

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on October 20, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Report of Closed Session:

The Board had discussion on Public Employee Dismissal and Public Employment Appointment. The Board voted to dismiss a confidential employee. No other decisions were made in closed session.

Middle School Libraries Presentation:

Kristin Collins and Alex Freeman made a presentation to the Board about the middle school libraries. One example given of their success was the sixth grade experience. The first exposure of the Library Media Teacher (LMT) to students comes in the sixth grade, as the elementary schools are staffed with Library Media Technicians. Sixth grade teachers and LMTs collaborate in teaching the students how to conduct a library search. Classes divide into two groups: one conducts a library book search; the other group learns how to conduct an internet search for the information they need. The groups switch off so that they get both experiences.

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda with the following changes:
Item 1.2-C Approve Resolution supporting Proposition 72 on the November ballot was pulled for discussion. The Board voted to approve the item.

All other consent items were approved.

Item 4.3-a Refunding of Series A, D & F Bonds was moved to the consent calendar and approved.

Action Items:

4.1-A Approve Resolution 04-09 for Temporary Transfer of available fund balances

The Board voted to approve the resolution following a discussion of how the process works. In previous years the District had to borrow funds for the transfer from the County, but because we now have a balanced budget, we are able to do it internally.

4.2-A Second Reading and Request for adoption of the Maintenance and Grounds Department 2004-2005 Measure BB Annual Plan

The Board received and adopted the Maintenance and Grounds Department 2004-2005 Measure BB Annual Plan.

Conference Item:

1.1-CF Discussion Regarding the Potential Implementation Timeline for Measure B

The Board discussed the timeline for implementing Tax Measure B in the event it is passed in the November ballot. Understanding that most of the pieces, such as class size reduction will not take place before the 2005-2006 school year because the monies will not actually be available until that time. The Board voted to have the existing BSEP P&O take on the task of oversight, realizing that the P&O will need to change their existing by-laws to include Measure B funds.

Information Items:

1.1-I Presentation: Strategic Planning Process

The Board received a presentation on the progress in developing the strategic planning process. The Superintendent will now begin the search for interested members of the community to join the committees she is establishing.

3.1-I Presentation: Berkeley Integrated Services Network (BISN)

3.3-I Presentation of Monthly School Enrollment Report

The Board received the monthly enrollment report and average daily attendance summaries from September 1st, to September 24th, 2004. Student enrollment totaled 8,919, with 4.31% of monthly absences, costing the District \$175,298 in projected ADA. Each student absence results in \$28.37 per day in unearned revenue for the District.

The Board received a presentation and discussed the BISN report on the community resources in Berkeley schools. The verbal report is being transcribed and will be available on the BUSD website.

3.4-I Presentation: 6-8th Grade Math Assessments

The Board received a report detailing the 6-8th grade math scores. The report is being transcribed and will be available on the BUSD website.

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