

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

At the board meeting on August 25, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Swearing In of New Student Director:

President Selawsky gave the oath of office to Berkeley High Senior Lilly Dorman-Colby, the Student Director for the 2004-2005 school year. The Student Director is elected by the BHS student body to represent all BUSD students.

Report of Closed Session:

The Board had discussion on existing litigation, Student Expulsion, Public Employee Discipline, Public Employment Appointment. The Board voted to approve a five day suspension of a classified employee (per Education Code 45302), and to renew the contract for the Director of Fiscal Services.

Teaching and Learning Presentation:

The Algebra project at Berkeley High School: Revitalizing Algebra, presented by BHS teacher Matt Bremer. This year, four lead teachers from BHS attended classes at SFSU, and attended a three week summer program. They are now training twelve BHS math teachers. The benchmark for the program is to increase the percentage of students passing algebra, particularly students from underrepresented groups.

Consent Items:

3.1-A Approval of FY 2004-05 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs, Part I
This item was moved to the consent calendar.

2.2-C Board Approval of Tentative Agreement with Professional & Technical Engineers, Local 21

The Board voted to approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement with International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO. The document is on file in the Superintendent's office and is available for review by the public.

3.8-C Approve English Learners Master Plan

The Board approved the English Learners Master Plan to develop full proficiency for a student population speaking more than fifty languages and have varying levels of literacy in their own languages. The mission statement will come back to the Board

with reference to the commitment to the maintenance of the first language wherever appropriate to do so.

4.6-C Review Monthly Investment Reports

The Board voted to approve the monthly investment reports for the district for the months of April, May and June, 2004. The Board discussed the possibility of refining the forty plus page report into a less complicated summary for the director's review.

All other consent items were approved.

Action Items:

- Business and Operations

4.1-A Revised Multi-Year Projections

The Board reviewed and approved the revised Multi-Year Projections (MRP) for the County Office of Education. AB 1200 requires that the District demonstrate by way of its MYP that it will be able to meet its financial obligations. The report reflects that we have increased our enrollment projections for 2004-05 by 148 students.

Information:

1.1-I School Traffic Safety Committee Report

The Board received a presentation from the School Traffic Safety Committee, comprised of parents and Community members, City of Berkeley and BUSD staff. The work of the Committee began in 1999 with a Board resolution, and has developed better communications for solving traffic safety issues around our schools. The Committee recommend that they become a formal Superintendent's Committee to better serve the District and the community.

4.3-I Berkeley Adult School

The Board received a report on the progress of the new Berkeley Adult School at San Pablo Avenue, scheduled to open for classes on September 7th. Contractors are working hard to have the site ready, and teachers and staff are excited about their new facility. The Open House for the public will take place in November.