

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 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
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 7:38 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board heard updates on the Hillside property and West Campus project.

Student Expulsions

Student Case # 1112-10-102895

Suspended expulsion for the calendar year

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

Student Case # 1112-13-080797

Suspended expulsion for the school year

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

(Daniels recused)

Liability Claim

Liability Claim - No. IN1285 & 1511

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

Settlement Agreement

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

3.2-C and 3.3-C (pulled by Wilson)

2.1-A moved to the end of agenda

RECOGNITION

Liliana Aguas, LeConte Teacher, honored by the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development as Young Educator of the Year for 2012

Public Testimony

A representative from Crowden Music School expressed concern about the Jefferson construction project. She was concerned about the noise and dust that may be created by the project. Parents from Rosa Parks expressed concern about the loss of funding for the garden program at the school. Parents from Malcolm X requested Board support in funding their garden and cooking program. A LeConte parent addressed the Board about the site based Parent Outreach/Liaison plan. A LeConte parent requested that a parent advisory committee be included in the parent outreach plan.

UNION REPORT

Cathy Campbell, BFT President, addressed the Board regarding the layoff notices that were issued to teachers on March 15, 2012. Two BUSD teachers addressed the Board. They spoke of the work they do in the classrooms to help our students achieve. They spoke about the uncertainty that receiving a layoff notice creates for themselves and for their students.

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, spoke about staff employed in the garden/cooking programs and parent liaison positions. She expressed concern about parents not completing the applications for free and reduced lunch. Some parents may not apply because they do not intend on having their children eat school lunch. She suggested that staff conduct an analysis of why the numbers of families applying for and qualifying for free and reduced lunch is reducing.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director: "Spring Break is next week!"

Director Daniels: Had a wonderful visit at Emerson elementary school. The staff was very welcoming. He was also toured around by Leah Sokolofsky, the head of the California Nutrition Network. He

acknowledged the hard work of staff to fulfill the demands of the Board. He was also able to meet with several teachers that received layoff notices.

Director Hemphill: It is difficult to make hard financial decisions based on budget decisions at the state level. She thanked Berkeley voters for supporting our local tax measures that supplement our budget. She is going to hold office hours the first Saturday of each month from 12:00-1:00 at Café Lelia on San Pablo. She is reachable at karenhemphill@comcast.net.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Announced the winners of the Cesar Chavez essay contest. They will be acknowledged at the April 15th Board meeting. The day of service in honor of Cesar Chavez is on March 30th.

Vice President Wilson: She addressed the need to look at the impact of the Jefferson expansion project on The Crowden School. She is supportive of the cooking and gardening programs, but realizes it is going to be a hard financial decision.

President Selawsky: Wished students and staff a safe spring break.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huyett explained the new court ordered process to issue layoff notices to teachers, due to a court decision (Stockton decision) that we can no longer have "temporary" teachers. He does think we should review options to minimize sound produced by the Jefferson expansion project. The Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee may have a recommendation to the Board the first week in May. A subcommittee under BSEP has been created to evaluate class size.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Hempill/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

3.2-C (pulled by Wilson)

Daniels/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

3.3-C (pulled by Wilson)

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A

Criteria for Selection of Superintendent

Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously as amended 5-0

2.2-A

Proposal for Additional Safety Officer at Berkeley Technology Academy

Hemphill/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

2.3-A

Initial Proposal from the Operations and Support Services Unit for Interim Contract and Successor Agreement

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING 10:47

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 10:48

2.4-A

Initial Proposal from the Berkeley Federation of Teachers' Successor Agreement

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING 10:48

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 10:49

2.5-A

Initial Proposal from BUSD for a Successor Agreement with the Operations and Support Services Unit (BCCE, OSS)

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING 10:49

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 10:50

4.1-A

Independent Auditor's Report for Measures A (BSEP), BB and I
Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously 5-0

Motion: To extend meeting to 11:30pm

Daniels/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

CONFERENCE ITEM

5.1-CF

Discussion and Possible Decision to Create a Surplus Facilities Committee to Study a Strip of Property on Gilman Street

Further Direction: Board recommends the establishment of a Surplus Facilities Committee to review the property on Gilman Street. A recommendation will come back to the Board by June 2013.

Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously 5-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I

Proposed Model for Parent Outreach

Further Direction: The Board requested that staff create and present a plan for partial funding of Parent Liaisons at the four schools that have not been identified as being assigned a parent liaison under the pilot

program (matching funding from site funds). They want to have options presented to expand to the additional four elementary schools. They requested that evaluation and analysis of the program take place after the second year of the program. The Board will receive an update after the first year. The Board would like to see how the ombudsman position would work out of the Superintendent's Office. The Board requested that staff consider including a parent advisory committee at the District level staffed by the Supervisor of the program.

Received for Information

3.2-I

LEARNS Budget Update

Received for Information

8:30 p.m.

3.3-I

Role of the District Attorney in SARB Process

Received for Information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes: March 7, 2012

Leyva-Cutler/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A member of the public addressed the Board regarding qualifications necessary in the next Superintendent.

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 11:38pm.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education