

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2008
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:45 pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President

Nancy Riddle, Vice President

Karen Hemphill, Director

Shirley Issel, Director

Joaquin J. Rivera, Director

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

President Selawsky reconvened the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed the following student expulsion:

Student Case No. 0809-06-082592 –

Riddle/Issel with 4-1 vote with Director Rivera voting no – approved suspended expulsion for two semesters with specified placement

The Board also approved a 1% increase in pay and three (3) additional vacation days for the Director of Fiscal Services.

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

The Board briefly discussed collective bargaining

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Items pulled:

2.2-C Agreement with Chapman University

4.4-C – Disposal of Surplus Vehicle

4.6-C – Approval of Master Agreement for Public Schools

President Selawsky recused himself from Item 4.1-C, #7 – Contracts

1.1-A - Approval of Board policies was moved to Consent

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

RECOGNITION

The Board presented certificate of recognitions to representatives of Bayer Healthcare for their support of science in the Berkeley Schools.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Early Childhood Principal LaSonya McCain, and teachers Dale Long and Louis Rosenkrantz explained their efforts to adopt the District's 2020 Vision.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

UNION REPORT

Cathy Campbell of BFT commented on the status of union grievances.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members shared remarks

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huyett expressed his thoughts about the historical election of Senator Obama as President of the United States. He also congratulated Beatriz Leyva-Cutler on her election to the school board. He thanked outgoing Board President John Selawsky and thanked Director Joaquin Rivera for his service and commitment to the District.

Superintendent Huyett discussed budget concerns and how the District proposes to implement cost cutting measures.

The 2020 Task Force is meeting on Friday. The Task Force is working on the definition of equity and preparing an outline of a plan with indicators for success. It will be presented to Board at the next meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Hemphill/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote as revised

Item 2.2-C

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

4.4-C – Disposal of Surplus Vehicle

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

4.6-C – Approval of Master Agreement for Public Schools

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEM

Item 1.2-A – Annual Plan for Expenditure of BSEP/Measure A Funds

Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEM

Item 1.1-CF – Proposed Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote for First Reading

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – Data Report on Student Achievement presented by Rebecca
Cheung, Director of Evaluation and Assessment

Item 3.2-I – Class Size Report
Presented by Francisco Martinez

President Selawsky appointed Director Hemphill to serve on 2020 Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT at 10:41pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk

