

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on December 8, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Annual Organizational Meeting: Election of Board Officers:

Annual Election of Board Officers were conducted, With Director Nancy Riddle as President, Director Terry Doran as Vice President, and Superintendent Michele Lawrence as Secretary.

The Board approved a Resolution of Appreciation for outgoing President John T. Selawsky, and approved the 2005 Board of Education Meeting Calendar with modifications for May, June and December. The new calendar can be found under School Board Meeting Information on the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda with the following changes:

Item 4.1-C Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders for Service Contracts was pulled for discussion. The Board voted to approve the item.

All other consent items were approved.

Board Representatives to Board Committees

The Board approved representation of board members on District, Community, Regional and State committees, and reviewed board appointments on committees and commissions.

The Board is seeking applications for vacancies in these areas:

Committee & Commission Openings:

- Facilities Safety & Maintenance Oversight Committee (FSMOC)
- School Construction Oversight Committee (SCOC)
- Peace & Justice Commission (City of Berkeley)
- Youth Commission (City of Berkeley)

Download applications and more information on the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Adopt a School

The Board realigned their Adopt-A-School assignments:

President Nancy Riddle:

Willard Middle School, Washington, Malcolm X, Berkeley Adult School

Vice President Terry Doran:

King Middle School, Oxford, Emerson

Director Shirley Issel:

Longfellow Middle School, Jefferson, LeConte, Early Childhood Education

Director Joaquin Rivera:

Berkeley Alternative High School, John Muir, Thousand Oaks, Berkeley Arts Magnet

Director John T. Selawsky:

Berkeley High School, Cragmont, Rosa Parks

Note: Board assignments allow for greater focus on school sites, not individual advocacy.

Action Items

3.1-A Approval of Site Plan for Berkeley High School

The Board approved the 2004-05 Revised Single Plan for BHS. Site plans had originally come before the Board last year, and the Board tabled approving any of the site plans, encouraging the Principals and School Site Councils to improve the quality of the plans. The Single Site Plans for Willard and Berkeley Alternative High School will come before the Board on December 15, 2004, and the elementary plans have been completed and approved.

Information Items:

3.1-I Presentation: Student Performance on SAT, AP and CAHSEE Tests

The Board received a presentation on Student Performance on SAT, AP, and CAHSEE Tests. The Average BUSD verbal scores on the SAT Verbal and Math tests were 18 points higher in 2003-04 than 1999-01, and the math scores were 23 points higher. In the Advanced Placement tests, BUSD had a 35% increase in the number of students with one or more AP test scores equal to or greater than 3 (1998-99 to 2003-04): whites increased by 34% and non-whites increased by 36%. The rest of the report is on page 51 of the board packet and is available on the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

4.1 -I Audit Extension for Fiscal Year 2003-04

The Board received for information, the request for an extension for the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Audit as recommended by the District's independent auditor.

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