

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on March 24, 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.

Consent Items:

- Business Services

4.7-C Approve Contracts for Modernization of Willard Middle School and the King Science Building

The Board approved the contracts for Project Management Services and Architectural Services for Modernization of Willard Middle School and the King Science Building. The projects are scheduled to begin design this spring and to start construction this summer. Funds allocated for Willard totaled \$375,000, and \$135,000 for the King project.

- Educational & Business Services

3.1-C Approve Overnight Field Trip Requests

The Board approved all field trip requests presented. The BHS Golf request was tabled.

4.6-C Resolution 03-44: Approval of Contract to build the Dining Commons at King Middle School

This Item was tabled and will be brought back to the Board for consideration at a later date.

Action Items:

- Educational Services

3.1-A Proposal for New Course, The Craft of Argumentative Writing at BHS

3.2-A Proposal for an Advanced Placement Studio Art course at BHS

3.3-A Proposal for a New Course, Reading and Writing the Short Story at BHS.

The Board voted to approve all three courses for the master schedule for the Fall of 2004.

- Educational Services

4.1-A Reorganization of Business Office

The Item was tabled and will be brought back to the Board for consideration at a later date.

4.2-A Master Plan for Willard Middle School Landscaping and Schematic Design for the Project

The Board approved the Master Plan for Willard Middle School Landscaping and the schematic design for the project. The construction budget for the project is set at \$360,000, with an additional 15% included for design contingency.

4.4-A Public Hearing and Approval of the Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan

The Board opened the meeting for a Public Hearing, and voted to approve the Five-year Deferred Maintenance Plan required to be eligible for Deferred Maintenance funds from the state.

4.5-A Board Policy 3410: Audit Committee

The Board adopted the first reading of a draft Board Policy 3410: Audit Committee. The draft is available on line at www.berkeley.k12.ca.us.

Information Items:

- General Services

1.1-I Presentation of 2003 SARC's

The Board received the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC's) for the 2003 school year. The SARC's are available for review at school sites, and on line at www.berkeley.k12.ca.us.

3.1-I CalWORKS and Free and Reduced Price Meals Report

The Board received the annual CalWORKS and Free and Reduced Price Meals Report. BUSD has 574 students participating in the CalWORKS Program, 2,479 who receive free meals and 524 who receive reduced price meals.

3.2-I Monthly Enrollment and ADA Reports

The Board received the monthly enrollment report and average daily attendance summaries from December 15 to January 23, 2004. Student enrollment totaled 8,896, with 7.86% of monthly absences, costing the District \$336,920 in projected ADA.

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