

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 02, 2005
District Administrative Offices
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

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CALL TO ORDER

President Nancy Riddle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Board recessed to Closed Session.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Nancy Riddle
Vice President Terry Doran
Director John T. Selawsky
Director Shirley Issel
Director Joaquin J. Rivera
Student Director Lily Dorman-Colby*

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))

- Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
- Consideration of Student Expulsion
- Collective Bargaining
- **Level III Grievances**
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- Public Employment Appointment
- Liability Claims
- Property Acquisition

Reconvene in Public Session

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 6:20 pm.

* The Student Director does not attend Closed Session.

Report Closed Session Action

President Riddle reported that the Board discussed the following items in closed session:

- Collective bargaining – no action was taken
- Two grievances: First grievance: motion by Director Rivera/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote: to approve. Two grievances: moved by Director Rivera/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote: to deny.

President Riddle reported that the Board would reconvene for further discussion after the public session. The Board met again after public session and adjourned at 11:35p. Collective bargaining issues were discussed and no action was taken.

Youth Commissioner Interviews (not an agenda item)

The Board conducted oral interviews for the position of Youth Commissioner. Two candidates were interviewed.

Motion: Directors Doran/Rivera and approved unanimously on vote:
That Keith Stevernu is the new student director.

Approve Agenda

Motion: Student Director Colby /Directors Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote:

That the Regular Meeting Agenda of February 02, 2005 is approved as amended. The amendments are:

- That Item 1.1- C was pulled, mistakenly put on agenda.
- That Consent item 1.2-C and 4.1-C were pulled for discussion.
- That items 1.1-I and 3.1-I were tabled so that staff could gather additional information before bringing them back to the Board at a later date.
- That the Board be open to moving a Request To Address the Board to the top of the agenda.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jefferson Elementary students reported that they had reached their fund raising goal of \$1000 for tsunami relief aid. They have set another goal of \$5000. The Board expressed their pride and gratitude to the students for making a contribution to this international relief effort.

TEACHING AND LEARNING PRESENTATION

Willard's Lesson Study Program

The Math Department at Willard has been using their collaboration time to improve instructional strategies and design lessons that provide successful learning experiences for all students. Principal Michele Paterson and math teachers Jake Disston and Ryan Chin explained the process they are using to develop effective lessons for improved instruction, called Lesson Study. The program has increased morale, empathy and discussion of pedagogy among the staff. A summary of their report will be available on the Willard page of the BUSD website at

www.berkeley.k12.ca.us. Superintendent Lawrence said the school system needs the minimum day time on Wednesday afternoons to devote time to projects like this one. She complimented them on their work and thanked them for a product that could be distributed and used in the district.

REPORTS

Union Representatives' Report

Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE) – Ann Graybeal:

The union representative reported the nomination of the third commissioner. BCCE observed the interviews of five qualified applicants and made the decision to appoint Margaret Rowland.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent announced that there would be a grand opening of the Berkeley High School Health Center tomorrow from 4 – 8p. She encouraged everyone to attend. She also noted that Felicity Harris, a student at the computer academy program, had recently won a UC Regents award of \$10,000.

Board Members' Report:

Student Director Dorman-Colby

Student Director Dorman-Colby thanked the students from Jefferson Elementary for their tsunami relief efforts. She also expressed that she was glad the union had finally appointed their third commissioner. She noted that Item 1.2 – C was important enough to pull for discussion and issues such as these should be discussed more often by the Board.

Director Riddle

Director Riddle announced that she has filled her youth commission opening with BHS student Avi Samuelson.

Director Selawsky

Director Selawsky announced the appointment of Keith Stevernu to the Board 'at large' opening. He also reported that there would be a reception for anti-bullying at the Rhoda Theatre tomorrow at 4p.

Educational Services

3.1-A The Board held a public hearing at 8:30pm to adopt the Resolution for Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2004-05

Motion: Directors Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote: To approve the Resolution.

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion: Directors Issel/Doran and approved unanimously on voice vote:
That the Consent Calendar be approved as a block except for Items 1.2 –
C Resolution No. 04-27 and 4.1 – C which were pulled for discussion.

