

## BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Minutes, Regular Meeting

### OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011  
Berkeley Unified School District  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley CA 94704

### Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President  
John T. Selawsky, Vice President/Clerk  
Karen Hemphill, Director  
Leah Wilson, Director  
Josh Daniels, Director  
Lias Djili - Student Director (Absent)

Administration: Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary  
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent  
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational  
Services  
Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent of Human  
Resources

President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:47 pm

### Report Closed Session Actions

Student Expulsions:

Student Case No. 1011-09-012797

**Hemphill/Selawsky** and approved on a vote of 3-2

yes: Hemphill, Selawsky and Daniels

no: Leyva-Cutler and Wilson

Student Readmissions:

Student Case No. 0910-04-122698

**Hemphill/Selawsky** unanimously voted to readmit with a vote of 5-0

The Board discussed Human Resource issues and received updates.

Classified Employee Discipline

Board approved a classified staff settlement with a vote of 5-0

## **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Corrected copy of 2.3C was submitted

Director Wilson pulled 4.2C

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved on a vote of 5-0

## **RECOGNITION**

Monica Thyberg, Manager, Berkeley Schools Excellence Project

Superintendent Huyett spoke to honor Ms. Thyberg. “On behalf of the School Board, District and community, we all appreciate your dedication of 23 years of service to this school district. You have been named “the mother of BSEP.” Monica has run five campaigns for the BSEP measure and led the P&O oversight committee. You are a leader in developing leaders and great school governance and site councils. You have the greatest dedication and standards for your district. You demonstrate service above self and have been a champion of the arts and support of the libraries.”

Ms. Thyberg responded, “thank you for your appreciation of my work. I am honored that this trust had been placed in me. It was a unique and special task. Thank you to the citizens of Berkeley for being so generous to our schools.”

## **Public Testimony**

Many community members came to speak in support of the Restorative Justice Resolution. Restorative Justice encourages people to resolve conflict peacefully. It is a philosophy and cultural shift. This Resolution is in support of the goals of the 2020 Vision in making Berkeley School welcoming in all students. It is in support of the Theory of Action in support of your District goals. Students from Longfellow Middle School spoke about their experience in learning about and utilizing restorative justice. The Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission is also in support of the Resolution.

## **Committees**

John Caner, Downtown Berkeley Association Downtown Berkeley Property-Based Business/ Improvement District (PBID)

He presented plans for a new property based business in Berkeley. “We were only making marginal impact. Our Board concluded that PBID was the best solution. The Temescal PBID has been very successful. We can and will get better. Assessment for the school district is about \$19,000. The money will go to a clean and safe program. We want to engage the BHS students in this process and program. We have been in contact with Principal Scuderi. I will be coming back to the March 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting with an action item on the agenda.”

## **UNION REPORT**

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, presented an update on the Support the Soles project. She asked the community to join in supporting healthy feet and the emotional well being of Berkeley students. Donations will be collected through January 22, 2011. Shoes will be distributed on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Berkeley Adult School. Personnel Commissioner Shirley Van Bourg has resigned after seven years of service. Roy Doolan has been voted by the membership to fill the position on the Commission. Ms. Phillips requested the Board calendar be revised to include a study session on the Rules of the Merit Commission. Ms. Phillips requested that the position of College Career Advisor be pulled from the agenda.

## **Board's Report**

Director Daniels: "I had mentioned a possible conflict of interest with CSBA. I asked for advice from counsel. I will recuse myself from items that deal with membership with CSBA." Director Daniels commended Principal Scuderi for handling the incident at BHS in an extremely professional and transparent manner.

Director Hemphill: Thanked students for coming to speak about their personal experiences with the restorative justice program that is in place at Longfellow Middle School.

Director Wilson: Director Wilson held her first office hours as a school board member. She thanked the parents and community members that came to speak with her. She also conducted her first site visits at Rosa Parks and BAM.

