

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on November 17, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Report of Closed Session:

The Board had discussion about Collective Bargaining and no actions were taken. The Board interviewed candidates for the Merit Commission (see item 2.1-A). No other business was conducted in closed session.

BTSA Presentation:

BTSA Coordinator Jan Goodman gave a report on the Beginning Teacher Support & Assessment program in the Berkeley schools. Data show that the 41 new BUSD teachers participating in BTSA are serving over 4,000 BUSD students. Other research presented indicated that 50% of new teachers who have not participated in BTSA leave the profession within five years, while 90% of those who do participate remain in the profession after five years. Jan's Presentation will be available on the BUSD website in the coming week: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda with the following changes:

Item 3.3-C Approve Site Plans was pulled for discussion. The Board voted to approve the item.

All other consent items were approved.

Action Items:

2.1-A Appointment of Personnel Commissioner for Board of Education Vacancy

The Board voted to appoint Berkeley community member Roy Doolan to the District Personnel Commission to fill a Board vacancy. Commissioner Doolan will replace outgoing Commissioner Carolyn Weinberger, who served in that capacity for 15 years.

3.1-A Public Hearing: Resolution for Grades k-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2004-2005

The Board opened the item with a Public Hearing for public comment. No public comment was made and the Board adopted the Resolution for Grades k-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2004-2005

4.1-A BUSD Food Policy

The Board accepted for final reading and approved

the Berkeley Unified School District's Food Policy after recommendations from the Berkeley PTA Council were incorporated into the plan.

Conference Item:

4.1-CF First Reading: Board Policy Regarding Conflict of Interest

The Board accepted for first reading, a Board Policy Regarding Conflict of Interest, and referred it to the Board's Policy Sub-committee for further review and revision.

Information Items:

3.1-I Presentation: Strategic Class Size

The Board received a presentation on current class sizes throughout the District. The report is on page 83 of the board packet and is available on the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

3.3-I Presentation of Monthly School Enrollment Report

The Board received the monthly enrollment report and average daily attendance summaries from September 27th, to October 22nd, 2004. **Student enrollment totaled 8,976, with 5.44% of monthly absences, costing the District \$245,344 in projected ADA.** Each student absence results in \$28.37 per day in unearned revenue for the District.

4.2-I Presentation: Informational Update on Several BUSD Facilities

The Board received an informational update on several BUSD facilities (current & future projects): West Campus, Oregon/ Russell St. and Old City Hall, East Campus and the Transportation Facility. The update is on page 120 of the board packet and is available on the website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

This board meeting will be re-broadcast on Berkeley Cable Channel 33 on Saturday, November 20th at 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, November 21st at 7:00 PM.

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