed, without taking action, BCCE and BFT negotiations

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda, pulling Consent items 4.1-C, Approval of Contracts and Purchase Orders (Issel); Item 4.2-C, Approval of Authorization to Increase Contract with Robert Half International (Hemphill) and Item 4.3-C, Approval to Hire Independent Contractor Dr. Karres (Issel) for further discussion

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Recognition of Eighth Grade Cal Scholars working with Stiles Hall

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Not presented. Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Neil Smith, made a brief presentation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Several speakers commented on a variety of issues

UNION REPORTS

None

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members made comments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett discussed his attendance at the recent 2 x 2 meeting and their work around the 2020 vision. In conjunction with the City, he is forming a workgroup that will present a call to action addressing the achievement gap.

He thanked everyone for their support in lobbying the Governor for preservation of Proposition 98 funds; however, he noted that the revenue from 98 is much lower than anticipated.

He acknowledged the comments from the public in response to the reduction in Independent Study Coordinator, Evelyn Bradley's position.

Superintendent Huyett remarked that he has attended at least ten faculty meetings where the achievement gap and budget reductions were discussed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

Item 4.1-C – Contracts

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.2-C - Approval of Contract

Hemphill/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.3-C – Approval to Hire

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEM

Item 3.1-A – Approval of School Safety Plans

Issel/Rivera and approved on voice vote of 4-1 with Vice President Riddle abstaining to approve Safety Plans for K-8 only; Berkeley High School and Berkeley Technology Academy plans will be presented for approval at a later date

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I – Consent Decree Quarterly Report

3.2-I – Small Schools Report

3.3-I – Williams Quarterly Report

3.4-I – Monthly Enrollment and ADA

4.1-I – Superintendent’s Proposed Budget Reductions

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by President Selawsky at 11:17 pm

John T. Selawsky, President

William Huyett, Secretary/Clerk