Vice-President Selawsky: Director Selawsky offered thanks and gratitude to Monica Thyberg. He also thanked the three Longfellow students. "If there was a strong argument for the restorative justice, they gave it." He also appointed Natalia Segal appointed to Youth Commission.

President Leyva-Cutler: President Leyva-Cutler recognized the families who have suffered from the violence in Arizona. She held a moment of silence for the two BHS alumni who died this week. "Thank you to the BHS staff for how they handled the situation earlier in the week. Thank you to Dr. Craig for organizing the truancy meeting at BHS."

## **Superintendent's Report**

"The Governor's budget was put out. It is not as bad as we thought it might be. It is the best plan that I have seen to take care of the deficit. He needs to get the legislature to agree with it and get it on the ballot in early March. I give full support to the day of action on March 2, 2011. There will be a celebration for Monica Thyberg on January 21, 2011 at

Northbrae church. Rebecca Cheung has submitted her resignation. She was a very effective principal and head of Evaluation and Assessment. Victor Diaz, Principal at BTech, has resigned and will move into his new role as charter school leader. Kunal Dalal will be the interim principal until we conduct interviews in the spring.”

### **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously 5-0

1.1C

Director Wilson commented on the Restorative Justice Resolution, “if we do have an intention of implementing restorative justice we have a lot of work ahead of us. It is nice and it feels good, but to see real change it will be really difficult. It is easier to suspend then to work conflict resolution. It will require parent, staff and student education.

**Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill** and approved unanimously 5-0

2.3C

Technical corrections were made to the original documents

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously 5-0

4.2C

**Selawsky/Daniels** and approved unanimously 5-0

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1.1-A

Approval of Board Appointments and Assignments to Various Committees

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously 5-0

Director Daniels will be added as an alternate to the Superintendent’s Budget Advisory Committee.

Director Hemphill will share King with Director Wilson and give up LeConte.

5.1-A

Process for Determining Bond Projects

Presented by Lew Jones, Facilities Director

**Daniels/Selawsky** and approved staff recommendation unanimously 5-0

Motion to extend Board meeting: **Selawsky/Wilson** 4-1 (Hemphill no)

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 1.1-I

#### Study Session topics

President Leyva-Cutler suggested that the study sessions be determined after the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and that a template be created for the sessions to allow staff to prepare. Director Daniels suggested that the Board prioritize the budget for the meeting on January 26, 2011. The Board agreed to hear Vision 2020 Committee Updates and the District work plan at the January 26, 2011 study session.

### 3.1-I

#### IEP Compliance Report

Presented for Information

### 3.2-I

#### CTE

Dr. Susan Craig, Vernon Walton, Burr Guthrie and Superintendent Huyett presented.

Through the direction of the goals we created this committee. We took a look at the secondary options for our students. We visited other programs to include the secondary option within the District. We are deficient in technology education in our district. We do not have a CTE advisory group within the District. A CTE program will help to engage kids and reduce the dropout rate. It will help to transition students into post secondary education and career paths.

Director Hemphill requested that the credit recovery piece be separated from the CTE plan with the CTE piece being for all students. Director Wilson asked for a list of all current CTE and credit recovery programs that currently exist at the secondary level. Director Selawsky requested information on which students have access to the different programs. Director Daniels inquired as to who would sit on the advisory committee and which of the short term goals could be completed by the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

The CTE/Secondary Redesign Committee will report back to the Board.

### 5.1-I

#### Facilities Plan Update

Presented by Lew Jones, Facilities Director

Received for information

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM**

Approve Minutes of November 3, 2010

**Selawsky/ Hemphill** and approved on a vote of 4-1 (Daniels abstains)

Approve Minutes of November 10, 2010

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously 5-0

Approve Minutes of December 8, 2010

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously 5-0

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

President Leyva-Cutler adjourned the meeting at 11:30 pm.

The Board went back into closed session at 11:40 pm.

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John T. Selawsky, Clerk  
Board of Education