

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President
Leah Wilson, Vice President (excused absence)
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 6:00 pm
The Board met with HYA, Superintendent Search firm, from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Regular meeting agenda resumed at 7:50 pm.

Report Closed Session Actions

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

Student Expulsions

Student Case # 1112-06-082196

Hemphill/Leyva-Culter and approved on a vote of 4-0

Student Case # 1112-08-100597

Hemphill/Leyva-Culter and approved on a vote of 4-0

Liability Claim

Liability Claim - No. 0850

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved on a vote of 4-0

5.1 C pulled by Daniels

5.2 C pulled by Daniels

5.3 C pulled by Daniels

5.2 I moved to Consent

RECOGNITION

We Care

Item moved to next meeting agenda on March 7, 2012.

RECOGNITION

Tom Kelly for the development of the BUSD Solar Master Plan

Public Testimony

A Jefferson parent addressed the Board regarding the expansion/construction at Jefferson Elementary School. She inquired as to how safety of students and staff will be managed during the construction process. She requested transparency during the process and a clear mechanism for communication. A Jefferson parent expressed concern regarding accommodating additional students within the same small recess space.

UNION REPORT

Cathy Campbell, BFT President, suggested HYA (Supt. search firm) develop a focus group with our teachers of color. She encouraged Board members to attend the March 1st Day of Action on the front steps. She expressed a concern that BFT members' medical insurance costs significantly increased in 2012. It is putting a great strain on employees and their families.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director: None

Director Daniels: Acknowledged employees retiring this month.

Director Hemphill: Holding a community forum this Saturday with Director Leyva-Cutler at Rosa Parks seeking community input for the Community Outreach Office proposals. She will be out of the country February 29 to March 16 and unable to return emails during that time.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Will cohost a community forum at Rosa Parks on February 25th to discuss the Superintendent's search and development for a plan for the Parent Outreach Office. If you would like to call and leave a message for a Board member please call 644-6550.

Vice President Wilson: absent

President Selawsky: Announced memorial services for Terry Doran this Saturday, February 25, 2:00pm at Longfellow Middle School.

Superintendent's Report

Supt. Huyett addressed the parents from Jefferson elementary school concern about transparency prior to and during the expansion project. "We are aware that Jefferson is a limited site. We have been attentive to it during the design process and the impact it will have on the play space has been reviewed. We have done projection studies and enrollment studies. They are all public documents. We have been moving a lot of students out of the north zone into the central zone and that has impacted many families living in the north zone. There is a need for additional elementary school classrooms within the District."

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved unanimously 4-0

5.1-C (pulled by Daniels)

This plan reflects the changes made at the January 11, 2012 Board meeting. It includes a 25% increase in costs for the Board Room project at West Campus. A change in allocation was made at the January 11, 2012 Board meeting. The overall budget for the project has not changed since the January 11, 2012 Board meeting.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

5.2-C (pulled by Daniels)

This is an example of one of the many ways that we collaborate with the University of California.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

5.3-C (pulled by Daniels)

District staff has prequalified general contractors for phases 2 & 3 of the high school construction project in an effort to bring more diligence to future projects staying on track. Companies qualify based on safety, finance and experience.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A

Initial Proposal for Successor Agreement with BFT

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 8:53 pm

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 8:54 pm

Daniels/Hemphill and approved unanimously 4-0

2.2-A

Initial Proposal for Successor Agreement with Local 21

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 8:54 pm

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 8:55 pm

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

2.3-A

Initial Proposal for Successor Agreement with UBA

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 8:55 pm

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 8:56 pm

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved unanimously 4-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1-I

Classification and Compensation Study

Further Direction: The Board requested that the Merit Commission and Director of Classified Personnel communicate with classified staff about the process, calendar and timeline of events.

Received for Information

6:00 p.m.

2.2-I

Conference with Consultant to Develop Leadership Profile

Received for Information

3.1-I

Revised Administrative Regulation on Anti-Bullying

Received for Information

4.1-I

School Enrollment and Attendance Report Date

Received for Information

5.1-I

Surplus Property Information

Further Direction: The Board requested that staff bring forth an item, allowing them to decide whether to create a surplus committee to consider surplus the Gilman Street property.

Received for Information

5.2-I

Maintenance and Measure BB Update

Moved to Consent

8:00 p.m.

5.3-1

Presentation on Solar Master plan
Received for Information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes: February 4, 2012

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill as amended and approved as amended
unanimously 3-0 (Wilson and Daniels absent)

Approve Board of Education Minutes: February 8, 2012

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill as amended and approved as amended
unanimously 3-0 (Wilson and Daniels absent)

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 9:49 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beatriz Leyva-Cutler", written over a horizontal line.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education