

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

John T. Selawsky, President
Leah Wilson, Vice President
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/ Clerk
Karen Hemphill, Director (excused absence)
Josh Daniels, Director
Maddy Roberts, Student Director (absent)

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 7:12 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board heard Human Resource issues and received updates on collective bargaining negotiations with BCCE. The Board heard updates on certificated releases, non-reelections and reassignments.

Student Readmission

Student Case # 1011-14-062494

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 3-0
(Wilson absent for closed session)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

5.1-I moved to consent by Daniels

1.1-A moved to end of agenda

RECOGNITION

WE CARE Classified Employees: Sana Amanulla, Roland Anderson,
Linda Fraimow-Wong, Joel Goldstein, Mary Hurlbert, Elizabeth Karem,
Albert Kumar and Ahlam Younis

Public Testimony

An Oakland parent requested that the Board consider reopening the deaf and hard of hearing program (Special Day Class) at John Muir as a resource for the county/region. Several teachers from Jefferson Elementary spoke in support of the expansion at their school. A parent from Washington Elementary and several parents from Malcolm X Elementary spoke in support of the Cooking and Garden programs in Berkeley schools. The PTA president from Malcolm X spoke in support of funding for the cooking and garden programs. They need funding support due to the lost Title I status. A parent from Jefferson Elementary expressed concerns about the expansion of the school. He did not believe there was sufficient evidence to justify the need for the expansion. He also asked for transparency of the use of Measure I funds for the project. A gardening teacher spoke in support of funding for garden and cooking programs. The Berkeley High JV baseball coach requested that the completion of the Derby Street be kept on track and completed on schedule for the 2013 season.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0
(5.1-1) moved from Information to consent

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A

Approval of Appointments to Successor Agency Oversight Board

Wilson recuses

Further Direction: The Board directed the Superintendent to appoint members to the Oversight Board in a timely manner.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved 3-0

2.1-A

Reduction in Certificated Staff Due to Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Service

Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously 4-0

2.2-A

Release/Non-Reelection of Temporary (including "Probationary O") Certificated Employees

Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously 4-0

4.1-A

Certification of Second Interim Report for the period ending January 31, 2012

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

Motion to extend the meeting past 11:00pm.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

5.1-A

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

Daniels/Wilson and approved unanimously 4-0

5.2-A

Approval of the 2012 Facilities Plan

Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously 4-0

5.3-A

Approval of Schematic Design of Modernization and Addition of Jefferson School

Further Direction: The Board requested that the construction schedule be communicated to the school community and neighborhood.

Daniels/Wilson and approved unanimously 4-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

1.1-I

Presentation by Berkeley Alliance Staff on 2020 Vision Initiative

Received for Information

3.1-I

Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

Received for Information

4.1-I

Staff Proposal for Budget Reductions for 2012-13

Received for Information

5.1-I

Measure BB Financial Update Report

Received for Information

5.2-I

Facilities Plan Update

Received for Information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes: February 22, 2012

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved as amended unanimously 4-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Representatives from the Crowden School expressed concerns about the potential impact of the construction noise during the expansion at Jefferson Elementary School on their school. Community members spoke to the Board about the potential for a special day class at John Muir.

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 11:30 pm.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education