

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 4, 2010
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:
Karen Hemphill, President
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President
John T. Selawsky, Director / Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, Director

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

President Hemphill called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board considered the following student expulsions:
Student Case No. 0910-04-122698

Issel/Selawsky and approved unanimously Suspended Expulsion through fall 2010.

The Board approved the appointment of Mary Buttler, Director Personnel Services -Issel/Leyva-Cutler 5-0; ratified the appointment of Jorge Melgoza, Vice Principal Berkeley High – Selawsky/Riddle 4-1 Leyva-Cutler Recused; ratified the appointment of Burr Guthrie, Vice Principal Berkeley Adult School – Selawsky/Riddle 5-0 and Audrey Ames, Vice Principal Willard Middle School – Selawsky/Riddle 5-0.

The Board discussed other personnel issues in closed session without action.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA of August 4, 2010

Director Selawsky pulled Item 1.1-C; President Hemphill pulled Item 3.1-C and Vice President Leyva-Cutler pulled 4.5-C.

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously to approve agenda as revised.

Public Testimony

Speakers spoke in support of Consent Item 3.3-C King Mural Project and for the new SSC Bylaws for Berkeley High School.

There were no Union Comments.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Riddle reported on the work she has been doing over the summer as the Regional Delegate for the California School Board Association (CSBA). Vice President Leyva-Cutler invited the community to join in on a vigil/rally in opposition to the Governor's elimination of funding for childcare for California's most vulnerable children, on the steps of the building (Old City Hall) on August 5th. President Hemphill reported that Berkeley's Assemblymember Nancy Skinner has been meeting with educators in Assembly District 14 to talk about alternatives to the Governor's proposed budget cuts that effect education.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huyett reported that the District has received the STAR test results and they look very good, specific details are embargoed from public release for two weeks; he credited the work on the 2020 Vision and the hard work of the classroom teachers, stating that the combined efforts are paying off. He reported that administrators and managers are returning from the summer break, and the theme of the August Management Retreat (at Northbre Church) is "Celebrating the Stars". Superintendent Huyett commented on the difficulty districts are having making any decisions with the Governor's inability to deliver a budget, and the horrible impact his proposed budget has on programs like childcare and after school programs. Superintendent Huyett reported on the work on the 2020 Vision over the summer, and a new partnership with West Ed, and introduced Assistant Superintendent Delia Ruiz, attending her first school board meeting in her official capacity over Human Resources.

APPROVE CONSENT

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously as amended

Item 1.1-C – Resolution in Opposition to Application for Beer/Wine at Wallgreens in Downtown Berkeley.

Director Selawsky corrected the record to reflect that President Hemphill had co-sponsored the resolution with him. Director Issel pulled the item for clarification of the guidelines regarding the sale of alcohol near a school, and how this would differ from the stores currently selling alcohol on Shattuck Avenue.

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously.

Item 3.1-C BEARS School Age Child Development Contract with the State of California

Vice President Leyva-Cutler pulled the item to give her support for the item, and asked that the Board's resolution in support of childcare be included with the contract.

Riddle/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously.

Item 4.5-C Ratification for Payments to Vendors for Student Services for Special Education Department in FY 2009-10

Director Leyva-Cutler pulled the item for clarification of the fiscal impact, Deputy Superintendent Cleveland clarified that this is a ratification for the 2009-10 school year.

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A – Approval of SSC Bylaws for BHS

(1) Board approved Berkeley High School's SSC Bylaws changing the last line in paragraph five to read "The WASC Action Plan forms the basis for the Single Plan for Student Achievement." The document includes the recommended changes from the Board's previous discussion of the bylaws. The Board discussed the breakdown of the number of the representatives on the committee and made further changes. President Hemphill noted that it is possible to make additional amendments after the bylaws have been approved.

Riddle/Selawsky and approved all but the composition of the committee 5-0

The Board took a second vote to approve the composition of the committee **-4-1** with Director Riddle voting NO

Issel/Selawsky

1.2-A – Approval of Mission, Vision and Values

Board approved the Mission, Vision and Values with two changes:

(1) Removed the "a" in the first line of the Vision that begins, "Our Students".

(2) Changed line one in paragraph three of the Vision to read, "Families are active, engaged and welcomed partners in their child's education..."

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

4.1-A – Approval of Independent Accountant's Reports for Measure A of 2006, Measure B of 2004, Measure BB of 2000 and Measure B of 2005

(1) Board approved the Independent Accountant's Reports following a presentation.

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved Minutes of:

May 26, 2010: 5-0 with changes

June 9, 2010: 5-0 without changes

June 23, 2010: 5-0 without changes

President Hemphill adjourned the meeting at 10:10 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education