

# BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2006  
District Administrative Offices  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

OFFICIAL 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 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

**President Doran called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.**

### Report of Closed Session Actions:

Re: Student Case No. 050615092189 –Accepted the recommendation to expel for remainder of school year

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

Re: Student Case No. 050614103090 – Accepted the recommendation of a suspended expulsion for student who will return to school

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

Re: Student Case No. 050617091394 – Accept the recommendation of a suspended expulsion for a full year; will return to school under stipulation and with a contract for one school year

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

Re: Liability claim no. 2004023948 – Accept recommendation to approve claim **Riddle/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote

Re: Liability Claim no. 20040420628 – Accept recommendation to approve claim

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

Denied two liability claims

### **Approve Agenda of January 11, 2006**

Vice President Rivera – move Item 2.1-A to consent

Superintendent Lawrence had the following changes to the agenda:

Page 12 – Item 4.1-C - to be paid from general fund not BSEP

Page 18 – Item 2.1-A – In first paragraph, should read: funding from. .. but NOT limited

Page 33 – Item 1.2-I – under “Transportation” – insert word transportation after “the District shall provide “

**Rivera/Selawsky** and approved unanimously as amended

### **Teaching and Learning Presentation**

Jefferson Elementary School presented details of their K-3 music program

### **Public Testimony**

Ann Graybeal of BCCE addressed BCCEs re-opener, and discussed support for fairer wages and sustainment of a viable workforce

### **Reports**

Superintendent Michele Lawrence – Superintendent Lawrence congratulated the three BHS students who were National Foundation for Advancement of Arts (NFAA) winners: Julian Pollack, Ramona Kelly and Bill Buss

Student Director Teal Miller announced that the leadership at BHS is putting on an assembly for sophomore classes in an effort to spread the word about various issues

Director Nancy Riddle announced the dance production by BHS on Friday and Saturday. She attended the recent Audit Committee meeting where they went over the Audit Report. The BSEP Oversight Committee will meet on January 17 to start discussion of the new measure

Director John Selawsky. Director Selawsky Congratulated the NFAA winners. He also pointed out that a recent survey in the *Daily Planet* that out of six local agencies, Berkeley Unified was second on the list for providing access to meetings

Director Shirley Issel asked to adjourn the meeting in honor of Audrey and Phil Ellwood who recently passed away. They were both teachers, at the high school and junior college level. Phil was a jazz critic and in the BHS Hall of Fame.

Vice President Rivera had nothing to report

President Doran extended his congratulations to the NFAA winners from BHS. He attended the community meeting for Cesar Chavez, which meets yearly with the City and community members. Our school has March 31 as a specific day for learning in the district; we will also celebrate International Women's Day on March 8.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

Item 3.1-I – Professional Development

Director of Curriculum Services, Neil Smith, discussed the focus of the Educational Workgroup and discussed the elements that are essential to quality teaching and student achievement.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Riddle/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended – Item 2.1.A moved to Consent

### **ACTION CALENDAR**

Item 4.1-A – Budget Calendar/2006-07

Deputy Superintendent Eric Smith said it is customary to adopt the Calendar in January of each year outlining the significant milestones that occur throughout the year. He noted that it was an oversight that the Declaration of Fiscal Emergency was not included. Director Riddle added that the Declaration should be considered prior to March 15. Director Selawsky believes this should come up for discussion at the P&O meeting and he would like to see it sooner rather than later because of staffing, site allocations, etc. which means it should be presented at either the February 15 or the March 8 meeting.

Superintendent Lawrence raised the issue of wording regarding certificated layoffs. She suggested a change in wording may prevent misunderstanding.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items 1.1-I and 1.2-I

Reminder that Administrative Regulations do not come from Board Policy Committee as noted on the cover sheet.

Item 3.2-I – Student Assignment

Director Issel would like to have color copies of charts and she also noted the absence of data on small schools for BHS; Director Riddle would like to see socioeconomic/racial/parent education data included; Vice President Rivera would like to see data on grades K-1 and grades 2-5; Director Selawsky would like to see the high school data included in the same report. President Doran commented that he appreciated the diversity reflected in the report

Item 3.3-I – Monthly Enrollment and ADA Summaries

Received for information

Item 3.4-I – Free and Reduced Lunch

Received for information

**Additional Action Items:**

Approve Minutes of 12-7-05

Re: Page 92 – Director Selawsky would like it to say Open Derby Street Field Plan rather than open field plan

Director Riddle pointed out that in her board report, her comments were meant to point to the District’s accomplishments not her accomplishments as president.

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

Approve Minutes of 12-14-05

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

**Extended public testimony**

None

No public announcements

President Doran adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Terry S. Doran, President  
Board of Education

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Michele Lawrence, Secretary  
Board of Education