

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATES

At the Board meeting on June 9, 2010 the Board discussed the following items:

Report on Closed Session:

The Board reviewed Student Expulsion Case No. 0910-49-121297 voting for an expulsion for the remainder of this semester. The Board approved the release of a temporary certificated employee, the settlement of two claims from classified employees, and ratified contract changes with BCCE. The Board also approved the hiring of two new elementary principals, Alexander Hunt for Malcolm X and Jeremy "Paco" Furlan for Rosa Parks. See Closed Session Report on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/12545533>

Board Recognition:

The Board recognized parent Allen King, for his service as Chair of Berkeley High Schools BSEP Site Committee for the past six years (total of eight years). The Board also recognized Student Board Member Valeria Gonzalez for her year of outstanding service on behalf of the students in the BUSD, See Board Recognition on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/12515890>

Public Comment:

See Public Comment on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/12511219>
See Extended Public Comment on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/12515020>

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda, pulling Consent Items 3.6-C Approval of Recommendation of BSEP/Measure A Funds for Parent Outreach in FY 2010-11; 4.2-C SF Paramedic Association 2010-11 MOU for EMT Program at Berkeley Adult School; 4.4-C Approval of MOU Between Berkeley Adult School and the Bread Project and 5.9-C Approval to Award BAM Painting and Flooring to Second Lowest Bidder. The Superintendent pulled the King Middle School Site Plan from Item 3.3-C Approval of Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement so that the site can adjust the plan to address alternatives to proposed administrative cuts. **All Consent Items were approved, including those items pulled** See Approval of Consent Calendar and Pulled Items on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/12545586>

Action Items

3.1-A Approval of Middle and High School REALM Charter School Proposals
The Board approved the Middle and High School

REALM Charter School Proposals.

Their approval was based on staff recommendations, following an extensive review of the proposals to insure that they meet the requirements as required by California Education Code. Ed Code is specific in regard to the petitioners' obligation to meet the requirements, and is equally specific in regard to the Boards obligation to approve the application if those requirements have been met. See 3.1-A on Vimeo.com:

<http://vimeo.com/12547136>

4.1-A Superintendents Proposed Budget Reductions for 2010-11

The Board approved the Superintendent's proposed reductions, pulling the recommendation to cut one of three vice principals at King Middle School and to downgrade the Director of Student Services to Manager while alternative funding can be explored. These will come back to the Board on June 23, 2010. ** See Item 4.1-A on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/12547136>

Conference Items:

5.1-CF Approval of a New Facilities Bond

The Board received the final language and approved a new General Obligation Bond on the November Ballot. See Item 5.1-CF on Vimeo.com:

<http://vimeo.com/12529961>

5.2-CF Approval of the Renewal of the Maintenance Special Tax

The Board received the final language for and approved the renewal of the maintenance special tax on the November ballot. ** See Item 5.2-CF on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/12546894>

Information Items:

4.1-I Monthly School Enrollment and Average Daily Attendance

The Board received the Monthly School Enrollment and Average Daily Attendance Report for information.

Student enrollment for April 2010 totaled 9,158, with an absence rate of 6.69%, costing the District \$271,559 (in lost revenue) in projected ADA.

Each student absence results in **\$29.73** per day in unearned revenue for the District (note that this figure is down from \$33.26 last year, further evidence of the 2010 budget cuts). Since 1997, school districts can no longer claim any absences, including excused absences, for apportionment attendance. The Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role

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in student achievement. **

4.2-I 2010-11 Preliminary Budget

The Board received a preliminary report on the 2010-11 Budget. This discussion is divided into two parts because the Board had specific questions about the funding implications of the REALM Charter School (Item 2.1-A). See Item 4.2-I on Vimeo.com:

<http://vimeo.com/12545797>

See Item 4.2-I Continued on Vimeo.com:

<http://vimeo.com/12524107>

5.1-I Facilities Plan Update

The Board received an update on the Facilities Construction Plan approved by the Board on March 10, 2010 and as amended. Data in the report is current as of June 1, 2010. The report includes projects contained in BSEP Fund 7 and updates of all active construction projects, including shade structures and blacktop improvements at pre-kindergarten sites with alternative funding sources. **

Complete information about these items is available for review in the June 9, 2010 Board packet, located in the Board Meeting section of the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us

Schedule of Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

June 23, 2010

June 30, 2010 (Tentative)

August 18, 2010

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