

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:30pm

Members Present:

Karen Hemphill, President
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - excused
absence
John T. Selawsky, Director /Clerk
Shirley Issel, Director
Nancy Riddle, Director
Valeria Gonzalez, Student Director – excused absence
Administration: Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational
Services
Lisa van Thillo, Assistant Superintendent of Human
Resources

President Hemphill called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board approved claim No. 07-60514

Selawsky/Riddle and approved on vote of 4-0

The Board also discussed personnel issues and provided direction to staff

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 2.2-A was pulled to be brought back at a later date

President Hemphill requested and the Board agreed to accept all reports under Information except 2.2-I and 3.2-I

Selawsky/Riddle and approved on vote of 4-0

Recognition

The Board recognized all Berkeley teachers for their dedication and service in honor of Day of the Teacher, May 4, 2010

The Board also honored Sandra Nakagawa, for establishing the Music Connection, a UC Berkeley club that teaches music classes in the after school programs

Teaching and Learning

Sharon Friedman, Coordinator of Professional Development, discussed BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment)

Julie Sinai, Chief of Staff to Mayor Bates and Pedro Rosado from Senator Loni Hancock's office lent their support to the formation of a Green Academy at Berkeley High School. The Academy is on tonight's agenda for approval.

Public Testimony

There were thirteen speakers who expressed their support for the continuation of the Kids in Motion program at John Muir.

Two other speakers addressed the Board: One in support of the Green Academy and one discussed student issues at the high school.

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 3.1-A – Proposal for Green Academy at Berkeley High School
Amendments added before approval:

- (1) Board approved proposal with the exception of section on governance specifically the 2/3 vote requirement. This section will be discussed at a future meeting.
- (2) On page 51 of the Proposal, under Diversity, first paragraph, second sentence, should read: “. . . science and math to **all** students **including those** who”
- (3) On page 47, rearrangement of items under Mission: **2) to prepare students for college and green careers should be #1.**
Riddle/Hemphill and approved on vote of 4-0

Item 3.3-A – BHS Advisory

The Board received a comprehensive report from Christina Faulkner, Jessica Quindel, Annie Johnston and Dave Stevens

Hemphill/Riddle and approved on Roll Call vote:

Hemphill – aye

Issel – aye

Riddle – aye

Selawsky – aye

Item 3.2-I – BHS Data Report

Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Jessica Quindel, TSA, discussed BHS data

10:18 pm – Open Public hearing on Item 2.2-I – BFT District Sunshining

10:18 pm - Close Public Hearing

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Riddle congratulated Jefferson and Oxford for their recognition as distinguished schools.

President Hemphill announced that she and a team of District employees are going to the Mayor's Roundtable on Education on Thursday, April 29. Twenty-two mayors from all over the state are meeting to discuss graduation rates.

Approval of Consent Calendar

Selawsky/Riddle and approved on vote of 4-0

Item 3.2-A – Approval of New Course at BHS

Selawsky/Riddle and approved on vote of 4-0

Item 2.1-A – Classified Layoffs

Selawsky/Riddle and approved on vote of 4-0

Item 5.1-A – Proposed Bond Allocations

There was Board discussion about the merits of culinary pathways as presented in this proposal.

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved on vote of 4-0

Item 2.1-CF - Approval of Job Description/Student Services

Manager/Director

Selawsky/Riddle and approved on vote of 4-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 2.1-I – Personnel Commission Budget

Item 3.1-I – Report on Professional Development

Item 3.3-I – Student National Origin Report

Item 3.4-I – Language Census report

Item 3.5-I – Williams Case Settlement Quarterly Report

Item 5.1-I – Facilities Plan Update

All reports received as information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2010

Riddle/Selawsky and approved on vote of 4-0

President Hemphill adjourned the meeting at 10:55 pm

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education

