

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Special Board Meeting
March 22, 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 - **Absent**
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 7:40 p.m.

Public Testimony

Parent and community member John Stewart spoke about access to school facilities on the weekend and after school.

Information Item

Item 1.1-I – Presentation by Paul Godwin re survey results

Paul Goodwin presented the results of a telephone survey conducted with Berkeley voters regarding the feasibility of passing a ballot measure to renew the soon to expire tax measures. The survey results were favorable and indicate that surveyed voters consider the money well spent. They do have priorities on how it should be spent: class size reduction, tutoring, teachers' salaries and after school programs, to name a few.

Conference Item

Item 3.1-CF – Planning Assumptions for Special Tax Measure

There was much discussion among Board members about this document crafted by Superintendent Lawrence. Vice President Rivera would like to see what we could fund without increasing taxes. Director Riddle was particularly concerned about charging maintenance issues to indirect costs stating that she considers it “double dipping.” Superintendent Lawrence will further review the issues raised and present it to the Board at a later date.

No vote was taken on this item.

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously to open Public Hearing at 8:41 p.m.

Three speakers commented on the importance of art and music programs as part of Berkeley students’ curriculum and urged the Board to include language in the proposed tax measure to ensure that these vital programs are funded.

Barry Fike, BFT President, spoke about the proposed Measure and recited a Resolution drafted by BFT that designates where all potential parcel tax monies are distributed.

Public Announcement

Director Riddle reminded the community that there are a series of upcoming public forums scheduled to garner input about the proposed new tax measure.

Student Director Teal Miller announced that she is re-appointing Kenneth Watts to the Youth Commission

Rivera/Selawsky and approved unanimously to close Public Hearing at 9:08 p.m.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

Report on Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed personnel matters. No action was taken.

Closed Session was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Terry S. Doran, President
Board of Education

Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Board of Education