

**Berkeley Unified School District  
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**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEETING AGENDA\***

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Call to Order           The Presiding Officer will call the Meeting to Order at **7:00 pm**, recess to Closed Session at **7:05 p.m.** and reconvene in Public Session by **7:30 p.m.**

Roll Call

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President  
Nancy Riddle, Vice President  
Joaquin J. Rivera  
Karen Hemphill  
Shirley Issel  
Rio Bauce \*\* - 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

Recess to Closed Session (Government Code Sections 3549, 1(d), 54956.9(a) and 54957) and Education Code Section 49819(c)

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation/Anticipated
- b) Consideration of Student Expulsions
- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal /Release/Evaluation  
**Certificated Employee**
- e) Public Employment /Appointment
- f) Liability Claims
- g) Property Acquisition

\* Board agenda posted on District website: [www.berkeley.k12.ca.us](http://www.berkeley.k12.ca.us)

\*\* The Student Director does not attend Closed Session

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## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Report Closed Session actions

Approve Special Board Meeting Agenda of June 18, 2008

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Persons wishing to address the Board should fill out a card located on the table by the door and submit the completed card to the Board Recorder. Speakers will be selected by lottery. The Public Testimony is limited to 30 minutes – 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers with the same concerns are encouraged to select a spokesperson to address the Board.

Union Representatives' Reports

Board Members' Reports

Superintendent's Report

### **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

These items are considered routine and may be enacted by a single motion. Any items needing discussion may be moved to the appropriate section of the agenda upon the request of any member of the Board.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

These items are presented for action at this time. Some may have been reviewed at a previous meeting.

#### **Business Services**

4.1-A  
Acceptance of Audit Reports

#### Staff Recommendation:

Review and accept audit reports for the Measure BB of 2000, Measure B of 2004 and Measure B of 1994  
**(under separate cover)**

#### **Facilities Services:**

#### **8:00 pm**

5.1-A  
Approval of Schematic Design for West Campus

#### Staff Recommendation:

Approve schematic design for a modular option for West Campus and authorize staff to design a rehabilitation option

**CONFERENCE ITEMS**

These items are submitted for advance planning and to assist the Board in establishing future agenda items. The Board may, however, take action.

**Educational Services**

3.1-CF  
Adoption of two new Textbooks for Spanish and Mandarin courses at Berkeley High

Staff Recommendation:  
Receive Integrated Chinese, Level 1, Part 2 and IMAGINA: español sin barreras for adoption consideration.

**7:45 pm**  
3.2-CF  
Approval of King Middle School Grading System Revisions

Staff Recommendation:  
Approve proposal to revise grading system at King Middle School

**Business Services**

4.1-CF  
2008-09 Preliminary Budget

Staff Recommendation:  
Review Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09 (**under separate cover**)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

These items are intended to keep the Board informed on various District business matters, which do not require action, by the Board.

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2008 Board of Education Meeting Dates**

June 25 August 20 September 10 September 24	October 22 October 29 November 12 December 10 - <b>organizational</b>
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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Guidelines for Speakers

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**WHEN YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT AN AGENDA ITEM OR A NON-AGENDA ITEM:** Please fill in a **REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CARD** and give it to the Board Secretary. Speakers will be selected by lottery. Your card must be submitted before the Presiding Officer calls for **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**.

You will be called to speak by the Presiding Officer. A Speaker has three minutes in which to make his/her remarks.

Any subject related to the District or its educational programs is welcome at the Board of Education Meetings. **However, we respectfully ask that matters pertaining to individual employees of the Berkeley Unified School District be discussed in private. There is an established procedure for making such complaints.** You may obtain information about this procedure from a school or from the Superintendent's Office.

## **MISSION AND GOALS OF THE BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Berkeley Unified School District, a diverse community deeply committed to public education, is to ensure that all students discover and develop their special talents, achieve their educational and career goals, become life long learners, and succeed in a rapidly changing society by:

- empowering students, parents and staff,
- providing a strong standards based curriculum, and
- offering alternative learning experiences in a racially integrated, multilingual environment.

### **VISION**

Berkeley Unified School District creates a system that enables every student, including those with diverse needs, to meet or exceed rigorous standards for academic performance. All students will develop the attitudes, skills and habits of mind needed to succeed in and beyond the classroom. The members of this school community share a vision of educational excellence, an appreciation for the partnerships with local government agencies, community based organizations, businesses, institutions of higher education and will work collaboratively to realize this vision.

