

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on Sept. 3, 2003 the Board approved the following significant items:

Consent Items:

General Services

- **1.2-C** Change of Date: Petition to Abolish the Merit System (A collaborative effort by the union and the BUSD)
- **1.3-C** Resolution in Support of the Budget Accountability Act: The Board agreed that the state should be held accountable to produce a timely budget, and should be able to do so with a 55% majority vote instead of the two thirds now required.
- **1.4-C** Resolution in Opposition to Prop 54: The Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin, Initiative Constructional Amendment: The Board is concerned that Prop 54 would not permit districts to collect or analyze student data.

Business Services

- **4.2-C** Second Reading of Board Policy 3320 regarding Claims and Actions Against the District
- **4.3-C** Approve a Change Order for the Project to Improve the Grounds at Jefferson School: Some of the changes were requested by and will be paid for by the PTA. The change orders total \$36,500.

Action Items:

Educational Services

- **3.1-A** Berkeley High School Communication Arts & Sciences (CAS) Small School Proposal: CAS is the first to apply for Small School Status at BHS.

Business and Operations

- **4.1-A** Approve Proposal and Pricing Structure from Xerox Corp. to Lease Digital Copiers and Establish a Print Shop: This contract will provide new equipment for every school and office, with substantial savings for the District.
- **4.2-A** Accept Actuarial Report on Workers' Compensation and Approve Resolution 03-12, Certificate of Consent to Self Insure: The District's current annual insurance premiums exceed the cost of claims.
- **4.3-A** Approve Request for Short Term Loan From the Alameda County Board of Supervisor's, County Auditor and County Treasurer's Office: Ed Code Section 42620 enables school districts to borrow cash temporarily from the County Treasurer.

Conference Items:

General Services

- **1.1-CF** Approve a Motion for Board President to Appoint a Subcommittee of the Board to Review the FCMAT Assessment and Improvement Plan, of Their Specific Areas & Duties and Develop Ways to Address Stated Concerns

Information:

Business and Operations

- **4.1-I** Presentation Regarding Progress on the Fiscal Year Audit: The District had requested the independent auditors to provide a progress report of earlier findings from FY 2001-2002. The auditors report significant improvements.

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