

## **BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Minutes, Regular Meeting**

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

### **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

#### **Roll Call 6:30pm**

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 (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 7:34 pm

#### **Report Closed Session Actions**

The Board heard Human Resource issues and received updates on collective bargaining. The Board heard updates on the West Campus construction project. Authorization was given to the Superintendent to negotiate a proposed one year agreement with Kay Altizer for continued employment in the position of Executive Director of Special Education, with the proposed Agreement to be returned to the Board for ratification.

#### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

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

5.2-C and 5.3-C pulled by Hemphill  
Facilities updated 5.1-I was moved to Consent

#### **RECOGNITION**

2012 Berkeley High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Cheryl Draper

### **Public Testimony**

Several parents of students currently enrolled in the TWI program spoke in support of consolidating the program into one school. A parent group representing the gardening programs at Malcolm X, Rosa Parks and Washington Elementary Schools requested that the Board fund the programs at full capacity. One of the founders of BUSD's cooking and gardening programs spoke in support of continued funding for the programs. A parent from Malcolm X countered the staff proposal for funding the gardening program by asking for all the funds proposed up front in the first year instead of spread out over three years. A middle school Physical Education teacher addressed the Board regarding increased class sizes in P.E. and the need to group grade levels appropriately. The garden teacher at Malcolm X shared some quotes of children in her program.

### **UNION REPORT**

Cathy Campbell, BFT President, asked one of her members to testify to the Board about how she felt when she received her layoff notice. Ms. Campbell spoke about the importance and success of the Supervisor of Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Systems position. The current position has provided positive and engaging professional development for teaching staff. She requested that the Board take an active interest in keeping the work going if they choose to eliminate the position.

### **Board Members' Reports**

Student Director: absent

Director Hemphill: Announced the Berkeley Scholars to Cal program awards ceremony on April 19, 2012. Ten of the students currently have a 4.0 GPA and all graduating seniors in the program have been accepted to colleges across the country.

Director Daniels: Announced a state and district budget forum on April 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a guest speaker from the California Budget Project.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Announced the meeting titled *The Status of Latinos in Berkeley* as part of the Cesar Chavez commemorative period.

President Selawsky: Requested the Superintendent share the 2 X 2 meeting minutes at a future meeting.

### **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

5.2-C

Director Hemphill requested that the Director of Facilities stay in contact with the BHS baseball team regarding completion of the project at Derby Field.

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

5.3-C

Director Hemphill requested regular updates on the progress of this project through its completion.

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

*Further Direction:* The Board requested regular quarterly updates on BHS phase 2 and 3 presented as separate agenda item. The Board requested regular updates on how the implementation of the PLA unfolds during the project as well.

## **CONFERENCE ITEMS**

1.1-CF

Recommendation for a new Site-Based Parent Outreach and Engagement Program

*Further Direction:* The Board requested a future information item addressing how the new positions will be evaluated and assessed. The Board requested comments in Friday notes about the formation of a parent advisory committee related to this new program and a description of their charge.

Motion: Approve the base item with no options included

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

1.2-CF

Proposal to Support School Gardening Programs

Motion: to fully fund, up to \$350,000, the cooking and gardening programs at Malcolm X, Rosa Parks and Washington for the 2012-13 school year only on a one-time basis. The funding to come from Meals for Needy Families revenue. The funding for 2012-13 shall include the hiring of sufficient FTE to oversee the cooking and gardening at the three sites. No additional funding approved for the 2013-14 school year.

**Wilson/Hemphill** and approved 4-1 (Daniels voting no)

*Further Direction:* The Board gave discretion to staff to determine whether to continue to recommend taking \$100,000 from Meals for Needy Families revenue on an on-going basis to address the structural budget deficit or to find different a budget solution.

2.1-CF

Elimination/Reduction of Certain Classified Positions and Addition of New Classifications, Job Descriptions and Positions

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1.1-I

Proposed Changes to Berkeley High School Site Council Bylaws

Received for Information (Accepted as first reading)

3.1-I

Proposal for Providing Work for Students while Suspended

Received for Information

3.2-I

Staff Presentation on Lifelines Program

Received for Information

3.3-I

B-Tech WASC Report

Received for Information

3.4-I

Report from Two Way Immersion Task Force to Consolidate TWI at One Site

The Superintendent stated that the presentation tonight is not a recommendation from the Superintendent for implementation. It is a presentation of the findings and recommendations from the TWI task force. The plan still needs to be reviewed by the English Language Learners master planning team. He hopes to bring a proposal/recommendation to the Board at the first meeting in May. Community forums may be held in June at the schools that currently have TWI programs in place. Changes to the program would not take place until the 2013-14 school year.

Received for Information

5.1-I

Facilities Plan Update

Moved to Consent

**ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Board of Education Minutes: March 21, 2012

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

Approve Board of Education Minutes: March 28, 2012

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

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

An Oxford parent spoke in support of funding parent liaison programs at all the elementary schools.

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 11:02 pm.

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Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk  
Board of Education