

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

At the board meeting on June 11, 2003 the Board discussed the following items:

This special board meeting was added to the schedule as a Public Hearing so that interested community members could address their opinions and ideas on the 2003-2004 budget. The meeting was also called so that the board could review and discuss the proposed budget with staff before voting on it at the June 18th board meeting.

Public Hearing:

Only three speakers cards were turned in, so everyone was able to address the board.

The first speaker, Karen Friedman, (Washington Elementary School parent) advised the Board to follow the lead of Congresswoman Barbara Lee, and vote (on the budget) their conscious instead of following the preaching of current state and federal administrations. Ms. Friedman also suggested that the board offer the high school principal job to former Oakland Superintendent Dennis Chaconas.

The second speaker Brian Beverly (Berkeley High School parent) spoke in support of the Berkeley High Crew Team. Mr. Beverly spoke about the importance of the BHS Crew to a very diverse community of students, and the parents commitment to funding the program themselves. Stating that the program only cost's \$12,000, he encouraged the board to impose a \$75 transportation fee on crew team members. He assured the Board that the parent support group would provide scholarships for students unable to pay, and that they would do whatever fund raising necessary to make BHS Crew a zero cost factor for the district.

Speaking last, Roia Ferrazares (Malcolm X parent) presented herself to the Board as the newly elected president of the Berkeley PTA Council.

Roia said that she wanted to see the council be representative of all sites PTA leadership, and that she had eliminated all council officers except those indicated in the by-laws. Jay Nitschke (Jefferson) is the new secretary, and Allison Murray (King and Jefferson) is the new Treasurer. She said that she want the council officers to have any executive Board powers, so that anything coming out of the council would have to be representative of their membership. (Note: The PTA Council is made up of the PTA presidents from all of the BUSD sites. Roia told the board that she looked forward to getting to know them, as well as the rest of the community that she was not exposed to at Malcolm X.

Staff Briefed the Board on the 2003-2004 Budget Development Assumptions:

- Items In The Budget – General Fund
 1. Enrolment- BUSD is a declining enrolment district and has the option to recognize the higher of prior year's P-2 or current year's ADA. 2002-2003's P-2 ADA will be used to project 2003-2004 Revenue Limit income.
 2. Revenue- The district is projecting a deficit of 1.2% for the 2003-2004 Revenue Limit and a zero percent "O" COLA increase for ADA.
- Other Areas That Need to Be Determined For 2003-2004 budget Development:
 1. State Budget- The continuing State fiscal crisis will have significant ramifications for the District. The ramifications will not be confirmed until the legislature approves and the Governor signs the budget. All estimates here are based on the May Revise.
 2. Encroachment on the Unrestricted General Fund from Other Funds- There may be encroachment from the other restricted funds if the deficits identified in FY 2002-2003 are not eliminated by the start of 2003-2004.

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