

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting
June 21, 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 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 7:39 p.m.

Report on Closed Session Actions:

The Board voted to offer contracts to Director of Fiscal Services, BAM Principal and Vice Principal of Willard. The names will be announced after the contracts are executed.

The Board also took action on the following matters:

Voted unanimously to reject Claim No. 06-06

Student Case No. 0506-02-052492 and 0506-09-062192 and voted unanimously to readmit both students who met the condition of their contracts
Student Case No. 0506-12-080490 and Student Case No. 0506-33-091192 and voted unanimously to expel both students for failure to meet their contracts

Student Case No. 0506-07-11287. Student Case No. 0506-04-111590, Student Case No. 0506-12-092890, and Student Case No. 0506-30-021290 and voted unanimously to extend their expulsions for one year
Student Case No. 0506-05-092390. and on a vote of 4-1 with Director Selawsky abstaining to extend expulsion for one year
Student Case No. 0506-08-091491 and voted 4-1 with Director Issel voting no to return the student back to school for one more semester and continue contract
Student Case No. 0506-53-042695 and voted to suspend with a contract 3-1, Vice President Rivera abstained and Director Riddle voted no.
Liability Claim No. 06-06 The Board discussed and rejected claim.

Approve Agenda of June 21, 2006

Director Selawsky - Move Item 1.3-A to Consent
Director Riddle – table minutes of June 7, 2006 until she can review **Selawsky/Rivera** and approved unanimously as amended

Teaching and Learning Presentation

Flora Russ and Annie Johnston from CPA Academy discussed student Miguel Rodriguez' woodworking/signage project. Besides producing an outstanding sign for the Academy, Miguel's math and English skills measurably improved as a result of him navigating through the process of a project from start to finish

Public Testimony

There was public testimony from a community member about the District's bathrooms. Marcy Greenhut discussed recycling.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Michele Lawrence congratulated the schools on their promotional ceremonies. She announced that the tennis courts at King Middle School are completed. Finally, she wished the District's retirees well.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director Teal Miller reported on a successful graduation ceremony at Berkeley High School.

Director Nancy Riddle attended several celebrations. She commented on the African American celebration's guest speaker who made hateful remarks about gays. She emphasized that the district strives for diversity and she felt the comments were inappropriate.

Director John Selawsky attended several ceremonies

Director Shirley Issel extended her congratulations to the graduates. She also thanked Director Riddle for her comments about the African American celebration.

Vice President Joaquin Rivera also attended several ceremonies and extended his congratulations.

President Doran also congratulated the graduating students.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Selawsky and approved as amended

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1.1-A – Proposed Tax Measure

Director Riddle had several changes to the ballot measure language. She asked that it be placed on the June 28 agenda as a consent item.

Riddle/Rivera and approved as amended

Item 1.2-A – Local 21

Selawsky/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.1-A – School Plan

Rivera/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Vice President Rivera noted that these plans came to the Board two years ago and were rejected. He is pleased to see that we have come a long way in developing plans that address the needs of the District.

Item 3.2-A – BSEP Expenditures

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.3-A – SLI Evaluation

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.4-A – CDE

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – Meals Price Increase

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 1.1-CF – Wellness Policy

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

Item 3.1-CF – District Goals

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

Item 4.1-CF – Preliminary Budget

A review of the preliminary budget was presented by Song Chin Bendib and Eric Smith.

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously to extend meeting after 11:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1.1-I – Administrative Regulation on Field Trips

Item 3.1-I – Monthly Enrollment

Public announcements

None

Meeting Adjournment

President Doran adjourned the meeting at 11:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Terry S. Doran, President
Board of Education

Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Board of Education