

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting
January 18, 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 - **absent**

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 7:31 p.m.

Closed Session Actions:

Re: Student Case No. 050616100794 voted unanimously to accept recommendation of student expulsion for one year
Re: Settlement for liability claim against the District by staff – voted unanimously to approve settlement
Discussion on employee discipline

Approve Agenda of January 18, 2006

Director Riddle requested that Item 3.3.-C – Consolidated Application be removed and brought back on the February 1, 2006 agenda
Selawsky/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

Teaching and Learning Presentation

There was a presentation from King Middle School with Principal Kit Pappenheimer and Munta Mbonisi from the Oakland Mentoring Center on the Positive Minds program that serves at-risk eighth graders.

Public Testimony

General comments from community member about the education process

Reports

Student Director Teal Miller Student Director Miller reported that CPA/Small Schools received a \$12K grant from State Farm for service learning project. She also announced, regretfully, that BHS student Alberto Salvador Villarreal Morales was shot and killed in Oakland. Student Director Miller led the Board in a moment of silence.

Director Nancy Riddle Director Riddle offered her condolences on the death of student Villarreal Morales. She congratulated Berkeley High dancers for its outstanding production last weekend. She also announced an upcoming workshop on the achievement gap sponsored by the Alameda County School Boards Association on January 19 at 7 p.m. in Pleasanton.

Director John Selawsky expressed his condolences on the death of student Villarreal Morales.

Director Shirley Issel offered her condolences

Vice President Rivera extended condolences on behalf of the family

President Doran President Doran expressed condolences. .

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Riddle requested that Item 3.3.C be removed from Calendar and brought back on the February 1, 2006 Agenda

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

ACTION CALENDAR

Item 4.1-A – Facilities Plan Modification

Lew Jones, Director of Facilities was on hand to respond to Board questions. The item being presented to the Board is a look at financial adjustments that require modification or further investigation. The final plan will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Selawsky/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 1.1-CF – Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students

Student Director Miller suggested that “Pregnant” be changed to “Expectant” for consistency purposes.

Selawsky/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote for First Reading

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1.1-I – type on page 84, “statutory”

Director Issel: Page 101 – has question about AR 3553/Free and Reduced Meals and whether we have a provision in place to ensure compliance. She would like this item to be revisited on the February 1 agenda.

Item 3.1-I –Neil Smith, Director of Curriculum Services; Donna Van Noord, Coordinator of the Early Literacy Program; and Tom Price, Reading Recovery Teacher, presented a discussion on the early literacy intervention plan.

Item 4.5-I – Business Office Efficiency Study

John Gray from School Services of California discussed the workflow of operations in the District’s Business Department, saying it has greatly improved since their 2001 evaluation. Vice President Rivera asked CBO Eric Smith for his take on the comments and the results of the study.

Item 2.1-I – CBEDS report –received for information

Item 4.1-I – BB Financial Update – received for information

Item 4.2-I – Maintenance and BB Update – received for information

Item 4.3-I – Facilities Plan – received for information

Item 4.4-I – Access Report – received for information

Extended public testimony

None

No public announcements

President Doran adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Terry S. Doran, President
Board of Education

Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Board of Education