

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on February 4, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Report of Closed Session:

The Board had discussion on item a, conference with counsel on existing litigation, no action was taken.

- Superintendent/Board Reports

President Selawsky advised the Board that he would make his report on the City/BUSD 2X2 Joint committee meeting (Jan).

Special Public Input Session:

The Board held a Public Input Session on the Proposed Budget Reduction Plan, before re-convening for the regular session.

Consent Items:

- Human Resources

2.1-C Acceptance of Personnel Report

The Board accepted the Personnel Report as submitted by staff.

Action Items:

- Business and Operations

4.1-A Presentation and Authorization of Oxford Landscaping Project

The Board approved the masterplan for Oxford Elementary School landscaping, and for the schematic design for the playground project.

Conference:

- General Services

1.1-CF Revision of Student Assignment Plan

The Board voted to accept revisions by staff of the Student Assignment Plan presented to the Board in January.

1.2-CF Second Reading: Policy 5115.0: Student Assignment Plan

The Board voted to accept for second reading,

the Student Assignment Plan to integrate schools by utilizing parent education and income levels. In discussion, a substitute motion by Director Issel failed because it was not seconded.

Information Items:

- Educational Services

1.1-I Presentation of Proposed Reduction and Third Phase of the Financial Recovery Plan

The Board reviewed and discussed the District's proposed financial reduction plan. The plan required no action, but was an opportunity for board discussion, clarification and public review. The Board and Superintendent will be holding a number of Budget Input Workshops for the community, all in Council Chambers.

Budget Input Workshops:

Thursday Feb. 5 & Monday Feb 9 6pm to 8pm
Wednesday Feb. 18th 7pm to 7:30pm

3.1-I Presentation of Berkeley High School Goals/Progress

BHS principal Jim Slemp presented the Guiding Principles that he has developed for Berkeley High, and shared the positive experience of his first six months on the job. Dr. Slemp advised the Board that he will be delivering a Student Attendance Plan to the Board at a future board meeting that will make students more accountable, and he reported that incidents of violence on campus have been seriously reduced, by almost 100%.

3.2-I Presentation of Monthly School Enrolment Report

The Board received the monthly enrollment report and average daily attendance summaries from October 20 to November 14, 2003. Student enrollment totaled 8,797, with 5.57% of monthly absences, costing the District \$245,855 in projected ADA. Each student absence results in \$27.84 in unearned revenue for the District.

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