

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on May 19, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Report of Closed Session:

The Board had discussion on collective bargaining and public employee discipline/dismissal/release. No action was taken.

- Superintendent/Board Reports

Superintendent Lawrence encouraged everyone to attend a community forum: Funding Excellence in Public Schools, on Tuesday June 1st, 7:30pm at Longfellow Middle School. The forum with Michele Lawrence and the Center for Research in Education Financing (USC), director Lawrence Picus is sponsored by the Berkeley Public Education Foundation and others. Details are available for review on the BUSD Web-site:

www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Consent Items:

Consent items 3.2-C and 3.3-C were tabled by the Superintendent, and Berkeley High School was removed from item 4.7-C. All other consent items were approved.

Action Items:

- General Services

1.1-A Second Reading of Controversial Issues Policy BP 6144 and Regulation AR 6144

The Board voted to approve at second reading, Controversial Issues Policy BP 6144 and Administrative Regulation AR 6144. Both drafts are available for review at the Berkeley public libraries on pages 89 – 93 of the Board Packet for May 19th, or on the BUSD Web-site at: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

- Human Resources

2.1-A Approval of Resolution 03-55: Elimination of Specified Classified Positions

The Board voted to approve a resolution eliminating the specified positions if state funding does not materialize. Many of the attached positions will return at a future date, some with reduced hours, as the States budget is decided.

- General Services

8:30P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

3.1-A Approve Resolution for Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

The Board held the required Public Hearing and voted to adopt the Board Resolution for Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. There was no public comment.

Action items 4.1-A and 4.2-A were tabled by the Superintendent. All other action items were approved.

Conference:

- General Services

1.1-CF Report and Discussion of Community Survey on Proposed New Tax Measure

The Board received a report on the results of a random sample survey about the proposed new tax measure that would generate additional tax revenue of \$6.5 million to \$8 million to restore or enhance programs effected by the poor state economy. The survey was conducted by Paul Goodwin, Survey Consultant for GLS Research, who has conducted two previous surveys for the BUSD. The recommendation, based on the results of the survey, was to go ahead with a Bridge Measure. The report concluded that confidence levels were as high as in the previous survey in 2000, and that an effective campaign would educate those outside of the school community unaware of the progress throughout the district.

More details will be available on the BUSD Web-site at: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Conference:

General Services

3.2-I Monthly Enrollment and ADA Reports

The Board received the monthly enrollment report and average daily attendance summaries from February 23rd to March 19th, 2004. Student enrollment totaled 8,870, with 8.34% of monthly absences, costing the BUSD \$355,572 in projected ADA.

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