

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Organizational and Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 6:00 pm

Members Present:

Nancy Riddle, President
Karen Hemphill, Vice President
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director
Shirley Issel, Director
John T. Selawsky, Director and Clerk
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 7:43 pm.

Report on Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0809-10-022196

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote to expel for the next two semesters

Student Case No. 0809-09-042295

Issel/Hemphill and approved on voice vote of 4-1 to a suspended expulsion for the next two semesters with Director Riddle voting no

Settlement for a special education student

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

The Board briefly discussed negotiations

Swearing in of Board members by City of Berkeley Clerk:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler and John T. Selawsky

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS:

- 1.1-0 Nominate Director Nancy Riddle for President
Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote
- 1.2-0 – Nominate Karen Hemphill for Vice President
Leyva-Cutler/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote
- 1.3-0 – Nominate John T. Selawsky as Clerk
Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote
- 1.30 - Nominate Superintendent Huyett as Secretary
Riddle/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote
- 1.4-0 – Approval of 2009 Board of Education meeting schedule
Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

- 1.5-0 – Community Advisory Board Committees
- 1.6-0 – Board Committees and Commissions
- 1.7-0 – Adopt a School Assignments

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

RECOGNITION

Julie Venuto from LeConte received a recognition award for her work with students with disabilities

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Jessica Quindel, BHS Math Department chair, presented a report on an interactive math program curriculum used at Berkeley High

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Laura Menard regarding safety at the high school
Karen Watsanha, parent of BAM student
Nicole from PCAD discussed performing arts at Berkeley High

Report from Julie Holcomb from P&O Committee regarding BHS resdesign plan

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members shared remarks

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent congratulated Beatriz Leyva-Cutler for her election to the Board. He acknowledged John Selawsky's re-election and the satisfactory working relationship they have formed over the last year.

He announced the good news that all employees will receive their retro checks on December 19.

The Superintendent announced that all non-essential expenses will be reviewed prior to approval. Requests to attend conferences, requests to fill open positions and other similar expenditures will be carefully scrutinized. He anticipates that the District may lose \$1 million in funding if the mid-year

budget cuts are implemented. He estimates that more than \$2 million will be cut from our budget next year.

He discussed the BHS Redesign Plan in response to the Board's request for periodic updates. The SGC deliberated and came up with an agreement that modified the original Plan. One key issue is whether we meet the required instructional minutes.

The Berkeley Community Theatre has an emergency lighting issue and the Berkeley Fire Department has been contacted. Lew Jones will be working with them to correct this important issue.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A – CSBA Delegate Assembly Nomination

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote to nominate President Riddle as the Board's CSBA Delegate Assembly representative

4.1-A – Certification of First Interim Report

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

5.1-A - Approval of Proposed Facilities Changes

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously on voice vote

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I – Student Assignment Plan

3.2-I – Facilities Plan Update

Additional action items:

Minutes of 10-22-08

Minutes of 10-29-08

Minutes of 11-19-08

Selawsky/Issel and approved on a vote of 4-0 on voice vote as revised

Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Huyett handed out the A+ News update, a monthly newsletter that the District will be posting on the Internet as well as handing out copies to the schools and local libraries.

ADJOURNMENT at 10: 44 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education