

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2008
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

UNOFFICIAL 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

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 7:32 pm

Report on Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0708-18-030393

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

The Board voted to reassign two principals to vice principal positions

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

The Board also discussed anticipated litigation, personnel matters and negotiations with no action taken

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Director Hemphill pulled Item 3.3-C - Approval of One Time Money Site Grants; Item 3.4-C - Approval of Non-Public School Placements; Item 4.2-C - Approval of Increase in Contracts; and Item 4.6-C - Approval of Plan for Copier contract for discussion

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Board recognized seven teachers who have earned National Board Certification as teachers: Ian Bleakney, Jacob Disston, Kathleen Giustino, Nancy King, David Stephens and Marlo Warburton

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Principal Jason Lustig of King Middle School and teachers discussed Improving Communication and Learning through a New Grading System

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Several speakers commented on the warm water pool and the Resolution opposing the California Department of Agriculture Aerial Spray Program to Eradicate the Light Brown Apple Moth

UNION REPORTS

Cathy Campbell of BFT discussed teacher issues
Tim Donnelly from BCCE discussed the issue of temps assigned to classified positions

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Board made remarks

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett recognized his staff in honor of Administrative Professionals' Day. He also discussed the multi-subject teachers who have been rescinded from layoff status and commented that the district is working to minimize layoffs for both certificated and classified employees. He talked about the ongoing work taking place to narrow the achievement gap adding that a report will be presented to the Board in the future.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

PULLED ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.3-C – Approval of One Time Site Money Grants

Rivera/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.4-C – Non-Public School Placements

Rivera/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.2-C – Approval of Increase in Contracts

Hemphill/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.6-C – Approval of RFP for Copier Contract

Hemphill/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

8:17 pm – Open Public Hearing on Item 2.1-A – UBA Proposal

8:18 pm – Close Public Hearing

Item 2.1-A – UBA Proposal

Riddle/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve the request to negotiate

8:19 pm – Open Public Hearing on Item 2.2-A – Local 21 Proposal

8:19 pm – Close Public Hearing

Item 2.2-A – Local 21 Proposal

Hemphill/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve the request to negotiate

Item 2.3-A – Resolution for Elimination of Classified Positions

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.1-A - BSEP Planning and SGC Bylaws

Issel/Riddle to approve P&O Bylaws – **Director Issel dropped original motion Substitute motion:**

Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote to approve sections 1-28 of P&O Bylaws

Rivera/Issel and approved on voice vote on voice vote of 3-2 to approve parity model of School Governance Council Bylaws parity model:

VOTES:

AYES: Rivera, Issel and Selawsky

NOES: Hemphill, Riddle

ADVOCACY: Bause

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote to approve School Governance Council Bylaws including parity model

Director Hemphill added language on page 93, second sentence, line 4:

While the School Governance Council may not in every case include members representing each group comprising the school committee, the elected members must consider the needs of the various school groups and individuals, and demonstrate the means by which the needs of all children are considered in the development and implementation of the single plan for student achievement.

Director Issel asked that language on page 91, fourth paragraph of the packet be modified to read: . . . **major responsibility the monitoring, ~~implementation and evaluation~~ . . .**

Item 3.2-A – BSEP Committee Recommendation for Class Size Reduction

Riddle/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – Reorganization of Nutrition Services

Issel/Rivera and approved on vote of 4-0 with Director Riddle recusing

Item 5.1-A – South of Bancroft

Rivera/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 5.2-A – Approval of Longfellow schematic
Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 5.3-A – Approval of Facilities Plan
Rivera/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – SNOR

Item 3.2-I – R-30 Language Census

Item 5.1-I – Facilities Plan update

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2008
Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Brief additional comments on warm water pool

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President John T. Selawsky at 10:42 p.m.

John T. Selawsky, President

William Huyett, Secretary/Clerk

