

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting
August 23, 2006
District Administrative Offices
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

ADOPTED MINUTES

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

President Terry S. Doran
Vice President Joaquin Rivera
Director John T. Selawsky
Director Shirley Issel
Director Nancy Riddle
Student Director Mateo Aceves

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

President Doran called the meeting to order at 7: 42 p.m.

Report on Closed Session Actions:

The Board voted unanimously to offer contract to Javier Mendiera for the Manager of Student Welfare position.

The Board voted unanimously to accept an employee's workers comp claim

The Board voted unanimously to approve claim No. 06-97

The Board voted unanimously to reject claim No. 06-09

OATH OF OFFICE

President Doran administered the oath of office to Mateo Aceves, Student Director for the Board of Education, 2006-07

Approve Agenda of August 23, 2006

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Teaching and Learning Presentation

John Santoro, Principal, Early Childhood Education, presented on learning strategies and discussed how those strategies are used to educate pre-school age children

Public Testimony

There were ten speakers who commented on the state of the warm water pool

REPORTS

Union

Barry Fike, representing BFT, commented on the discretionary spending issue and the replenishment of the District's reserve fund

Information Item – 8:00 p.m.

3.2-I – Enrollment

Francisco Martinez, discussed the enrollment procedures for Berkeley and non-Berkeley residents. There was discussion among the Board ranging from the procedures we have in place to the question of how many illegal students are in our district. Director Riddle commented that at one time out-of- district students were encouraged to enroll in our schools. She noted that one nearby school district re-enrolled all children upon entrance to the high school to ensure residency. Student Director Aceves posed the question of how illegally enrolled students affect educational opportunities of students whose parents reside in Berkeley and pay taxes.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence commented on the public testimony about the warm water pool. She recently sent the City a letter from our attorneys that details how we handle district property. She shared the positive two-day experience she had during new teacher orientation. She also introduced Lisa Udell, the new Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director Mateo Aceves commented briefly at orientation week at BHS.

Director Nancy Riddle welcomed Mateo to the Board.

Director John Selawsky welcomed everyone back for the upcoming school year and congratulated Mateo on his appointment to the Board.

Director Shirley Issel welcomed both Mateo and Lisa Udell

Vice President Joaquin Rivera is looking forward to the start of the school year, and he too welcomed Mateo and Lisa. He announced that our upcoming parcel tax measure has been named Measure A.

President Terry Doran welcomed all back

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

Item 3.1-A – Title I Schoolwide Authorization

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – BHS Maintenance Reorganization Plan
Issel/Rivera and approved on voice vote with Director Riddle abstaining
The Board discussed this reorganization plan at length. Director Riddle said she is uncomfortable with adding managers. President Doran posed the idea that the BHS theatre should be improved to increase its attractiveness to outside groups, increase rentals and district revenue.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 1.1-CF - Quarterly Update – Board Policy
Selswsky/Riddle and accepted for First Reading

Item 1.2-CF – Sexual Harassment Policy
Accepted for First Reading

Item 1.3-CF – District Goals Policy
Accepted for First Reading

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – 504 Handbook
Received for information

Item 4.1-I – 45-Day Revise
Deputy Superintendent Eric Smith presented a PowerPoint presentation on information relative to the district’s budget

Item 4.2-I – Facilities Update
Director Issel would like a fire marshal’s report added to our indicators

Item 4.3-I – Maintenance and BB Update
Received for information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS:

Minutes of 6-21-06
Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Minutes of 6-28-06
Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Public announcements

None

Meeting Adjournment

President Doran adjourned the meeting at 10: 12 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Terry S. Doran, President
Board of Education

Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Board of Education

