

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting
October 18, 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 – **Excused Absence**
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: 45 p.m.

Report on Closed Session Actions:

The Board unanimously voted to approve an employee's workers comp claim
The Board voted unanimously to accept the expulsion recommendation for Student Case No. 0607-02-052591 for one school year

Approve Agenda of October 18, 2006

Student Director Aceves requested that Item 4.7-C be pulled for discussion **Selawsky/Riddle** and approved unanimously as amended

Teaching and Learning Presentation

BUSD Math teacher Jake Disston reported on professional development for middle school math teachers and the effects teachers have on the cognitive demand spectrum.

Public Testimony

None

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence attended the second round of the evaluation model with principals and commended the staff and principal at Longfellow Middle School for their overall dramatic improvement.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director Mateo Aceves talked about Spirit Week at the high school and the homecoming scheduled for Friday. He thanked Principal Slemph for his advocacy in resurrecting Spirit Week.

Director Shirley Issel had nothing to report.

Director Nancy Riddle had nothing to report this week.

Director John Selawsky urged everyone to get a copy of the API report contained in this week's Board packet and look at the impressive gains that our schools have made from 1999 to the present.

President Terry S. Doran had nothing to report this week.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Riddle/Selawsky and approved as amended

Item 4.7-C – King Dining Commons

Student Director Aceves had a question about the increase requested in this item and why the fiscal impact does not reflect an increase. Facilities Director Jones explained that the budget line will not increase.

Aceves/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

ACTION ITEMS

Item 2.1-A – Nutrition Services Job Descriptions

Selawsky/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 2.2-A – Declaration of Fully Qualified Educators

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 2.3-A – Credential Waiver

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 3.1-A - Resolution for Textbooks

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously on voice vote

Item 4.1-A – TRANS

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 3.1-I – API

Received for information: Director Issel asked that this item be revisited by the Board at a later date when there is more time for an in depth discussion

Item 3.2-I – After School Programs

Suzanne McCulloch, Administrative Coordinator; Emily Davidow: District Program Coordinator; Charity DeMarto, LeConte Community Kidz; Johnnie Stovall, Longfellow; Tina Lewis, Longfellow; and Michelle Miguelez, Emerson presented on the District’s after school programs. These programs provide academic support, recreational activities, enrichment classes, and community building in a safe environment.

Item 4.1-I – Post Retirement Benefits

Received for information
Nicolay Consulting Group and Deputy Superintendent Eric Smith discussed the impact of GASB 43 and 45. These new governmental standards are reporting and accounting requirements set up to recognize post employment healthcare expenses systematically over periods approximating employees’ years of service. The Board concurred with the staff recommendation to send the actuarial study to the joint district/union Benefit Cost Containment Committee for discussion and action

Item 4.2-I – Facilities Update

Received for information
Director Selawsky had questions about the status of the work at Malcolm X. Lew Jones was on hand to answer questions and estimated that all work will be completed by the third week in November. Director Selawsky also asked about progress on the transportation yard. Lew Jones advised that the city staff wants to do a traffic study which will likely commence by the end of November.

Item 4.3-I – Facilities Construction Report

Received for information

Item 4.4-I – Accessibility Report

Received for information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Minutes of 10-04-06
Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously on voice vote

Public announcements

None

Meeting Adjournment

President Doran adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Terry S. Doran, President
Board of Education

Michele Lawrence, Secretary
Board of Education