

## BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Minutes, Regular Meeting

### OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2012  
Berkeley Unified School District  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley CA 94704

### Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President /Clerk  
Leah Wilson, Vice President  
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/ Clerk  
Karen Hemphill, 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 Selawsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was opened in memory of Deanne Despain and Terry Doran.

### Report Closed Session Actions

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

### Student Expulsions

Student Case No. 1112-05-100994  
Expulsion for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year  
**Hemphill/Wilson** and approved on a vote of 5-0

Student Case No. 1112-04-042997  
Expulsion for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year  
**Hemphill/Wilson** and approved on a vote of 5-0

### Liability Claims

Claim Nos. 1259, 0439 and 0663  
**Wilson/Daniels** and approved on a vote of 5-0

## **Settlement Agreement**

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

## **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

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

1.1-C pulled by Hemphill

1.2-C pulled by Student Director, Maddy Roberts

4.4-C pulled by Leyva-Cutler

5.1-C pulled by Daniels

5.4-C pulled by Daniels

## **Public Testimony**

Several students from Berkeley High School spoke to the Board about their experience in the TWI program and how it has positively benefited their life and time in high school. A parent thanked the Board for starting the TWI Task Force and for the work the group is doing. Jill Ellis from CEID addressed the Board regarding the need for a deaf and hard of hearing program in Berkeley. She wants to ensure the program offered to the students utilizes the “total communication” style of teaching. Paula Phillips applauded the board, staff and students that worked on the Anti-Bullying Policy. She asked the Board to also consider the bullying of staff by students. She requested an anti bullying policy for staff.

## **UNION REPORT**

Tim Donnelly, BCCE representative, addressed the Board. He congratulated Isabel Parra for her recognition in a CFT publication. He also congratulated her on her new position. He walked the Board through a current situation with a BCCE member that was laid off for lack of work.

## **Board Members' Reports**

Student Director: Maddy Roberts spoke with Principal Scudari today regarding attendance numbers at BHS. BHS has made major progress in improving attendance. They had a 1.2% growth in attendance in December. The bleachers are projected to open in August. Students will now participate in the small school presentations to incoming students.

Director Daniels: He will be making comments about the current State budget at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Director Hemphill: She is interested in hearing the proposal from the SELPA regarding the deaf and hard of hearing programs available to Berkeley students.

Vice President Wilson: Thanked all the parents, staff and students that have been involved in the restructuring of the Parent Outreach Office.

President Selawsky: Suggested a Board subcommittee conduct a review of the superintendent search firm proposals and select the search firms for interviews. He suggested scheduling interviews for Saturday, February 4, 2012.

Leyva-Cutler: Announced a meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 at Berkeley Adult School regarding the restructuring of the Parent Outreach Office.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Supt. Huyett asked the Board to participate in the screening of potential search firms. The Board decided that a subcommittee will screen the applications. Subcommittee members will be appointed by the Board President.

Supt. Huyett reminded the public about the upcoming meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the Parent Outreach Office. The reorganization plan will come to the Board at the end of February.

The Superintendent updated the Board on plans with West Contra Costa County to host Berkeley students in their deaf and hard of hearing program. Parents will have an opportunity to comment on the plan for Berkeley's deaf and hard of hearing students before the plan is submitted to the Board for vote.

The Governor released his budget early. It is another zero COLA year. It is a loss for our employees and our District. He is also cutting all funding for transportation. It will affect the District by \$700,000. Large cuts were made to the six hour preschool programs. The funding for Transitional Kindergarten was eliminated. The change in start date (5<sup>th</sup> birthday by November 1, 2012) for Kindergarten will still take place.

### **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

4.1-C (3) Selawsky recused

1.1-C (pulled by Hemphill)

Director Hemphill suggested the following amendments.

Removal of everything after "naming rights"

\*\*Insert after the first sentence, following #3 on page 11. "However it is the Board's sole prerogative to name or rename a facility."

Develop an AR for the process to propose a name or request a name change of a facility.

Hemphill moved the items with her suggested amendments.

**Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler** and approved 4-1, as amended  
(Wilson voting No)

1.2-C (pulled by Student Director)

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

4.4-C (pulled by Leyva-Cutler)

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

5.1-C (pulled by Daniels)

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

5.4-C (pulled by Daniels)

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

5.1-A

Approval of Yearly Facilities Plan Modifications

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

5.2-A

Approval of Land Swap between BUSD and City of Berkeley related to the Derby Field Project

*Further Direction:* Post BHS construction plans in a location accessible to the public to allow for the community to understand what is being built at BHS.

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

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1.1-I

Board Policy 1101 – Translation

Received for Information

1.2-I

## Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5131.2 - Anti Bullying

*Staff recommends:* The annual reports to the Board will be based on the school year, not calendar year. These changes will be reflected in the Policy when brought back to the Board for approval.

Director Leyva-Cutler requested that staff be trained to identify bullying.

Received for Information

3.1-I

Student Assignment Plan Report

*Further Direction:* Further staff analysis in future Student Assignment Plan Reports.

Received for Information

3.2-I

Site Data Reports: Indicators of Progress to Close the Achievement Gap

Received for Information

5.1-I

Facilities Plan Update

Received for Information

### **ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Board of Education Minutes: December 14, 2011

**Leyva-Cutler/Wilson** and approved as amended unanimously 5-0

### **EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 10:36 pm.

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Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk  
Board of Education