

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, August 18, 2010
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

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 7:53 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0910-01-120395

Selawsky/Issel and approved on vote of 4-1 to readmit student.
Director Riddle voted NO

Student Case No. 0910-26-073093

Student Case No. 0910-40-051999

Student Case No. OD-1011-01-112095

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously to readmit students

The Board heard Claim # 1318

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously to accept claim

The Board discussed Human Resource issues and received updates

The Board approved the appointment of Burr Guthrie as acting Principal for Berkeley Adult School

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- Director Selawsky recused on Item No. 1 of 4.1-C
- President Hemphill moved up Items 3.1-A and 3.2-A so they will be heard after Public Comment
- The Teaching and Learning presentation was postponed until the next regular Board of Education meeting

Leyva-Cutler/Selawsky and approved unanimously as revised

RECOGNITION

Introduction of newly hired administrators: Audrey Amos, VP, Willard; Mary Buttler, Director, Human Resources; Susan Craig, Director, Student Services; Paco Furlan, Principal, Rosa Parks; Burr Guthrie, VP, Berkeley Adult; Alex Hunt, Principal, Malcolm X, Jorge Melgoza, VP, Berkeley High and Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Public Testimony

Parents and community members commented on cuts in pre-k funding

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips of BCCE discussed layoffs of Instructional Assistants.

Remarks from Superintendent re: Cuts in Pre-K funding

Superintendent Huyett talked at length about the cuts in Pre-K funding. He emphasized that the District has worked quickly to come up with the best proposal given the circumstances. The Plan being presented tonight is a two-month only plan with the stipulation that available District funds and the cost of the Plan must line up. He also talked about the importance of keeping the after school program that serves our most vulnerable students.

He noted that the District is already facing up to a \$6 million deficit and under no circumstances will we spend into our reserves.

ACTION ITEMS

3.1-A - Restructure of Pre-K and BEARS Program

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously to fund our preschool and BEARS program with changes in the hours of operations and sessions in the classroom through October 31, 2010 as outlined in the staff proposal using fund balances and some Headstart funding without going into the general fund.

Superintendent's Report

STAR Test results are available on our website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A – Approval of Job Description

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

3.2-A – Application for Contract Modification for Child Development Programs

Correction: Pg 58, under Fiscal Impact reads CCTR instead of CCTR

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I – BHS Textbook Approval

3.2-I – Williams Quarterly Report

5.1-I – Facilities Update Report

President Hemphill adjourned the meeting at 10:16 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

