

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADOPTED MINUTES

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MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 15, 2004

Berkeley Alternative High School

Multi-purpose Room

2701 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Berkeley, CA 94704

**CALL TO ORDER**

President John T. Selawsky called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President John T. Selawsky

Vice President Nancy Riddle

Director Terry S. Doran

Director Shirley Issel

Director Joaquin J. Rivera

Student Director Bradley Johnson\*

(Left at 8:55 p.m.)

Administration:

Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Superintendent

**AGENDA REORDER**

Approve Agenda

Motion: Directors Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote:

That the March 15, 2004 Special Board of Education Meeting agenda is approved.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

No one addressed the Board at this time.

**REPORTS**

Union Representatives' Reports

No one addressed the Board t this time.

### Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent did not make a report at this time.

### Board Members' Reports

Director Issel reported on her attendance of a GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) training. She said "it was wonderful" and encouraged other Board members to attend a session.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### 4.1-A

#### Certification of Second Interim

Mr. Eric D. Smith, Deputy Superintendent, and Mrs. Song Chin-Bendib, Director of Fiscal Services, went over the Second Interim Financial Report. Mr. Smith covered the assumptions used in the Second Interim Report and the relationship between the Second Interim Report, Financial Recovery Plan, and the Multi-Year Projections. Mrs. Chin-Bendib reviewed the excel spreadsheets for the Unrestricted General Fund, Measure BSEP, Measure BB, Adult Education Fund, Cafeteria Fund and Child Development Fund. Mrs. Chin-Bendib also presented worksheets that showed comparative budgets for special education at the time of budget adoption, First Interim and Second Interim reports. Ms. Chin-Bendib and Mr. Smith explained that the reduction in the special education revenue to be received from the SELPA and the contribution to the Cafeteria Fund from the General Fund this year have resulted in projected deficit spending this year. As a result, the District will have to identify approximately \$867,000 in either expenditure reductions or revenues to fully restore the reserve for economic uncertainties for fiscal year 2004-05 in order to produce a balanced budget.

4.1-A  
Certification of Second Interim (continued)

Motion: Directors Doran/Riddle and approved 5-0-0-(1)-0 on voice vote:

That the Board of Trustees accept the Negative Certification of the Second Interim Report, certifying that the District “will not be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the current fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year” without additional significant expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements.

AYES: Directors Doran, Issel, Riddle, Rivera, Selawsky  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
EXCUSED: (Student Director Johnson)  
ABSENT: None

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

One speaker addressed the Board.

**AGENDA REORDER**

At 9:35 p.m., the Board recessed to Closed Session and reconvened in Public Session at 10:55 p.m.

Recess to Closed Session (Government Code Sections 3549.1(d), 54956.9(a) and 54957) and Education Code Section 49819(c)

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
- b) Consideration of Student Expulsion
- c) Collective Bargaining
- d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- e) Public Employment Appointments
  - Superintendent’s Evaluation/Contract
- f) Liability Claims
- g) Property Acquisition

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 11:55 p.m. President Selawsky reported that the Board discussed the following items in Closed Session:

c) Collective Bargaining

No action was taken.

d) Public Employment Appointments

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Selawsky declared the Special Meeting of March 15, 2004, adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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President, Board of Education  
Berkeley Unified School District

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Secretary, Board of Education  
Berkeley Unified School District

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