

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting
May 17, 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: 42 p.m.

Report on Closed Session Actions:

The Board addressed the following student expulsion matters:

Student Case No. 0506-43-091991 and voted unanimously on voice vote to expel student until spring 2007

Student Case No. 0506-03-060891 and voted 4 to 1 with President Doran abstaining to expel student until spring semester of 2007

The Board also heard several claims against the district and approved unanimously to accept the staff recommendation on a settlement agreement between the district and a former employee

The Board voted unanimously on voice vote to accept recommendation to reject liability claim no. 06-05

The Board voted unanimously to accept settlement agreement and release of authorization for liability claim no. 05-42208

Approve Agenda of May 17, 2006

Director Rivera requested that a modification be made to Item 1.1-C in support of Proposition 82

It was requested that Item 1.1-A – Complaint policy be moved to consent **Rivera/Riddle** and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended

Teaching and Learning Presentation

This segment was presented by Rebecca Cheung, Principal, and Audrey Amos, Teacher of Longfellow Middle School on Enhancing Education through Technology. Principal Cheung and Audrey Amos discussed how the EETE grant has paid for software and hardware at three middle schools and for professional development for teachers to be trained. This project based curriculum focuses on developing technology expertise in students with projects such as creating and maintaining websites for teachers and developing ads for community service projects and

Public Testimony

Several speakers offered support for the BAHS proposal. Ellie Goldstein, librarian, brought attention to two Assembly Bills that create statewide library standards, and allocate money to allow access to safe, data bases.

REPORTS

Committee Report

Dan Lindheim of the P& O Committee gave Board members and update on the Committee's discussions around the proposed tax measure.

Board Members' Reports

Superintendent Michele Lawrence told the Board she would bring the final recommendations on the proposed measure to the next Board meeting as a conference item.

Student Director Teal Miller reported that BHSs musical closed last week, and that student's elections are slated to be held on May 30.

Director Nancy Riddle wished everyone a good last month at school and congratulated the BHS swim team. She also reminded everyone that Friday the District celebrates Malcolm X's birthday and that recognition of his birthday is one of the reasons Berkeley is such a unique community.

Director John Selawsky thanked the community members who came out tonight to support the alternative high school's proposal. He reiterated that he does support the proposal but wanted to make sure it was processed in the approved manner.

Director Shirley Issel also extended her appreciation to the supporters of the BAHS proposal. She recently attended the creek common opening at the adult school and commented on its beauty. She also attended the open house of the BHS Health Center and remarked on its worth.

Vice President Rivera had nothing to report

President Terry S. Doran gave thanks to the community for their support.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 4.7-C to hire a consultant to perform an EIR

Rivera/Riddle and approved on voice vote with Director Selawsky voting No
Selawsky/Riddle and approved the Consent Calendar as amended

ACTION ITEMS

Item 2.1-A – Elimination of Classified Categorical positions

Rivera/Riddle and approved on voice vote with Student Director Miller abstaining

Item 3.1-A – BAHS Proposal

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.2-A – BSEP Books and Education

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.3-A – BSEP Fund 7

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Director Issel was pleased to see that \$50K is being set aside for disaster preparedness and called the community's attention to preparation efforts. The funds will be used to equip every box and container at each school site with up to date supplies and will also establish an emergency operation center at B-Tech. The money will also be used to repair and troubleshoot existing radios and provide staff training

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Item 1.1-CF – Revisions to Proposed Tax Measure

Superintendent discussed her systemic approach to recommendations for the proposed parcel tax. Her goal has been to think through those issues which further academic, social and emotional growth of our students.

Director Riddle talked about her attendance at several P&O meetings and the lively discussions that ensued particularly around site committees and how we maintain that grassroots group. The thought is to somehow fold that into the bylaws.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 3.1-I – Monthly Enrollment Report

Item 4.1-I – Facilities Update

Director Issel asked Public Information Officer, Mark Coplan, to gear up on recruiting members for the maintenance committee; it is suffering from a lack of quorum.

Director Riddle queried about the drainage issues at BAHS.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS:

Minutes of 4-5-06

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Minutes of 4-19-05

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote as amended
Minutes of 5-3-06

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Public announcements

None

Meeting Adjournment

President Doran adjourned the meeting at 10: 42 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Terry S. Doran, President
Board of Education

Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Board of Education