General Services

- 1.3-C** Proclamation declaring February 2005 as Black History Month
Approval of the declaration of February 2005 as Black History Month

Human Resources Items

- 2.1-C** Acceptance of Personnel Report #05-03
Reports details of personnel assignments, employment and
terminations.
- 2.2-C** Approval of the appointment of Third Personnel Commissioner to
Personnel Commission

Educational Services

- 3.1-C** Overnight Field Trip Requests
Approval for overnight field trip(s) for students consistent with
District policies and instructional programs

Business and Operations Items

- 4.2-C** Alameda County School Insurance Group (ACSIG)
Approval of funding to cover paid dental claims activities during
initial six weeks of policy period from December 01, 2004 to May 31,
2005
- 4.3-C** Alameda County Treasurer's Investment Report
Reviewed July, August, September and October 2004 Monthly
Investment Reports
- 4.4-C** Resolution #04-25 Approval of a Change Order
Approval of Resolution #04-25 for change order on the Willard and
Berkeley High School Landscape Project
- 4.5-C** Resolution #04-26 Approval of a Change Order
Approval of Resolution #04-26 for change order on the Franklin Adult
School Modernization Project
- 4.6-C** Review and accept the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Budget Calendar
Approval of timeline for Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget Development
Process

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

1.2-C Approval of Resolution #04-27 asking Governor Schwarzenegger to fully fund education according to requirements of Proposition 98

Motion: Directors Rivera/Doran, and approved on voice vote.

Student Director Dorman-Colby felt it was important to discuss this issue because she believes it is upsetting that the public is not getting support from the government. She said she thinks it is very important to ask the governor for the money we need to provide educational materials and urged that letters be written to the governor.

Director Rivera reminded the Board that the governor is going back on his agreement that he made to the education community last year. He feels it is important for the community to make their voices heard.

Director Selawsky said he finds it disturbing that the governor may try to reverse Prop 98, which he says will effect education funding now and possibly forever. He thanked Superintendent Lawrence for putting this item on the agenda.

Superintendent Lawrence said that this is the first step in a series of actions being taken to bring this issue to the forefront. She pointed out that \$740 per child that would otherwise come to BUSD is slated as a cut in the governor's proposed budget.

Director Doran stated that the quality of life in this state is dependent on the schools doing well and that every citizen will be affected if this is carried out. He said that there are many other solutions for getting the state out of the budgetary crisis. As an example, he pointed out that the prison budget continues to grow and some of the crimes being committed are petty and could be handled in ways that don't require prisons.

ACTION ITEMS:

Personal Services

2.1-A Approval for Hiring of Part-Time Administrative Assistant in Benefits Department

Motion: Directors Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote:
To approve hiring a part-time administrative assistant in the Benefits Department

2.2-A Approval of Waiver for Berkeley High School Counselor Roland Stringfellow to Serve as Interim Vice Principal

Motion: Directors Riddle/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote:
To approve waiver for Berkeley High School Counselor Roland Stringfellow to serve as interim vice principal.

Business Services

4.1-A Approval of Design Community and Environment (DCE) to Facilitate and Provide Planning Services for West Campus, Oregon/Russell and Old City Hall

Motion: Directors Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote:
To approve the hiring of DCE to assist the District in defining the West Campus, Oregon/Russell and Old City Hall projects.

4.2-A/4.3-A Presentation of the Landscape Masterplan and Approval of Schematic Design for Washington and LeConte Schools

Motion: Directors Doran/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote:
To approve the masterplan for Washington and LeConte landscaping and the schematic design for the Washington and LeConte playgrounds.

CONFERENCE

Educational Services

3.1-CF Textbook Adoption

Motion: Directors Doran/Selawsky to approve the receipt for review and adoption consideration of "Economics: Principals in Action" – '05 edition. This will return as an action item following the public review process.

INFORMATION

Business Services

4.1-I/4.2-I Measure BB Financial and Maintenance Department Update

Director Issel thanked Rhonda Bacot, the Director of Maintenance, for the high quality of the report and said that it had been reviewed by the committee. She stated that the Board has asked that the committee look back at goals set in the past and that they had done a beautiful job of doing that.

Director Doran said that the content of the report were gratifying and that there were solutions to dealing with maintenance issues as well as follow through.

Director Selawsky commended Ms. Bacot on the conciseness and content of both reports.

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Berkeley High School men's baseball coach asked the Board to change the assignment to the Derby Street developers so that the closing of Derby Street could be discussed at the community meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Schedule of Board of Education Meetings for 2005:

February 16
March 2
March 9
April 6
April 20
May 11
May 25
June 8
June 22
June 29
August 24
September 7
September 14
September 21
October 5
October 19
November 2
November 16
December 7- **organizational meeting**
December 14 - **tentative**

ADJOURNMENT

President Riddle declared the Regular Meeting of February 02, 2005 adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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