

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

At the board meeting on May 21, 2003 the Board took action on the following items:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution in Support of Class Size Reduction Reform Bill SB556. It is estimated that statewide, school districts would save \$200 million by allowing class size to be averaged in order to maintain 20:1 as long as no single class exceeds 22 students. This emergency measure contains a three-year Sunset Clause, meaning that districts would be expected to return to the strict terms of 20:1 when the state budget improves. • Increase Childcare fees for Infants/Toddlers at Vera Casey Center effective July 1, 2003 (CAL SAFE) Fees increased by \$50 per month will help the district to keep the center open and operating next year. These fees are not applicable to Berkeley School teen parents. • Authorization to award contracts for Re-roofing LeConte School, Public Address System at Berkeley High School, Landscape Renovation at Jefferson Elementary School, Roofing Walkway Maintenance at Willard Middle School and Grounds Renovation at Cragmont Elementary School, and the removal of dead trees at various sites. • Expenditure of BSEP funds to support the Public Information Office in 2003-2004. • Approved Board of Education Policies as Mandated by the state: This will bring us in compliance with all laws of the Ed Code and recent legislation. Board Policies are available the Public Information Office, and will be posted on the BUSD web site and available at school sites and Berkeley Public Libraries as soon as the final changes are incorporated into the documents. • Reduction or Elimination of Specified Classified Positions, which were funded by budget cuts from the state. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSEP Building and Grounds Maintenance and Security Annual Plan for expenditures in FY 2003-2004: The plan is available for viewing at our web site in the May 21 Board Packet, and will be available soon in hard copy at school sites and Berkeley Public Libraries. • Accepted the Third Interim Report of the 2003 BUSD Budget: The District will be unable to meet their financial obligations without significant expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements for the coming year. <p>Staff Briefed the Board on the following Information Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berkeley High administration & staff presented an update on Progress of the WASC Accreditation (Western Association of Schools & Colleges) for the high school. All indications BHS is on track, and making the improvements necessary to bring the school back to full accreditation status in the timeline given by WASC. • District staff presented the Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan, as required to receive Federal funding for the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The LEA Plan must include the five state board adopted performance goals and 12 performance indicators that are aligned with the NCLB requirements. The BUSD plan presented to the Board meets these requirements. The plan can be found on the BUSD web site, and is available for review at the Central Office and each school site.
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