

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
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

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

Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Members by City Clerk

Leah Wilson and Josh Daniels were sworn into office.

YEARLY ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Election of Officers:

Item 1.1-0 – President

Nomination: Leyva-Cutler

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

Item 1.2-0 - Vice President

Nomination: John Selawsky

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

Item 1.3-0 –Clerk

Nomination: John Selawsky

Leyva-Cutler/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

Item 1.4-0

Approve 2011 Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2011 with changes.

Change January 19th to 26th

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

Item 1.5.0

Board of Education Appointments

Approve each Board member's selection to serve on a Community Advisory Committee

Postponed till January 12, 2011 meeting

Item 1.6-0

Board of Education Appointments

Approve each Board member's selection to serve on various Board Committees and Commissions

Postponed till January 12, 2011 meeting

Item 1.7-0

Board of Education Assignments

Approve each Board member's selection for "Adopt-A-School" assignments

Postponed till January 12, 2011 meeting

President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 8:24 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board heard Human Resource issues and received updates.

Classified Employee Discipline

A. Approved a four day stipulated suspension

Selawsky/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

B. Reduce suspension to five days

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

C. Approved recommendation for dismissal

Wilson/ Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Selawsky/Djili and approved on a vote of 5-0

2.2C pulled off agenda by Mr. Huyett

4.3C Correction made to original document

4.1C Director Wilson pulled

4.1C(7) Vice President Selawsky recused

Approval of Amended Agenda

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

RECOGNITION

Karen Hemphill, President, Board of Education, 2009-2010
President Leyva Cutler presented a plaque to Director Hemphill for her time of service as President of the Board of Education.

Public Testimony

Parents expressed concerns about the hiring of a permanent Kindergarten teacher for Room 3 at Thousand Oaks elementary.

Parents addressed concerns for their children's experience in a first grade classroom at Washington elementary.

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE, congratulated and welcomed the new Board members and congratulated Karen Hemphill for being reelected. Ms. Phillips addressed the relationship between the District and BCCE. "We have seen some positive changes over the last six months. We are confident that that this trend will continue. BCCE is starting a shoe drive at schools in BUSD. We plan to distribute the shoes to Berkeley students at the end of January."

Board's Report

Josh Daniels: "I am excited to be here. I want to thank the parents who spoke during public testimony for coming out and being organized."

John Selawsky: "Congratulations to the new board members and to Beatriz on becoming President. To the parents that came to speak tonight, we do hear you. We are unable to comment at this time. We will direct staff to look into the situations that you mentioned."

Leah Wilson: "I appreciate parents coming out tonight. I am very excited to take this position and want to make a commitment to being proactive and accessible to the community."

Vice-President Leyva-Cutler: "Welcome new Board and I am excited to be President. Want to also thank and say good bye to Shirley Issel and Nancy Riddle. We look forward to possibly having them serve on one of our committees. All the Board Members attended the CSBA conference. We presented our garden and lunch Programs at the conference."

President Hemphill: "I am looking forward to forging relationships with the new Board members."

Lias Djili: "We have been going through our WASC accreditation. Students are preparing for finals."

Superintendent's Report

"The Berkeley High jazz band performed at the first general session at CSBA. I want to welcome Josh and Leah to the Board. I am excited to hear your ideas and have your cooperation. Congratulations to Karen for being reelected. Karen was an excellent President during a time of academic achievement and during fiscal stress. Welcome Beatriz to her new role. Your caring and thoughtful comments to the community and parents are well known. The way you deal with people will be a great attribute to the Board. Want to thank Shirley Issel and Nancy Riddle for their tenure on the Board."

The state dropout statistics came out today. Our past numbers were not very accurate and reliable. Our dropout rate went from 14% to 27%. We have some work to do. A "dropout" is a student that has not graduated by the summer of their senior year, has not graduated with their class or leaves their school and is not reenrolled in another school in the state. There is still a reporting responsibility of the school District where we have to report when a student has left the state. That could change the rate. We have to report the data. Students do not register in CALPADS if they leave the state.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve as amended:

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

4.1C item #2

Director Wilson requested more information about all the mentoring programs that exist at Berkeley High School.

Daniels/Wilson approved with a vote of 4-0 Director Hemphill absent

4.3C (Correction)

Selawsky/Daniels approved with a vote of 4-0 Director Hemphill absent

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

Director Daniel recused indicating that his law firm represents CSBA. He is researching any potential conflict of interest.

Board elected not to submit any nominations at this time.

4.1-A Certification of First Interim Report for the Period Ending
October 31, 2010
(Presented by Deputy Superintendent Javetta Cleveland)

Daniels/Selawsky and approved staff recommendation unanimously 5-0

4.2-A BSEP Annual Report for FY 2010 and First Interim Report for FY
2011

Director Hemphill requested a work plan for the parent outreach efforts
(Office of Family and Community Partnerships). Are we monitoring how
the work is being done and if it successful?

Daniels/Selawsky and approved staff recommendation unanimously 5-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I Student Enrollment Diversity Report
Received for information

3.2-I Annual Report on Inter-District Permits
Received for information

4.1-I Monthly School Enrollment and Average Daily Attendance
Summaries
Received for information

5.1-I Facilities Plan Update
Received for information

5.2-I Maintenance and Measure BB Update
Received for information

5.3-I First Interim FY 2010-11 BB Financial Update Report
Received for information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Approve Minutes of October 27, 2010

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved as amended on a vote of 3-0

Approve Minutes of November 3, 2010

Bring the minutes back at the next board meeting. Check with Roberts
Rules of order.

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

President Leyva-Cutler adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education