

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD UPDATES

At the Board meeting on April 13, 2011 the Board discussed the following items:

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Report on Closed Session:

The Board heard two student expulsion cases voting for expulsion in Case No. 1011-34-042195 and a suspended expulsion in Case No. 1011-29-033196. The Board also received an update on facilities with no action taken.

See Report on Closed Session and Agenda Approval on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/22542494>

Public Comments:

See Public Comments on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/22493882>

Approval of Agenda:

The Board approved the agenda, pulling Consent Item 1.1-C Resolution Honoring Dorothy Walker for a small correction. **All Consent Items were approved.** See Approval of Consent Calendar on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/21825683>

Union Comments:

See Union Comments on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/21945234>

Announcement of New Director of Assessment:

Board President Leyva-Cutler introduced Debbi Garcia D'Angelo and announced her appointment as Director of Evaluation and Assessment. Debbi is replacing Dr. Rebecca Cheung, who is moving on to UC Berkeley as the Director of the Principal Leadership Institute. See Announcement on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/22537656>

Action Items:

Public Hearing and Action on Item 2.1-A Proposal to Negotiate with BFT

The Board opened a Public Hearing as required to allow public review and comment before consideration of Action Item 2.1-A, the proposal to negotiate the implementation of furlough days for the 2011-12 school year with the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT). There were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed and the Board acknowledged receipt of the proposal. See 2.1- on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/22537942>

3.1-A Staff Update on Response to Weapons on Campus

The Board received a report on the response and recommendations to weapons on the high school campuses from District and high school staff. The Board approved \$89,000 from the General Fund for Berkeley High to address some of the cost of additional staff and training. ** See Item 3.1-A on Vimeo.com:

Part One: <http://vimeo.com/22489736>

Part Two: <http://vimeo.com/22490834>

4.1-A Approval of Bond Issuance

The Board received a report that BUSD has received an increase in its credit rating, from A+ to Double A. The credit rating drives the interest on the bond (BUSD's \$210 million Construction Bond Measure I of 2010) and therefore, the tax rate that Berkeley taxpayers pay. The Board was advised that the District would be able to issue \$35 million in the first bond sale from the Measure, instead of the anticipated \$30 million for the same \$172.80 per \$100,000 of the assessed property value, and approved the Bond Issuance. ** See Item 4.1-A on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/22499375>

5.1-A Approval of Measure I Citizens' Construction Oversight Committee Members

The Board approved the appointment of Measure I Citizens' Oversight Construction Committee, as required by Proposition 39, which governs the measure. ** See Item 5.1-A on Vimeo.com: <http://vimeo.com/22536647>

Information Items:

2.1-I Appointment of Personnel Commissioner

The Board received a report from Personnel Commission Commissioners Dan Lee and Roy Doolan on their appointment of Ann Aoyagi to fill the third seat on the commission. **

3.1-I Study Session on BHS Academic Performance Data

The Board received a report on the small learning communities at Berkeley High School, tabling the BUSD BHS 2010 data presentation until a future meeting due to time constraints. ** See Item 4.1-I on Vimeo.com:

BHS Small Learning Communities Report Part One:

<http://vimeo.com/22492166>

BHS Small Learning Communities Report Part Two:

<http://vimeo.com/22493088>

*** Complete information about these items is available for review in the April 13, 2011 Board packet, located in the Board Meeting section of the BUSD website: www.berkeley.k12.ca.us*

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Schedule of Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

April 27, 2011
May 11, 2011
May 25, 2011
June 8, 2011
June 22, 2011

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