

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

**Report of Closed Session:**

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

- Superintendent/Board Reports

Superintendent Lawrence advised the community that there will be a public meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Council Chambers to help the Board to make the important decision as to how and when to move forward with the renewal of the Berkeley Schools Excellence Project (BSEP) Special Tax Measure.

President Selawsky pointed out that we are still working on the budget reduction process, and reminded the audience of the Budget Input Workshops that are also coming up, Feb. 5 & 9 at 6pm, in Council Chambers.

Vice President Riddle congratulated BHS seniors who are graduating mid-term this week. Look for more about these grads and their accomplishments on the BUSD Web-site in February.

**Consent Items:**

- Business and Operations

4.2-C Authorization to Advertise for Bids for King Middle School Dining Commons Project

The Board authorized staff to move forward and advertise for bids for the King Middle School Dining Commons Project. The project includes two components – a temporary eating area to be in service during construction, and the new building.

4.3-C Approval of Three Landscape Architect Firms for All BUSD K-12 Sites

The Board approved the hiring of three landscape architects who will be tasked with defining small scale Improvements and fence replacement for all K-12 sites that are not currently under design. The services will be paid for from a combination of Measures AA and BB.

**Action Items:**

- Human Resources

2.1-A Nutrition Services Staffing: Berkeley High

The Board voted to approve the staffing adjustments necessary to open the new Food Court at Berkeley High School. In order to offset the costs of staffing the new Food Court, the Nutrition Services Dept. has created a reorganization plan that will contain costs and shift expenditures, as found in Resolution No. 03-24 (item 2.2-A).

2.2-A Elimination of Specified Classified Positions

The Board approved the elimination and reduction of services in order to alleviate the budget deficit in Nutritional Services. This reduction is for 7.44 FTE.

**Conference:**

- General Services

1.1-CF Elementary Student Assignment Plan

The Board voted to accept for first reading, the Student Assignment Plan, to integrate schools by utilizing parent education and income levels, and race and ethnicity, and will hold off on any action until the February 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Information Items:**

- Educational Services

3.1-I Presentation by Special Education

The Director of Special Education presented an Overview of the Special Education Dept. from Federal, State and LEA perspectives. A recent report by Dr.'s Gee and Ketelle was also presented by it's authors. The report can be found on the Web-site: [www.berkeley.k12.ca.us/DI/departments/sped/sped\\_reports.html](http://www.berkeley.k12.ca.us/DI/departments/sped/sped_reports.html)

**At the board meeting on January 21, 2004 the Board took action on the following items:**