

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting
November 15, 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 Mateo Aceves

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 7:37 pm

Report on Closed Session Action:

The Board took no action in closed session

Approve Agenda of November 15, 2006

Rivera/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Teaching and Learning Presentation

John Muir Principal Greg John and teachers Barbara Vogel and Debbie Rogers presented on Universal Learning Support Services. The goal of the ULSS is to close the achievement gap and they have identified three focus areas: Academic intervention in math and language arts; social/emotional skill building, and parent support. They are working in partnership with District staff and administration.

Public Testimony

One grandparent spoke gave her impressions of a recent meeting of African American parents at John Muir.

Dan Lindheim, representing the BSEP Committee, congratulated Terry S. Doran and the voters of Berkeley for the overwhelming support for Measure A.

Bill Flounders from the Facilities Safety and Oversight Maintenance Committee discussed the improved communication between the Committee and the District. He also acknowledged the reorganization of the Maintenance Department. He addressed an item on this week's Board agenda that requests modification of Committee Bylaws, and also discussed the many vacancies on the Committee.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence extended her appreciation to the community for their support of Measure A.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director Mateo Aceves thanked outgoing President Doran. He also thanked Bill Flounders and stated he would try to fill his vacancy on the FSMOC Committee.

Director Nancy Riddle announced that the current vote count was 79+ percent, a victory achieved on an honest and positive campaign platform. Director Riddle said that the voters witnessed a campaign conducted with integrity, transparency and oversight. She commended the Steering Committee, Larry Gordon, its treasurer and David Manson, the coordinator. She also thanked Dan Lindheim for his campaign support.

Director John Selawsky also thanked the voters, Dave Manson, Dan Lindheim and Nancy Riddle for their hard work. He congratulated Directors Riddle and Issel on their re-election to the Board and congratulated Karen Hemphill for her election. Finally, he extended his thanks to Terry Doran.

Director Shirley Issel extended her appreciation to the voters and said her farewell to outgoing President Doran.

Vice President Rivera thanked the community for its support and graciously thanked NEBA and BASTA for their opposition to the Measure because it helped voters make informed decisions. He congratulated Nancy, Shirley and Karen for their election/re-election, and thanked Terry Doran for his years of service.

President Terry S. Doran shared thoughtful comments about his years in the District and extended thanks to the Board, the Superintendent, and everyone who worked on Measure A. He acknowledged the many committees he has worked with over the years and the outstanding staff and students.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rivera/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote, with Student Director Aceves abstaining as to Item 3.1-C

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1.1-A – BP 6164.21 – Academic and Career Counseling

Aceves/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 2.1-A – Letter of Agreement with Ithaca

Issel/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 2-2-A – Credential Waiver

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.1-A – New Counseling Program

Aceves/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – Modify Bylaws of FSMOC

Vice President Rivera expressed his concern about the request to modify the section on quorum is defined. As it is written, only two active members will qualify as a quorum and those two members will make all decisions. Student Director Aceves responded that because the Board has not filled committee vacancies, we should take responsibility for the Committee's composition. Director Selawsky recommended that we add the following language to the end of the section addressing quorum: Notwithstanding the proceeding, a quorum must have a minimum of three members.

Director Issel suggested that the Board review its master policy on advisory committees and look at making the membership tighter and smaller. Director Riddle expressed her consternation that the Committee has been unable to make decisions because of lack of a quorum. She is against putting off tonight's vote while we review Board policies. She does not see any reason why we cannot pass this item so the Committee can function.

Selawsky/Doran and approved on voice vote as amended (**Notwithstanding the proceeding, a quorum must have a minimum of three members**) with Director Issel opposing and Vice President Rivera abstaining

There was a motion by Selawsky, seconded by Doran to strike the request in the Bylaws that the Committee present a five minute report during the Board meetings until a later date.

Selawsky/Doran and approved on voice vote with Director Riddle voting against and Student Aceves abstaining

Item 4.2-A – Approval of Computer Lease for BHS

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

CONFERENCE ITEM

Item 1.1-CF – BP 5141.21 – Medication

Rivera/Issel and approved unanimously for First Reading

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1.1-I – Administrative Regulation – Academic Counseling

Item 1.2-I – Administrative Regulation – Medication

Item 3.1-I – Average Daily Attendance Summaries

Director Issel congratulated Willard on its outstanding attendance record

Item 4.1-I – Facilities Plan Update

Item 4.2-I – Measure BB Report

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Minutes of 11-15-06

Selawsky/Rivera and approved unanimously on voice vote

Public announcements

Superintendent Lawrence announced the upcoming CSBA conference in San Francisco from November 30 through December 2. She will be speaking at the Superintendent’s Luncheon, and will also participate on a panel to discuss maintenance of Board policies. Finally, the BHS band will open the CSBA ceremony.

Meeting Adjournment

President Doran adjourned the meeting at 9:37 pm

ATTEST:

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President
Board of Education

Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Board of Education