

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

ADOPTED MINUTES

Roll Call 6:00 pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President
Nancy Riddle, Vice President – **excused absence**
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.

Public Comment

The Board received comment from a parent.

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 7:45 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed a student expulsion with no action taken.

The Board also discussed pending litigation with no action taken.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Director Issel requested Item 3.2-C – Discretionary Block Grant Fund be pulled for discussion

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

Recognition

Superintendent Huyett acknowledged the Berkeley High School girls' basketball team for their outstanding achievement. Each player and coaches were presented with an award certificate.

Teaching and Learning Presentation

Janet Levenson, Principal of Oxford Elementary, Judy Appel and Karen Shannon discussed the evolution of diversity at Oxford Elementary School.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Two speakers commented on Item 5.1-A – Approval of Recommendation of Surplus Committee

UNION REPORTS

None

Board Members' Report

Director Hemphill appointed Dennis Nielsen to the Facilities and Construction Committee.

President Selawsky reminded everyone that BFT is holding a rally on April 9 to protest the Governor's budget cuts.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huyett shared highlights of the past week. He attended a PASS meeting (Parent of Academically Successful Students) and was impressed with the committee and its goals. He also attended a Mayors' Roundtable in Sacramento where the discussion was on the high school dropout rate. He spent time at Thousand Oaks where honoring Cesar Chavez was the focus.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

Item 3.2-C – Approval of Discretionary Block Funds

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to table until April 9 or later

ACTION ITEMS

Item 5.1-A – Approval of Surplus Committee Recommendation

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – Enrollment

Item 3.2-I – WASC Mid Term Report – presentation by Principal Jim Slemph, Vice Principal Maggie Heredia Peltz and Aaron Glimme

Item 3.3-I – College Entrance Requirements – IB Courses

Item 4.1-I – Budget Cuts – presentation by Deputy Superintendent Javetta Robinson-Cleveland

Item 5.1-I – Monthly Facilities Plan Update

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes of 3-26-08

Rivera/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:17 pm.

Student Case No. A0708-01-060495

Issel/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote to admit student to the District

The Board also discussed negotiations, personnel matters and existing or possible litigation. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President John T. Selawsky at 11:20 p.m.

John T. Selawsky, President

William Huyett, Secretary/Clerk

