

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 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
Shirley Issel, Director
Joaquin J. Rivera, Director
Rio Bauce, Student Director – **excused absence**

Administration: Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Javetta Robinson, 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 7:44 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board considered two student expulsions matters:

Student Case No. 0607-24-110190

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to readmit to District Student Case No. 0708-09-012191

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

The Board also discussed contract renewals for:

Assistant Superintendent Neil Smith and extended contract for one year

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Udell and extended contract for one year

Rivera/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

The Board discussed contract of Superintendent William Huyett and finalized details. His official start date is February 4, 2008.

The Board reviewed several liability claims:

Claim No. 08-15

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

Claim No. 05-43025

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve settlement and release

Claim No. 07-0037 – no action was taken, matter tabled until February 13, 2008 meeting.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Item 1.1-C (Schedule of Board meetings); Item 3.2-C (MOU with Faith Network) and Item 4.4-C (Budget Development Calendar) were pulled. Superintendent Lawrence ratified a field trip for BHS that did not make the agenda.

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

Teaching and Learning Presentation

Becca Todd, District Library Coordinator, presented a Powerpoint presentation on Ubiquitous Library Access for all.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Margit Roos-Collins updated the board on the District's recycling efforts

Another community member addressed the Board on the use of the BHS field

UNION REPORTS

None

Superintendent's Report

BOARD MEMBERS

Board members shared comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

Item 1.1-C – Revised Board Meeting Schedule for 2008

Riddle cannot attend October 15, 2008 meeting; October meeting dates changed to October 22 and 29

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.2-C – MOU with Faith Network

Questions regarding fiscal impact not included in this item – other questions on reimbursement of volunteers, availability of personal info to outside organizations

Rivera/Issel for discussion

Rivera/Issel to table and approved unanimously on voice vote until a later date

Item 4.4-C – Budget Development Calendar

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

Public Hearing on Item 3.1-A – CAHSEE Apportionment Waiver

Rivera/Riddle to open public hearing

Rivera/Riddle to close public hearing

Public Hearing on Item 1.1-A – Appointment to Merit Commission

Rivera/Riddle to open public hearing

Rivera/Riddle to close public hearing

Item 1.1-A – Final Appointment to Merit Commission

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to appoint Dan Lee to Merit Commission

Public Hearing on Item 2.1-A – Local 39

Rivera/Riddle to open public hearing

Issel/Riddle to close public hearing

Item 2.1-A –

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 1.2-A – Approval of Board Policies

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.1-A – CAHSEE Waiver

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.2-A – Proposal and Reorganization of EDC and LEARNS

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – Independent Audit

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.2-A – Budget Adjustment

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on a vote of 4-0 – Director Hemphill not seated for vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1.1-I – Board Appointments - - several revisions/changes made to Board appointments

Item 3.1-I – ADA

Item 3.2-I – Student Assignment – Principal Slempp will attend the next Board meeting and give a direct report on this subject. Director Rivera noted that the middle and high schools did not seem to be doing as good a job in maintaining the diversity that we are seeing in the elementary schools.

Item 3.3-I – Consent Decree – noted that two goals from 2006 had not materialized

Item 4.1-I – Facilities Update

Item 4.2I – Governor’s Budget

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of 12-18-07

Rivera/Riddle Approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

Minutes of 12-19-07

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote with Director Hemphill abstaining

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

ADJOURNMENT

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 10:40

John T. Selawsky, President

Michele Lawrence, Secretary/Clerk

