

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2010
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

Karen Hemphill, President (excused absence)
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President
John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, Director
Lias Djili, Student Director (excused absence)

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

Vice President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board received personnel updates from Human Resources and updates on surplus property.

Action: None

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Riddle recused from 5.4-C

Selawsky recused from 4.4-C

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously 4-0

RECOGNITION

Zenobia Barlow, Center for Ecoliteracy, and Marsha Guerrero, Chez Panisse Foundation, for their support of School Lunch Initiative.

Ms. Guerrero thanked the Board for their support in revamping the

school lunch program to include universal breakfast. Ms. Guerrero acknowledged both Bonnie Christensen and Marni Posey for their continued work. Ms. Guerrero thanked the teachers and administrators for continuing the programs (lunch, garden, cooking, and curriculum integration) that they started.

Mr. Huyett thanked Alice Waters and the Chez Panisse Foundation for partnering with the school district. Director Issel commented, "BUSD could not have accomplished the School Lunch Initiative without our community partners. The program is now standing on its own financially and is a true gem in the District."

Neil Smith thanked Zenobia Barlow, founder of Ecoliteracy. Ms. Barlow was unable to attend.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

An Evaluation of the School Lunch Initiative – Suzanne Rauzon, Center for Weight & Health at U.C. Berkeley. A copy of the full report is available for viewing online. The work done in Berkeley with BUSD is a model for schools across the country. Mr. Huyett expressed gratitude for the School Lunch Initiative and study. "We are pleased to see the difference the program has made with our students at BUSD."

Public Testimony: None

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, expressed concern about the negative treatment of BCCE members. Ms. Phillips commented that her members have been loyal to BUSD. Ms. Phillips asked the Board to review their concerns and direct Administrators to take action.

Board Member's Report:

Director Selawsky: The current state budget slashes the county's Planning Counsel for Childcare budget by 50%. This is an appropriate time to call the office of the Governor and state legislators.

Director Riddle: The state budget puts us in the same situation we were in last May. It has been an exercise in torment. People are concerned about mid year cuts. We have an election coming up and BUSD has two measures on the ballot. Please read through them closely.

Vice President Levy- Cutler: The state budget is impacting families that participate in the Calworks program. I am sure we have these children and families in our schools. I urge everyone to call their elected officials.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Huyett attended a state budget conference in Sacramento.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Riddle recused from 5.4-C

Selawsky recused from 4.4-C

Riddle/Selawsky 4-0 and approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

3.1-A Resolution for Grades K – 12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

Motion to open public session for item 3.1-A

Riddle/Selawsky 4-0 and approved unanimously

No Public Comments

Motion to close public session for item 3.1-A

Riddle/Issel 4-0 and approved unanimously

Motion to approve item 3.1-A

Selawsky/Riddle 4-0 approved unanimously

CONFERENCE ITEM

3.1-CF District Goals for 2010 – 2011

Director Issel suggested that the Goals be tightly aligned with what the District believes is making a difference (principal leadership, professional development and an aligned cohesive curriculum). Mr. Huyett suggested the addition of a preface to the goals to include a Theory of Action.

No action was taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I Report on After School Program

Received for information

Emily Nathan, Anne Callegari, Michelle Miquelez and David Barba presented. The Berkeley LEARNS program consists of four main components: Academic Support, Enrichment, Recreation and Community Building.

Berkeley LEARNS Goals:

1. Improve parent involvement with LEARNS programs and the school on a whole to increase academic success.

2. Improve academic support and alignment with the school day goals and curriculum.
3. Continue to build community partners.
4. Continue to develop new processes and procedures to improve attendance record keeping and parent fee collection. Improve budget oversight.

The two areas of focus for the 2010-2011 School Year

1. Academic Support
2. Linking after school with the school day

John Selawsky commented that he appreciated the program linking with the school day and staff development. Mr. Huyett recognized that some of the big gains being made at the elementary school level could be attributed to what goes on in the LEARNS program.

3.2-I Class Size Report
Received for information

3.3-I
Williams Quarterly Report
Received for information

3.4-I
Draft of Measures of Progress toward Achieving Goals
Received for information

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 15, 2010: Riddle/Selawsky 4-0 approved with changes
September 22, 2010: Riddle/Selawsky 4-0 approved unanimously

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

Vice President Leyva-Cutler adjourned the meeting at 9:41 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

