

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26, 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
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 7:48 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board heard Human Resource issues and received updates on collective bargaining with BCCE. The Board consulted with legal counsel regarding pending litigation. The Board discussed the Superintendent evaluation process and procedures.

Merit Rule 80 Adjustment Procedure

The Board upheld a hearing officer's decision. The Superintendent will give notice to the employee.

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

Student Case No. 1112-02-111894

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

4.1-C (2) Selawsky recused from the item involving the YMCA

1.2-I Moved up on the agenda to follow Union Representative Reports

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

Public Testimony

Many parents from the group *Parents against Resolution 12-07* addressed the Board in regards to their dissatisfaction with the restructuring of the Office of Family and Community Partnerships. A parent addressed the Board regarding the structure of the TWI program and progress of English Language Learners. A parent of a student from BHS, International High School addressed the Board regarding lack of response from BHS administrators. A representative from a group of parents involved in BHS athletics requested that the new athletic facility be ready for the 2012 school year and season.

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, addressed the Board regarding the restructuring of the Office of Family and Community Partnerships. She presented the Board with a plan for “community zones” to assist with parent outreach to the community. Ms. Phillips also presented a plan for staffing the department. She recommended that the proposed positions be twelve months instead of ten months. She also disagreed with the timeline for the implementation of the plan. She requested that BCCE be part of the planning process.

Board Members’ Reports

Student Director: Maddy Roberts reported that students are happy with their new Mandarin textbooks at BHS.

Director Daniels: Acknowledged recent District retirees for their years of service and commitment to the District and Students.

Director Hemphill: Attended a ground breaking ceremony for the Life Long Medical health clinic. We were able to add a District nurse, paid for by Life Long Medical, as part of the agreement with them to utilize our facilities.

Director Selawsky: Announced the BHS public forum on safety at BHS.

President Leyva-Cutler: Acknowledged the students from Longfellow that led conversations with adults around restorative justice.

Superintendent’s Report:

Supt. Huyett met with a group of BHS football team parents. He thanked the YMCA for working with the District to create a weight room at the Teen Center. Two football games are also being brought back to the BHS field.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Selawsky/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A

Ratification of Extension of Contract between the Berkeley Unified School District and the Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21

Selawsky/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

2.2-A

Ratification of Extension of Contract between the Berkeley Unified School District and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers, Local 39

Hemphill/Selawsky and approved unanimously 5-0

CONFERENCE ITEM

4.1-CF

New Position for Specialist, Data Integrity

Further Direction: The item will come back on November 9th.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1.1-I

Study Session: District Goals

Further Direction: Item postponed to future Board Meeting (TBA)

1.2-I

Discussion About the Effect of Resolution No. 12-07 - Elimination of Parent Outreach Program Specialist Positions and Addition of Parent Liaison Positions

Further Direction: Board members will continue to have dialogue about the item. They look forward to parent feedback as the plan moves forward.

Received for Information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Minutes of 10-12-11

Selawsky/Hemphill and approved as amended unanimously 5-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Community members addressed the Board regarding proper translation at public meetings. A BHS student spoke about the resources she and her parents received from the Parent Outreach Office. A parent addressed the Board regarding support for low income parents. An employee addressed the Board regarding building trusting relationships with students and staff.

President Leyva-Cutler adjourned the meeting at 10:26 pm.

John T. Selawsky, Clerk
Board of Education