

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 3, 2010
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 7:30pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, Director

Administration: Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary
Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent of Human
Resources

Director Issel called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Riddle/Selawsky and approved 3-0

Public Testimony

No public testimony

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A Appointment of Personnel Commissioner

Open Public Hearing on 2.1A at 7:36

Selawsky/Riddle and approved on a vote of 3-0

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, commented that BCCE was not in support of the reappointment of Dan Lee to the Personnel Commission. "Last month George Cole delivered a 2 hour workshop to Commissioners and employees. He emphasized the role of Commissioners. Mr. Lee's actions do not show that he supports the role of the Personnel Commission. Mr. Lee's opinions are not his own. He shows disregard for the rules. He fails to support the employees and the vote of the other Commissioners. It has been a struggle for classified employees to have a fair system in regards to filling vacancies."

Close Public Hearing

Riddle/Selawsky and approved on a vote of 3-0

Motion to reappoint Dan Lee as Personnel Commissioner
Selawsky/Riddle and approved on a vote of 3-0

Board Member's Report:

John Selawsky: Thank you to voters in the school district for passing Measures H & I. Thank you for showing support for your schools and community.

Nancy Riddle: Thank you voters. It felt like a reaffirmation of how careful we are with public funds. We'll have to put forward a committee to monitor the funds under the prop 39. I look forward to seeing what that committee will look like. We will continue to hold the monies with great esteem.

Shirley Issel: Thank you voters for supporting the bond. The support is based on trust in the Board, the Cabinet and the Superintendent. We have worked hard to deserve and earn the trust of our community.

Superintendent Huyett: I agree with the comments of the Board. Several media people asked me if I was surprised by the vote and I said "no." I hold the whole City of Berkeley in wonderment. I am so happy this community supports the school District in the way that it does. We are fortunate to have the trust of the community. Making sure that we are transparent is a paramount of importance. The vote tells me that the community is telling us that they think we are doing a good job. The trust that we saw in this election doesn't just come from the work in the classroom, and work of Principals but also in the Board making sure the school district upholds its commitments to the students.

Director Issel directed remarks toward Paula Phillips in her capacity as President of BCCE. As the Superintendent mentioned in his remarks tonight, the successful passage of our recent bond and parcel tax rested on the trust our community has in their elected officials and the staff of Berkeley Unified. This same trust is needed for parents to form a successful partnership with their schools in the education of their children. In light of this need for trust in our employees, including those in your unit, and because you have many venues and opportunities to air your concerns and resolve our differences, I urge you to think carefully about the remarks you choose to make in this public venue and effect they might have on that public trust.

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTOMY

None

ADJOURNMENT

Director Issel adjourned the meeting at 7:49.

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

