

## **BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Minutes, Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, September 21, 2011  
Berkeley Unified School District  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley CA 94704

### **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

#### **Roll Call 6:00pm**

Members Present:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President  
John T. Selawsky, Vice President /Clerk  
Karen Hemphill, Director (excused absence)  
Leah Wilson, Director  
Josh Daniels, Director  
Maddy Roberts, 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

President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

#### **Report Closed Session Actions**

The Board heard Human Resource issues and received updates on collective bargaining.

#### **Employee Discipline**

Classified Employee Discipline

Motion to suspend a classified employee for 30 days

**Wilson/Selawsky** and approved unanimously on a vote of 4-0

#### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**Selawsky/Wilson** and approved unanimously on a vote of 4-0

#### **RECOGNITION**

Mills Scholars – Teachers Sarah Cline, Michelle Contreras, Kathleen Gadway, Michael Hammond, Tracey Iglehart, Merlyn Katechis

#### **Public Testimony**

Several parents and students spoke in support of reopening the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at John Muir.

## **Board Members' Reports**

Director Daniels: He spoke about an improved credit rating. He quoted the S&P Rating Report:

- “We believe that the district stands out, in the context of an adverse state funding environment for school districts in the state, for its demonstrated ability to maintain a stable financial position.”
- “In addition to a willingness to implement expenditure cuts and the appearance of one-time federal grants primarily affecting fiscals 2009-2011, we believe that revenue diversification and enhancement in the form of two square-footage-based special property taxes have bolstered the district's financial performance.”

Director Wilson: Apologized for missing the last two meetings.

Director Selawsky: Requested a review of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program that existed at John Muir.

President Leyva-Cutler: She attended the Black Family Reunion. TWI group met last evening. They will be meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow is the open house at BHS and BTech.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Supt. Huyett commented on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program that was closed at John Muir. Some information will be presented in the special education study session this evening. The deadline for the Tdap vaccination is next Wednesday. We are 75% compliant. Students will not be able to attend class if not vaccinated.

## **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Selawsky/Wilson** and approved unanimously 4-0

## **CONFERENCE ITEM**

2.1-CF

Job Description for New Classification: Specialist,  
Interpretation/Translation

Presented by Maya Hernandez, Nancy Hoeffler and Delia Ruiz

Motion to accept and approve the Specialist, Interpretation/Translation  
Job Description

**Leyva-Cutler/Selawsky** and approved unanimously 4-0

The job description will be presented to the Merit Commission for review on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3.1-I

Study Session on Special Education  
Received for Information

\*The Board gave direction to develop a plan for RTI/ULSS that would outline quantifiable goals and outcomes. Staff will provide a meeting date for any interested Board members to meet with the RTI team. A study session will be set up in early 2012 for staff to present plans to the Board regarding the RTI program and how it can be objectively measured.

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Minutes of September 14, 2011

**Selawsky/Wilson** and approved as amended unanimously 4-0

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

President Leyva-Cutler adjourned the meeting at 10:32 pm.

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John T. Selawsky, Clerk  
Board of Education