

# BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting  
December 7, 2005  
District Administrative Offices  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

ADOPTED MINUTES

## ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT

President Nancy Riddle  
Vice President Terry S. Doran  
Director John T. Selawsky  
Director Shirley Issel  
Director Joaquin J. Rivera  
Student Director Teal Miller

Administration: Superintendent Michele Lawrence, Secretary

Prior to Closed Session, as necessary, staff/employee comments are taken per Government Code Section 54957. No one addressed the Board at this time.

Recess to Closed Session (Government Code Sections 3549.1(d), 54956.9(a) and 54957 and Education Code Section 49819(c))

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
- b. Consideration of Student Expulsion
- c. Collective Bargaining
- d. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- e. Public Employment Appointment
- f. Liability Claims
- g. Property Acquisition

### CALL TO ORDER – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

President Nancy Riddle called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

#### Election of Officers:

President

**Riddle/Selawsky** to nominate Terry S. Doran and approved on voice vote with Directors Issel and Rivera abstaining

Vice President

**Issel/Doran** to nominate Joaquin Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Secretary/Clerk

**Rivera/Selawsky** to nominate Michele Lawrence and approved unanimously on voice vote

Newly elected President Terry S. Doran read a Resolution honoring outgoing President Nancy Riddle

**Doran/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote

**Board of Education Representatives to Board Committees**

**Riddle/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

**Community Advisory Committees**

**Selawsky/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

**Adopt a School Assignments**

Assignments will roll over to next year

**Rivera/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote to continue over to 2006

**Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2006**

Vice President Rivera requested that the June 21 meeting be moved to June 28 and the December 20 meeting be moved to December 13

July 5 was labeled a tentative meeting

**Riddle/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

**Organizational Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.**

**Regular Board Meeting called to order at 8:37 p.m.**

**Director Riddle reported Closed Session Actions:**

Approved 3 day suspension without pay for classified employee

**Issel/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Motion to expunge expulsion for student case no 0506 03A 91691

**Selawsky/Doran** and approved on voice vote with Vice President Rivera abstaining

Approved expulsion of student through the end of the school year, student case no. 0506-13-092890

**Doran/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Approved suspension expulsion with a specific contract, student case no 12-084090

**Doran/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Approved expulsion, student case no. 0506-11-111287

**Selawsky/Issel** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Approved settlement agreement, Local 39

**Issel/Rivera** and approved unanimously on voice vote

President Doran paid tribute with a moment of silence to Dorothy Dorsey, a 31-year employee of the District who recently passed away.

### **Approve Agenda of December 7, 2005**

Vice President Rivera requested that the Action calendar items be moved to Consent. Director Riddle noted that Item 1.6-1 (CSBA) must remain an action item. Secretary Lawrence made a correction to Item 2.1-C, pg 17, under “extra duty.” All entries should have Title I under budget code, rather than General Fund. Director Issel asked that Item 4.1-C be taken off the consent calendar for discussion

**Selawsky/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

### **Teaching and Learning Presentation**

Jason Lustig, Principal of Cragmont, presented a report on the School Learning Center, an action plan designed to break down the separation between special ed and regular students around class placement, qualification for extra support, student and teacher schedule, and individual learning plans.

### **Public Testimony**

There was brief public testimony from two members of the East Campus Neighborhood Association supporting the open Derby Street field plan.

A community member spoke about the math curriculum at King Middle School.

### **Item 3.2-I – Student Performance on SAT, AP, and CAHSEE Tests**

BHS Teacher Peter Bloomsburgh presented on how our students fared on these three tests. Director Issel asked that the high school present test results to the Board next spring.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Lawrence conveyed her condolences to Dorothy Dorsey’s family. She reported that we have yet another national board certified teacher at Cragmont, making this our fifth teacher to hold that distinction. While in San Diego at the CSBA conference, the Superintendent attended an all day preschool symposium at the CSBA conference and is excited about the upcoming First 5 and Preschool for All initiatives. She commended Directors Selawsky and Issel for their contribution to the panels at the CSBA conference. The Superintendent extended her appreciation to Ann Cooper, Director of Nutrition Services, for last night’s forum on food services.

### **Board Members’ Reports**

Student Director Teal Miller announced that BHS recently had a blood drive and gathered 70 units. High school students will be serving a holiday meal on Saturday to the homeless population in Berkeley.

Director Riddle reflected on her history with the District and significant District accomplishments that occurred during her presidency.

President Doran thanked Nancy Riddle for her role as Board President. He also reported that the Rosa Parks Day celebration was a success.

Director Selawsky too extended his thanks to Nancy Riddle for her leadership as Board President. He expressed his thanks to all who were a part of the recent CSBA conference. He announced the Kindergarten Fair at Rosa Parks on Saturday from 10 to 1.

Director Issel congratulated Terry Doran and Joaquin and thanked Nancy Riddle.

Vice President Rivera expressed his thanks to outgoing President Riddle and congratulated Terry Doran on assuming the presidency.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Rivera/Riddle** and approve unanimously on voice vote the consent calendar as amended

**Item 4.1-C – Contracts and Purchase Orders**

Director Issel questioned if Items 39 and 40 should be charged to the general fund; she thought they had been moved to the maintenance fund.

Superintendent Lawrence will follow up on Director Issel's question.

**Issel/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Item 1.6-A – CSBA Delegate Assembly Nomination**

**Riddle/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote to nominate Vice President Rivera to the CSBA Delegate Assembly

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Item 3.1-I – Interdistrict Permit Report**

Received for information

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM**

Minutes of 11-16-05

**Issel/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

**Extended public testimony**

Rio Bauce announced that the Youth Commission will be holding a forum and debate on lowering the voting age to 17 on December 13, 1:15 to 2:15 at the BHS theatre.

No public announcements

President Doran adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

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Terry S. Doran, President  
Board of Education

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Michele Lawrence, Secretary  
Board of Education