

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on April 14, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Report of Closed Session:

The Board had discussion on Collective Bargaining and...

Recognition and Appreciation:

The Board gave special recognition to the 154 volunteers who participated in the annual DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Day, March 30, 2004.

- Superintendent/Board Reports

Board Members congratulated Nutrition Services Director Karen Candito and XXXX XXXXX for the Successful opening of the BHS Food Court this week. The Board enjoyed a dinner of the Food Court's entrees during closed session and were impressed with the quality and options. President Selawsky thanked Pro-bono Attorney Xxxxxx Xxxxxxx for his firm's services in the recent Vice in the Desegregation lawsuit. Vice President Riddle congratulated the BHS Jazz Ensemble for their second year victory at the Monterey High School Jazz Festival, noting that many of the BHS students were singled out and included in the festival's Honors group who will be performing in Japan this summer.

Special Public Hearing Session:

The Board held a Public Hearing on the proposed Waiver of Algebra I Graduation Requirement for the Class of 2004, and then reconvened and approved The one-time waiver.

Consent Items:

- Human Resources

2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

The Board accepted the Personnel Report as submitted by staff.

- Business and Operations

2.1-C Approval of increase of Services for Landscape Architects

The Board approved the item, tabling the funding portion, so that monies other than BB funds can be identified.

Action Items:

- Business and Operations

4.1-A Discussion and Decision Regarding the Development of a Field at East Campus

The Board approved the program parameters for East Campus, authorizing staff to initiate the process.

Conference:

- Educational Services

3.1-CF First Reading, Board Policies on Pupil Achievement Recommended in FCMAT Report

The Board voted to accept the Board Policies for first reading. The Board policies are available on line at www.berkeley.k12.ca.us and a hard copy of the complete Board Package is available for review at the Berkeley Public Libraries.

Information Items:

- Educational Services

3.1-I Presentation of R-30 Language Census

The Board received a presentation on the 2003-04 Language Census as required by the California State Department of Education. The total English Language Learner population in the BUSD for the 2002-04 school year is 1,204, 97 fewer than in the previous year. The number of students reclassified as Proficient in English is up from 81 to 167 in the 2003-04 school year.

3.2-I Presentation of Student National Origin Report

The Board received a presentation on the 2003-04 Student National Origin Report (SNOR) as required by the No Child Left Behind Act. Currently there are 423 immigrant students in the BUSD, representing a decrease of 31 students from 2002-03. Data from the 2003-04 SNOR will be used to fund LEA's in 2004-05.

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