

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 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 (absent for open session)
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 7:42 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board heard Human Resource issues and received updates on collective bargaining negotiations with BCCE/OSS and BFT. The Board heard updates on the sale of the Hillside property.

Student Expulsions

Student Case # 1112-11-030704

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and vote of 5-0 rejecting staff's recommendation

Student Case # 1112-12-112096

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

Student expelled for remainder of school year

Student Case # 1112-04-111294

Hemphill/Wilson and approved on a vote of 5-0 to revoke suspended expulsion.

Liability Claim

Liability Claim - No. 1372 & 1527

Hemphill/Wilson and approved on a vote of 4-0 (Daniels absent)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved on a vote of 4-0 (Wilson Absent)

RECOGNITION

Berkeley Public Education Foundation: Christopher Hudson, Chair; Mary Friedman, Treasurer; and Molly Fraker, Executive Director

Public Testimony

Chris Martin, President of the P&O committee addressed the Board regarding what characteristics they would like in a Superintendent. Members of the Arts Committee from BHS requested that the Technical Theater Manager position be reinstated at BHS. A student from BHS spoke about the need for a Technical Theater Manager to make the theater productions at BHS successful. A student from Cragmont addressed the Board regarding funding at Cragmont. The Cragmont PTA president addressed the Board regarding lack of space and funding provided to Cragmont while other schools are getting funding approved by the Board. Several Cragmont students told the Board what they love about Cragmont. Two BHS parents spoke about the design and construction projects ongoing at BHS athletic facilities.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director: Announced STAR testing and prom at BHS.

Director Daniels: Thanked Javetta Cleveland for putting on the budget forums. Links to videos of the forums can be found on the BUSD website.

Director Hemphill: She was looking forward to hearing the data from BHS. She has an interest in making sure that communications are getting to all parents. Information may not be getting to the populations that need and could use the information the most. The junior class college fair was a success. She would have liked to have seen more information on community colleges.

Director Leyva-Cutler: The "State of Latinos in Berkeley" event was a success.

President Selawsky: Thanked In Dulci Jubilo for their fund raising work in Berkeley.

Superintendent's Report

He attended the WASC exit interview at Berkeley Adult School. The WASC team suggested BAS work to become a regional program. Malcolm X has been recognized by the State as a Distinguished School. The Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee will be bringing forward a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0 (Wilson absent)

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved unanimously 4-0 (Wilson absent)

2.2-A

Open Public Hearing 9:08 pm

Close Public Hearing 9:09 pm

(Public Hearing) Initial Proposal from the Union of Berkeley Administrators (UBA) for a Successor Agreement

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved unanimously 4-0 (Wilson absent)

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I

Report on Berkeley High School

Received for Information

10:55 p.m. Director Daniels moved to extend the meeting till 11:30 p.m., **Daniels/Leyva-Cutler** with a unanimous vote of 4-0 (Wilson absent)

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes: April 11, 2012

*To be moved to the next agenda on May 9, 2012.

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

One BHS parent expressed appreciation for all of the work being done by BHS staff and administration.

Director Hemphill requested additional time for her to comment on the presentation. Director Daniels moved to extend a second time to 11:40 p.m.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler with a unanimous vote of 4-0 (Wilson absent)

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 11:40 pm.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education