

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 14, 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 (excused absence)
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 7:42 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

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

Employee Discipline

The Board approved the staff recommendation to suspend a classified employee for 15 days.

Daniels/Selawsky and approved on a vote of 4-0

Employee Appointments

Ratification of certificated employee; Dr. Gwen Augustine, Program Supervisor/Special Education.

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved on a vote of 4-0

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved on a vote of 4-0

5.2-C pulled by Selawsky

3.1-C pulled by Leyva-Cutler

- 3.3-I moved to consent
- 3.4-I moved to consent
- 3.5-I moved to consent

RECOGNITION

Middle School P.E. Teachers and Jamie Hintzke of CPR7

Public Testimony

A representative from Integrity Educational Center spoke in support of the charter petition. A special education teacher specializing in autism requested that the Board review the current autism program for the upper grades. She stated that we need more training for qualified staff in the classroom to support our severely disabled students. The program at the middle school level has fallen apart due to staffing problems. Several parents spoke in support of deaf and hard of hearing students. They are concerned that the deaf program has been closed at John Muir. They would like to see the program reopened. The executive director of CEID addressed the Board. She urged the Board to reopen the deaf and hard of hearing program at John Muir.

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, addressed the Board regarding “empty promises.” She would like to see the classification study that was conducted several years ago implemented. Employees are being asked to work for less pay. Health care costs are rising. There are no promotions for BCCE members. Positions are going to external candidates. There is an increase to management positions. Employees are encountering health and safety issues. Some employees need proper training to deal with students with severe emotional disorders. She asked that employees be sent to training at the SELPA. She asked that the District’s attorney stop trying to rewrite the BCCE contract at the negotiations table.

Cathy Campbell, BFT President, spoke of BFT partnering with BUSD to make progress towards the 2020 Vision. They are in support of the High Five program at Washington and RTI programs. BFT is working to partner with the community in developing a social justice curriculum. They are working on the retention of teachers of color. BFT is an active partner with the 2020 Design Team and supports the AVID programs at our middle schools. They have worked to increase the number of school psychologists. They have helped to make improvements to the K and 1st grade report cards. There has also been great effort to evaluate and improve upon kindergarten readiness.

Board Members' Reports

Director Daniels: He thanked the staff that came out to the Solono Stroll. He thanked Cheryl Wilson (LeConte) and Susan Hodge (Emerson) for allowing him to attend back to school night. He thanked the people that came out to address the Board. He has additional comments on his website. Middle School back to school night is this Thursday.

Director Hemphill: Annual Black Family Reunion will be held this Saturday at Rosa Parks from 11-3. BHS back to school night will be next Thursday, September 22, 2011.

Maddy Roberts: There has been a great start to the school year. The hallways are very welcoming for the freshman. There has also been an increased awareness on attendance. BHS is attempting to create a cultural shift around attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Our preschools are hosting a back to school night on Tuesday. He thanked Cathy Campbell for her comments on partnerships. The partnership BFT has made with BUSD does make a great difference.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Daniels/Hemphill and approved unanimously 3-0
(Selawsky absent)

3.1-C (pulled by Leyva-Cutler)

Approval of Child Development Contract with CDE for 2011-2012

There is a correction in the recommendation. The school year is 2011-2012.

Leyva-Cutler/Daniels and approved unanimously 4-0

5.2-C (pulled by Selawsky)

Approval of a Project to be Paid from the Bolton Estate Fund

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A

Resolution to Eliminate Certain Classified Position

Daniels/Selawsky and approved unanimously 4-0

3.1-A

Adoption of SELPA Plan

Selawsky/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

4.1-A
2010-11 Unaudited Actuals
Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

4.2-A
Refunding of General Obligation Bonds –
Resolution 12-04
Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

4.3-A
Gann Limit - Resolution No. 12-05
Daniels/Selawsky and approved unanimously 4-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1-I
Employee Evaluation Report
Board requested to have a report broken down by site.
Received for Information

3.1-I
Public Hearing on Proposed Charter School
The hearing opened at 8:35 pm. The hearing closed at 8:43 pm.

3.2-I
Report on High School Graduation Rate
Received for Information

3.3-I
Williams Case Settlement Quarterly Report
Moved to Consent

3.4-I
Revised Board Policy on Uniform Complaints as first reading
Moved to Consent

3.5-I
Revised Administrative Regulations on Uniform Complaints and Williams
Complaints
Moved to Consent

3.6-I
Student Enrollment Report
Received for information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes of August 31, 2011

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved as amended unanimously 4-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

President Leyva-Cutler adjourned the meeting at 10:22 pm.

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education