

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on October 6, 2004 the Board discussed the following items:

Report of Closed Session:

The Board had discussion on Existing and Potential Litigation and Collective Bargaining. No decisions were made in closed session.

Math In The Garden Presentation:

Kathleen Lewis, Principal of Oxford School, Chris Nakao, Oxford's Garden Teacher, and Katie Johnson, third grade teacher, presented a picture of Oxford School's garden and how it is used by teachers at Oxford. Chris teaches all the K-3 students about gardening, gardening practices around the world, plants that are used for food in various cultures, and nutrition. Students plant these in Oxford's garden and reap the rewards of their harvest by eating many of them. Katie Johnson talked about how teachers at Oxford integrate the garden into the curriculum and standards, including science, math, art, dance, literature, etc. Oxford is part of an N.S.F. Grant through the UC Botanical Gardens call Growing Learning Communities. Several teachers have participated in summer institutes and year-long in-service in lesson study and math and science in the garden.

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda with the following changes:
Item 4.3-C Increase of Custodial Position at King Middle School and Maintenance Office was pulled for discussion. The Board voted to approve the item.

All other consent items were approved.

Action Items:

1.1-A Approval of Proposed Fee for Middle School After School Learning Programs

The Board voted to approve the proposed fee for the middle school After School Learning Programs at King, Longfellow and Willard. The programs will continue to admit any student regardless of ability to pay the fee.

- Business and Operations

1.2 -A BUSD Integrated Policy for Nutrition Education, Physical Activity and Food

1.4-A BUSD Physical Education Policy

1.5-A BUSD Environmental Education Policy

These policies were linked as integral items. The Board reviewed and approved all three items for Second Reading.

The draft policies are available for review in the Board Packet on the BUSD Website:

http://www.berkeley.k12.ca.us/SB/docs/bd_of_ed_oct_6_packet.pdf

1.3-A Berkeley Unified School District Food Policy

The Board reviewed and voted to approve Item 1.3-A BUSD Food Policy for Second Reading, requesting a Third Reading and final approval following the communication of items 6 & 7 to the PTA's and staff.

Item 1.3-A number 6:

Students at the K-8 level will not be involved in the sale of candy, soda, cookies and sweets at any school sponsored event without specific permission from the superintendent or designee.

Item 1.3-A number 7:

Foods offered to students and employees of BUSD during the day as a snack, an incentive, or in school offices, whether provided by parents or BUSD staff, shall be consistent with the goals of the policy.

The draft of the entire policy is available for review in the Board Packet on the BUSD Website:

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Information Items:

4.2 -I Facilities Construction Plan Financial Update

The Board received and reviewed information regarding the Facilities Construction Plan Financial Update.

This board meeting will be re-broadcast on Berkeley Cable Channel 33 on Sunday, October 9th at 7:00 PM.

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