

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

At the board meeting on March 9, 2005 the Board discussed the following items:

Report on Closed Session:

The board had discussion on Collective Bargaining and no action was taken.

A Special closed session has been scheduled on March 13, 2005 to continue the discussion. The Board reviewed and voted to approve the recommendation by Administrative Panel for expulsion of a student for one year (case #0405-10).

The Board reviewed Public Employee Release. The Board voted to approve Non Re-election of Teachers in temporary teaching assignments at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

Teaching And Learning Presentation:

EAST Lab:

“Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT)”

Janet Levenson, Coordinator of Technology & Libraries presented a

report on the EAST Lab technology program that is currently serving students in all three BUSD middle schools. Students and teachers from

Willard and Longfellow Middle Schools joined in the presentation.

A report on the program is available on the BUSD website, in the

Spotlight on Success archive: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda with the following changes:

Conference Item 1.1-CF: Resolution to Amend Contract with

WLC Architects up to follow Action Item 4.1-A.

Consent Item 1.1-C: Resolution to Support H.R. 147 To Amend Title II of the Social Security Act, and

4.1-C: Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders for Services Contracts were pulled for discussion.

A field trip request for a BHS Crew Team trip to San Diego was added to Item 3.1-C.

All consent items were approved.

Action Items

4.1-A Certification of Second Interim Report

The Board voted to accept the Qualified Certification of the Second Interim Report certifying that the District “may not be able to meet it’s financial obligations for the remainder of the current fiscal year

or the subsequent fiscal year” without additional significant expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements. 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 on the BUSD website:

www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

4.2-A Resolution 04-33: Establishment of Tax Rate for Measure BB for FY 2005-06

The Board voted to approve Resolution 04-33 to establish the 2005-06

tax rate for the Berkeley Schools Facilities Safety and Maintenance Act of 2000

(Measure BB, November 2000). The new COLA will add \$103,643.50 to the

Measure BB funds. Measure BB funds can only be used for facility safety and maintenance.

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)

-BUSD Facility Surplus Committee

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

4.3-A Resolution 04-34: Cola Increases for BSEP for FY 2005-06

The Board voted to approve Resolution 04-34 to establish the 2005-06

tax rate for the “Berkeley Public Schools Educational Experience Act of 1994”

(Measure B, 1994 – Schools Special Tax). The new COLA will add approximately

\$130,000 to the BSEP funds. The use of BSEP funds are restricted by the language of the measure.

4.4-A Resolution 04-32: Approval of 2005 Facilities Plan

The Board voted to approve the 2005 Facilities Plan.

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4.5-A Recommend Recruitment of New Teachers

The Board voted to approve early efforts by the Human Resources department to recruit approximately 60 new teachers to meet class size reduction goals in the 2005-06 school year and to fill openings caused by retirements and other attrition.

Conference Item:

1.1-CF Resolution to Amend Contract with WLC Architects for East Campus Project

The Board considered a resolution to amend the WLC Architects contract to include a plan for a regulation size baseball field. a dedicated space for the Farmer's Market, and the closure of Derby Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Milvia Street. The Board rejected the resolution at this time, out of respect for the current planning process. The current planning process is bounded by the city streets. Further discussions about street closure and alternate uses may occur in the future. The current plan calls for the discussion of the regulation size baseball field and the closing of Derby Street to occur in the second phase of planning.

The BUSD School Board Meeting will be re-broadcast on Berkeley Community Media Cable Channel 33 on Sunday March 13, at 1:00PM.

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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