

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on May 5, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Report of Closed Session:

The Board had discussion on public employee discipline/dismissal/release. The Board voted to impose a three day suspension on a classified employee. The Board received a grievance from the Berkeley Federation of Teachers. No action was taken.

- Superintendent/Board Reports

Superintendent Lawrence expressed appreciation for the short but invaluable tenure of Deputy Superintendent Eric Smith.

Consent Items:

- Educational Services

1.2-C Resolution Honoring the 50th Year Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

The Board voted approval of the resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the landmark case of Brown v. Board of Education. As stated in the resolution, on May 17, 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court settled the question of whether or not blacks and whites can receive an education integrated with or separate from each other. The resolution is available for review on the BUSD Web-site at: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

1.3-C Resolution Honoring the 20th Anniversary of Domestic Partners

The Board voted approval of the resolution honoring the 20th anniversary of Domestic Partners. on August 1, 1984 the BUSD became the first public entity to adopt a Domestic Partners policy offering benefits to the Domestic Partners of Gay and Lesbian employees. Since this historic action, many other institutions throughout the country and the world has followed the BUSD's lead. The resolution is available for review on the BUSD Web-site at: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

2.2-C Reinstate Computer Operator Position From .67 to 1.0 FTE

The Board voted to approve the reinstatement of the Computer Operator position from .67 to a 1.0 FTE and recall the affected employee from lay-off status.

Action Items:

- General Services

1.1-A Resolution for Expanded, Multi-purpose Playing Field on the Derby Street Property

The Board voted to approve a resolution declaring their support for pursuing the development of a large multi-purpose athletic facility at East Campus that would include a regulation sized baseball field.

1.2-A Resolution Opposing the Permit Application of the Berkeley Community Resource Center (BCRC)

The Board voted to approve the resolution opposing the permit application for the BCRC to be located at 2880 Sacramento St., in close proximity to Longfellow Middle School. The resolution states that the BCRC, which is an umbrella organization for the Berkeley Cannabis Buyers Collective, a needle exchange program, and a sex workers outreach organization, and has the potential to attract, encourage, and allow underage and illegal use of drugs and sex work. The Board recognizes that the BCRC provides a valuable service to an appropriate adult community, and only questions the location.

Conference:

- General Services

1.1-CF Discussion and Direction for a Tax Measure

The Board discussed the possibility of a Bridge Measure to generate additional tax revenue of \$6.5 million to \$8 million to restore or enhance programs effected by the poor state economy. The Bridge Measure would give the District the time needed to develop a strategic plan over the next 18 months so that implementation of it could coincide with the current special tax in November, 2006. More details are available on the BUSD Web-site at: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

3.2-I Presentation Regarding CAS Progress Report and Future Course of Action

The Board received the annual presentation/update on the progress of small school Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS), and its action plan for the upcoming years.

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