

## **BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Minutes, Regular Meeting**

### **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 31, 2011  
Berkeley Unified School District  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley CA 94704

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

Members Present:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President  
John T. Selawsky, Vice President /Clerk  
Karen Hemphill, Director  
Leah Wilson, Director (via conference call)  
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 7:51 pm

### **Report Closed Session Actions**

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

### **Readmission**

Student Case Number 0910-41-022499

**Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler** and Student was readmitted on a vote of 5-0

Student Case Number 1011-13-050498

**Selawsky/Wilson** Readmission denied on a vote of 4-1

Vote to reject staff's recommendation: Selawsky, Wilson, Hemphill and Leyva-Cutler

Vote to accept staff's recommendation: Daniels

### **Employee Discipline**

Employee suspension hearing rescheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Employee dismissal was removed from the agenda

### **Employee Appointments**

Ratification of certificated employee; Daniel Roose, Assistant Dean Berkeley High School.

**Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler** and approved on a vote of 5-0

Ratification of certificated employee; Veronica Valerio, Professional Development Coordinator

**Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler** and approved on a vote of 5-0

Board gave authority to staff to settle a case up to \$30,000

**Selawsky/Daniels** and approved on a vote of 5-0

### **The Board welcomed new administrative appointments**

Audrey Amos, Principal, John Muir Elementary

Jen Corn, Principal, Oxford Elementary

Lisa Graham, Program Supervisor, Special Education

Burr Guthrie, Principal, Berkeley Adult School

Janet Levenson, Principal, King Middle School

Sonya Martin, Vice-Principal, Willard Middle School

Ashley Milton, Vice-Principal, Berkeley High School

Randy Perez, Director of Classified Personnel, Human Resources

Shiela Quintana, Principal, Berkeley Technology Academy

Daniel Roose, Attendance Coordinator, Berkeley High School

Leah Sokolofski, Program Supervisor, Network with a Healthy California

Veronica Valerio, Coordinator Professional Development

Raymond Young, Supervisor Custodian, Berkeley High School

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved on a vote of 5-0

4.8-C pulled by Superintendent Huyett for discussion

4.1-C Selawsky recused

4.14-C Selawsky recused

5.3-C pulled by Daniels

President Leyva-Cutler swore in the new student director, Maddy Roberts.

### **Public Testimony**

Several community members came to speak in support of the Jefferson JAZ after school program. They are pleased with the staff and all the positive changes that have taken place over the last year. Stephanie Allen spoke in support of placing a permanent fence at Derby Field. A Jefferson parent asked the Board to review the contact with BACR. The parent is looking to get monthly profit and loss statements. Joy Moore, Gardening and Cooking Coordinator at BTech and Independent Study, asked the Board to help preserve the gardening space during the

construction of the multi-use field. She asked for written assurance that B'Tech students will be allowed to use the field. Barry Fike, teacher at Jefferson, stated that he is very happy with the after school program that is currently in operation at Jefferson. He also commented on the Derby Street baseball field. He is in support of the placement of the outfield fence. Several parents addressed the Board regarding BACR's ability to be a fiscal manager for Jefferson Elementary School. A parent recommended that the Board temporarily approve the BACR contract while putting out another RFP.

### **Board Members' Reports**

Director Hemphill attended a BHS alumni event. Director Hemphill suggested that we transition to "action minutes" to include public comments. The Board agreed to make the change to the minutes format.

### **UNION REPORT**

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, addressed the Board about employee morale and District attempts to contact out bargaining union's work. She stated that JAZ staff should have the same protections as bargaining unit members. Health care costs are increasing while employees are being asked to do more work for less pay. She addressed "empty promises" made by the District. She spoke specifically about the work being done by interpreters for the deaf.

### **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Selawsky/Daniels** and approved unanimously 5-0

4.8-C (pulled by Supt. Huyett)

The Board discussed the item.

**Hemphill/Selawsky** and approved unanimously 5-0

5.3-C (pulled by Daniels)

This item is a conflict of interest for Director Daniels. He recused himself and departed the room during the discussion.

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

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-0

Daniels recused

### **ACTION ITEMS**

2.1-A

Ratification of Extension of the Contract Between the Berkeley Unified School District and the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT)

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

Daniels not present for vote.

4.1-A

Approval of Financial MOU between Berkeley Unified School District and REALM Charter School for FY 2011-2012

Supt. Huyett wanted to make it clear that there is no cost to the District.  
**Selawsky/Hemphill** and approved unanimously 5-0

4.2-A

Approval of Request for Advance Payment of Property Taxes for REALM Charter Schools

Motion to extend the meeting past 11:00

**Leyva-Cutler/Selawsky** and approved unanimously 5-0

Motion to approve item 4.2-A

**Wilson/Leyva-Cutler** and approved 4-0

Selawsky opposed

5.1-A

Approval of the Final Design of Derby Field

Lew Jones, Director of Facilities, and consultants from WLC architects presented.

Motion to approve the project, and to increase the construction budget by \$150,000 with the expectation that outfield fence design options will come back at a later date.

**Daniels/Hemphill** and approved unanimously 5-0

5.2-A

Facilities Financial Plan Update for Measure AA and Measure I

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

Director Wilson not present

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

3.1-I

Report on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Academic Performance Index (API)

Received for Information

3.2-I

List of Organizational Performance Indicators

The Board will work on this list during their governance training in September.

Received for Information

3.3-I

Proposed New Textbook *Geometry* as a First Reading or Adoption Consideration

Received for Information

4.1-I

Receive information on District Post-Retirement Benefit Liability Pursuant to GASB Statements 43 & 45

Received for Information

5.1-I

Facilities Plan Update

Received for Information

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Minutes of June 22, 2011

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

Approve Minutes of June 29, 2011

**Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler** and approved as amended unanimously 4-0\*

Approve Minutes of July 6, 2011

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

\*Director Wilson absent

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

President Leyva-Cutler adjourned the meeting at 11:54 pm in memory of Robert Whitlow.

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John T. Selawsky, Clerk  
Board of Education