

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Roll Call 5:30pm

Members Present:

Karen Hemphill, President
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President
John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, Director
Valeria Gonzalez, Student Director

Administration: Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Lisa van Thillo, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

The Board interviewed students who applied for membership with the Youth Commission.

Jessie Gibson was appointed as the Board Representative at Large **Hemphill/Riddle** and approved unanimously

Director Riddle appointed Camilla Finn to the Commission.
Director Issel appointed Cecilia Edinger to the Commission.

President Hemphill convened the regular meeting at 7:36 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 0910-17-011699

Issel/Riddle and approved on vote of 4-1 to stipulated suspended expulsion with President Hemphill abstaining

Student Case No. 0910-19-020795

Issel/Riddle and approved unanimously a stipulated suspended expulsion with the amended condition that student return to drug and alcohol counseling

Claim No. 08-6769LL

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously to settle claim per staff recommendation

The Board also discussed the Superintendent's evaluation and presented him with the final evaluation

The Board elected not to hear a complaint filed by a classified employee. The Board also gave direction to staff regarding union negotiations

Approval of regular agenda

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The majority of speakers lent their support to the retention of 0/7 AP science labs.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nancy Hoeffler, Co-Chair representing the BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee expressed their strong support for the review of the structure of school governance at Berkeley High School that is currently being reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee.

UNION REPORTS

Paula Phillips from BCCE discussed issues related to classified employees

Cathy Campbell of BFT invited the Board and the community to two events in support of public education: a rally for California's future on March 4, 5pm at SF Civic Center. This is a statewide day of action for public education and services. On February 9, BFT will also leaflet at community locations throughout Berkeley.

INFORMATION ITEM

3.2-I – BHS Redesign Action Plan

Superintendent Huyett began the discussion by thanking the many speakers who shared remarks. He commended them for their commitment to public education. He apologized because the board agenda did not contain the recommendation for how to use the extended course offering BSEP science teachers. He said it was an oversight, and he takes full responsibility for its omission.

He continued on by saying that he hopes to see respect given and civility maintained throughout this challenging process.

Superintendent Huyett reviewed his proposal for BHS Science curriculum and believes his recommendations continue to support science program. He described briefly the process for final approval of the process for BSEP funds and expanded courses offerings. The recommendation will go to the Board in the spring and the Board will make a decision on how BSEP funds are allocated.

He went on to talk about proposed State budget cuts this year to the tune of \$2.7 million. He is particularly concerned about 2011-12 when stimulus money ends and the district faces significant shortages. President Hemphill added that \$1.7 million will have to come from central administration

Introduction by Principal Jim Slemp, Berkeley High School, and presentation of redesign plans by each Small School

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Riddle and approved unanimously

10:57 pm

Motion to extend meeting until agenda is completed

Riddle/Selawsky and approved unanimously

Item 3.1-I – Data Analysis to be carried over to a future meeting

Board Members' Report

Director Riddle reported that the Audit Committee recently met and our main audit for school district is clean with no material issues.

Superintendent's Report

He advised that we are faced with a budget reduction of \$2.7 million next year, and we have to comply with the Governor's proposal to cut \$1.7 million from central administration.

Superintendent Huyett acknowledged February as Black History Month.

ACTION ITEM

1.1-A – Resolution re Support of California Democracy Act

Leyva-Cutler/Riddle and approved unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1-I – Local 21 – reopen of two articles in current contract

3.3-I – REALM CHARTER

The Charter School proposal has been withdrawn.

President HEMPHILL adjourned the meeting at 11:16 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

