

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on March 2, 2005 the Board discussed the following items:

Report on Closed Session:

The board had discussion on Collective Bargaining and no action was taken. The Board returned to Closed Session following the regular meeting. Any discussion or action will be reported in the meeting minutes at the March 9, 2005 Board Meeting.

Teaching And Learning Presentation:

Emerson Elementary School:

“Developing a School Culture with a Focus on Health and Wellness”

Principal Susan Hodge presented a report on a Writer’s Workshop developed by Emerson teachers. The report will be posted on the BUSD website on the Emerson page: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda with the following changes:

Consent Item 4.4-C: Resolution 04-31 Award of Sound of Auditorium Sound Equipment at Multiple Sites was pulled for discussion.

All consent items were approved.

Report on 2X2 Committee:

The 2X2 Committee is comprised of two School Board Members and two members of the City Council. Members: Superintendent Michele Lawrence, President Nancy Riddle, Director John Selawsky, Mayor Tom Bates, Councilman Darryl Moore and Councilwoman Dona Spring.

Two items were discussed. **Item 1: District Facilities Plan**, including the Berkeley High School South Campus, the Derby Street property, and the upcoming public meetings around the West Campus, Oregon Street and Old City Hall sites. Information covered was the same as that discussed at previous board meetings. The only new discussion was a reminder that we should be considering the property at Sixth and University in our planning. The property belongs to the District and the city has been using it for the period that the District has been in the Old City Hall. **Item 2: COB & BUSD Collaboration on Healthcare Measure A**, which resulted in funding for school nurses in the BUSD. Director Shirley Issel and PIO Mark Coplan joined with the COB Health Department in lobbying the County Board of Supervisors. The collaboration continues, looking into funding from State Proposition 63 for mental health care workers.

Action Items

4.1-A Audit Report

The Board voted to approve the 2003-04 Fiscal Year Audit Report. Copies of the report are available for Review in the Superintendents office. Copies will be available in all five branches of the Berkeley Public Library and a summary will be available on the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Information Items:

4.1-I Governor’s State Budget and Potential Financial Impact on BUSD

The Board received a report on the Governor’s State Budget and it’s potential financial impact on the BUSD. from Deputy Superintendent Glenston Thompson. The PowerPoint report will be available for review in the Superintendents office and in all five branches of the Berkeley Public Library and will be available on the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Board Representatives to Board Committees

The Board is seeking applications for vacancies in these areas:

- Facilities Safety & Maintenance Oversight Committee (FSMOC)
- School Construction Oversight Committee (SCOC)

Download applications and more information on the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

The BUSD School Board Meeting will be re-broadcast on Berkeley Community Media Cable Channel 33 on Sunday March 6, at 2:00PM.

All Board meetings are broadcast live on Berkeley Community Media Cable Channel 33 and KPFB Radio 89.3, and re-broadcasted on channel 33 the following Thursday morning at 9AM and often two times over the weekend. The weekend schedule varies, but schedule information can be found at their website: www.betv.org

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