

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on October 15, 2003 the Board took action on the following items:

Report of Closed Session Action

Consent Items:

- General Services
- 1.2-C Change Of Date For The Petition To Abolish The Merit System

The date for the election, previously scheduled for October 13th was changed to October 27th. The termination date if applicable, remains November 30, 2003.

- Business Services

4.5-C Approval Of Resolution 03-16:
Authorization to accept the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the Franklin Adult project. The Board voted unanimously to accept the low bid of \$6,204,000 from West Coast Contractors. The bid included \$28,000 for the proposed San Pablo driveway.

Action Items:

- Business and Operations

4.1-A Tabled Modifications For Property Management And Use Of Facilities
Staff will incorporate Board recommendations and return to the Board along with a new fee and rates schedule.

9:30 P.M. Public Hearing

- 4.2-A Public Hearing And Acceptance Of Modifications To The 2003-2004 Budget, Including Fund Transfers

Approved current year budget revisions recommended by staff, and transfer of fiscal year 2002-2003 restricted ending balances to the unrestricted general fund.

Conference Items:

- General Services

- 1.1-CF First Reading: Board Policy on Fraud

The proposed policy defines what constitutes fraud and prescribes methods of investigating allegations of fraud. The Board accepted the proposed policy for first reading.

- 1.2-CF First Reading: Board Policy 3530, Self Insurance

On September 3, 2003 the District applied to The State Department of Industrial Relations to become self insured for workers compensation. the Board requested that a policy be developed to insure funding and fiscal solvency. The Board accepted the proposed policy for first reading.

Conference Items:

- Business Services

- 3.1-I Presentation on the Performing Arts Program in The District

Suzanne McCulloch made a presentation to the Board on the performing arts programs in the schools.

Three Arts Works Grants have been awarded To the BUSD for 2003-04 totaling \$72,000. Both Ms. McCulloch, Coordinator, Visual & Performing Arts and the BUSD were recently recognized by Cal Works for the outstanding music programs in the District.

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