### **PERFORMANCE GOALS**

- 1. Increase the academic achievement of all students through effective instruction and a challenging and engaging curriculum**
- 2. Implement interventions that address barriers to student learning in order to meet the needs of the whole child**
- 3. Establish and maintain the culture and governance necessary to support an environment conducive to learning**

## **BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**TO:** William Huyett, Superintendent  
**FROM:** Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent  
**DATE:** June 18, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Independent Audit Report for Fiscal Years ending 2006 and 2007 for Measure B of 1994, Measure B of 2004 and Measure BB of 2000

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The District commissioned Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, to audit Measure B of 1994, Measure B of 2004, and Measure BB of 2000 for tax years ending 2006 and 2007. These reports are now being presented to the Board for review under separate cover. Copies are available for public review in Superintendent's office.

### **POLICY/CODE**

Education Code Section 14500, 14502 and 14504 ET seq.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Review and accept the Audit Report and Financial Statements for Measure B of 1994, Measure B of 2004 and Measure BB of 2000 as presented by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP.

## **BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**TO:** William Huyett, Superintendent  
**FROM:** Lew Jones, Director of Facilities  
**DATE:** June 18, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Approve the Schematic Design for the Modular Option for West Campus and Authorize Staff to Design a Rehabilitation Option

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Board approved a schematic design of a modular project for West Campus on January 9, 2008. The new Superintendent began his tenure in Berkeley in February and requested that certain ideas be re-examined. A number of the proposed designs and programming concepts were modified. A new design was developed based upon the revised program. The design and proposed program information is attached to this cover memo. This proposed project is designated as the West Campus Modular Option.

On May 29, 2008, a Community Meeting was held at West Campus to explain the plan. Many in the community oppose a modular project. The overwhelming sentiment expressed by community members was an interest in a rehabilitation option. Under that approach, the Bonar Street (former main classroom) building would be retrofitted. The Superintendent agreed to review a conceptual cost of the retrofit option to see if it was feasible.

The District explored a retrofit and new option in 2006. The design developed at that time contained a larger program than the current program. The District developed a conceptual estimate for that program. The estimate included a cost for retrofitting the Bonar building, retrofitting the auditorium building, demolishing a number of buildings and developing the site. The proposal was substantially over budget. Staff updated the estimate for inflation to retrofit the Bonar Street building only. There has been no revised design effort to fit the current program into the Bonar Street building.

Tonight we are requesting two actions: approval of a modular option and authority to pursue a rehabilitation option. Baker/Vilar Architects will present the modular option.

The current construction budget for the project is \$8.3 million (allocation as of January 1, 2008). The Board approved plan of January 9<sup>th</sup> was estimated to cost \$8,249,000. The current modular plan detailed in this document is estimated to cost between \$10,000,000 and \$10,500,000. A rehabilitation option is not as fully developed as these two plans, however, based on the previous design effort, we believe that the cost to retrofit the Bonar building and to resurface the current parking lot will cost approximately \$10,700,000.

More detailed design will be needed to refine these figures.

Staff will plan to develop the rehabilitation option using the program embodied in the modular plan. The Bonar Street building has substantially more square footage than the modular plan. However, some of the space in this three-story building must be dedicated to stairways and other circulation. Still, even with this need, we currently guess that there may be 4,500-6,000 additional square feet of unprogrammed space. Some have suggested that we leave this space as “undeveloped”. We do not think that is a good choice; we think the space should be fully finished. If the recommendation to design the rehabilitation scheme is approved, we will consider adding Adult School classrooms and/or food service administrative personnel and storage to the program.

To provide the Board with additional options, we will also explore two alternates to a rehabilitation scheme. One alternate will be a minimal retrofit to the cafeteria building to be able to house Board Meetings. A second alternate would be to provide a small amount of landscaping in the current parking lot area and possibly at the Bonar entry.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, there is a second Community Meeting planned. Staff plans to present the recommendation contained in this report to that group.

Construction cost is not the same as project cost. Generally, design costs are higher for a retrofit option and the construction contingency is doubled for a rehabilitation project. These adjustments will be presented at the conclusion of the schematic design. If approved by the Board, our goal is to present a rehabilitation scheme on August 20<sup>th</sup> and ask the Board to decide on a modular option or a rehabilitation option at that time.

### **POLICY/CODE**

Board review of major construction projects.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Cost to be paid from the Bond Funds. Development of a schematic design of a rehabilitation option is likely to cost approximately \$50,000. Costs will be for BUSD staff time and for the architect and their team. The Board has previously approved Baker Vilar Architects to design this project and there is sufficient authority remaining to authorize this effort.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the modular option for West Campus. Approve staff to develop a rehabilitation option for the Bonar Street building. Return to the Board when the rehabilitation option is developed so the Board can direct staff on next steps.