

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 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
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 7:30 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 West Campus and Hillside property.

Student Expulsions

Student Case # 1112-15-052596

Leyva-Cutlet/Hemphill and approved on a vote of 4-0 (Daniels absent) Suspended expulsion for remainder of current semester and next semester.

Student Case # 1112-10-100995

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 5-0 to readmit.

Appointment of LeConte Principal

The Board appointed Dr. Kathryn Singh as the new principal of LeConte Elementary School.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Director Wilson made a motion to forego presentations for items 3.2-I, 3.3-I, 3.5-I, 3.6-I and 5.1-I without objection from the Board.

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

RECOGNITION

Cesar Chavez Essay Winners: Kristina Castro-Lopez, Ishmael Perry, Sadie Fleig, Katia Bouali and Eleana Binder

Malcom X Elementary School was recognized as a California Distinguished School. This is the school's third time winning the award.

Public Testimony

A Berkeley Unified TWI teacher and Literacy Coach from LeConte Elementary School expressed her pleasure in knowing that the TWI programs will be unified at one school site. She believes it is best for the curriculum, teachers, students and families. A teacher from the LeConte TWI program stated that she believes a high quality TWI program will support the language development for English language learners. The President of ELAC at LeConte stated that the majority of parents from LeConte are in support of consolidating the TWI programs at one site. A parent of a BHS student in the BIHS program spoke in support of the Board providing reliable funding for the international baccalaureate program coordinator.

Planning and Oversight Committee

Lea Beachler-Brabo read the P & O Committee's statement regarding the Superintendent's recommendation for expenditure of the BSEP Class Size Reduction Fund in FY 2012-13. The statement can be found in the Board packet.

Construction Committee

The Committee reported to the Board about current and upcoming construction projects. They outlined the three reports that they produce each year. The committee is reviewing ways in which to make the reports more user friendly for the community and Board. They reported on the spending of Measure H & I bond funds. The Measure I Construction Bond Oversight Committee found no evidence that any funding was misspent. All the funds were used in a manner aligned with the parameters of the bond.

Board Members' Reports

Student Director: Juliette Mueller has been elected to be the student director to the Board next year. The prom was a great success. The demolition of the old gym has started and it has not affected students.

Director Daniels: Visited BTech and met with Principal Quintana. She is making sure their courses are qualified to meet A-G requirements at CalState and UC colleges. He requested that the policy committee look into having both a BTech and BHS student sit on the Board.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Announced a meeting this Friday at Rosa Parks at 5:30 pm addressing the Master Plan for English Language Learners. She has been looking at restorative justice models in our surrounding communities.

President Selawsky: The Facilities Naming Committee will be coming to the Board with a recommendation this spring for the naming of Derby Field. We need more members for the facilities/land surplus committee. The Board will be interviewing Superintendent candidates this Friday and Saturday. The Board will then bring back three of the candidates for further interviews.

Superintendent's Report

A committee has been formed to look at having a certificated teacher lead a CTE program as part of the technical theatre management position. REALM will be making a presentation to the Board regarding their fiscal and programmatic status. There will also be a Board update on the planned implementation of three additional CTE programs at BTech.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wilson/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A

Recommendation for the Expenditure of the BSEP Class Size Monies in FY 2012-13

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

2.1-A

Open Public Hearing on 2.1-A (10:05 pm)

Close Public Hearing (10:06 pm) without objection

Amended Initial Proposal from the District to the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT)

Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously 5-0

4.1-A

Open Public Hearing on 4.1-A (10:07 pm)

Close Public Hearing (10:08) without objection

Resolution No. 12-52 SBX 3-4 Categorical Flexibility for Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13

Daniels/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

CONFERENCE ITEM

4.1-CF

Superintendent's Proposed Budget Reductions

Daniels/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1-I

Update on the Certificated Reduction in Force for the Coming 2012/13 School Year

Received for Information

3.1-I

Superintendent's Recommendations for Two Way Immersion Program

Further Direction: The Board would like the Consolidation of the TWI programs to come to the Board for vote in June. The Board would like staff to hold at least two meeting with the communities affected by the plan. One to address the school communities in the southeast zones and one with families currently enrolled in the TWI program. The forums are to take place before it comes back to the Board in June.

Received for Information

3.2-I

Williams Complaints Quarterly Report

Received for Information

3.3-I

First Presentation of New Textbooks for Berkeley High School in Sociology, Government and Spanish for Native Speakers

Received for Information

3.4-I

First Reading of Proposed Board Policy on Make-Up Work Following Student Suspension

Received for Information

3.5-I
Student Language Census Report

Received for Information

3.6-I
National Student Origin Report

Received for Information

4.1-I
P-2 School Average Daily Attendance

Received for Information

5.1-I
Annual Report from the Construction Board Advisory Committee for Measure I

Received for Information

5.2-I
Facilities Plan Update

Received for Information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes: April 11, 2012

Approve Board of Education Minutes: April 25, 2012

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

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A parent from Thousand Oaks addressed the board regarding the consolidation of the TWI program and the English Language Learner program at Thousand Oaks. They recommend a K-5 early exit program instead of a K-3 early exit program.

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 11:00 pm.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education