

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, August 22, 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 (absent)
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/ Clerk
Karen Hemphill, Director
Josh Daniels, 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 7:55 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

Collective Bargaining - Ratification for BFT Proposal.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-0

Ratification of Administrative Appointments:

Edith Smiley, Coordinator for Independent Studies
Chris Harrell, Vice-Principal at Longfellow Middle School
Manuel Enriquez, LEARNS Program Supervisor
Pamela Goo, Risk Manager
Charity DaMarto, Supervisor of Family Engagement and Equity

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-0

Student Case No. 1112-25-052999 – suspended expulsion

Daniels/Selawsky to reject staff's recommendation on a vote of 4-0

Student Case No. 1112-13-080797 – Readmission

Daniels/Hemphill and approved staff recommendation on a vote of 4-0

Liability Claims - BUSD Claim #IN1477

Leyva-Cutler/Selawsky to accept staff recommendation on a vote of 4-0

ACTION ITEM:

1.1-A

Appointment of Interim Superintendents

The Board appointed Javetta Cleveland and Neil Smith to the position of Interim Superintendent for an unspecified period.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

4.1-C (15) Selawsky recused

1.1-C Daniels recused

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

Public Testimony

Several students, staff member and BHS parent spoke in support of funding for the publication of the *Berkeley High Jacket*. They asked the Board to help find additional funding to support the newspaper. A community member asked the Board to reinstate the tennis courts located at BHS. They are currently being used as a parking lot. The BHS tennis team currently uses the tennis courts at King Middle School. A PE teacher from King Middle School and several track team members spoke in support of building an all-weather track as part of the renovation at King Middle School. An artist with an exhibit from the Berkeley Art Museum requested permission from the Board to display a piece of temporary art on the side of the West Campus auditorium.

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, addressed the Board regarding payroll issues.

Cathy Campbell, BFT President, thanked the Board for ratifying the one-time 1% bonus for teachers. She also thanked the Board for approving a resolution supporting Prop 30 and Prop 38. Ms. Campbell expressed gratitude for the improved results detailed in the Evaluation Report.

Board Members' Reports

Director Daniels: August 25th at 10:00, the BHS Parent Resource center is hosting an event. He believes that the Jacket is a crucial part of BHS. He wants to make sure that cuts do not have to be vetted through the Board. Cuts are best decided at the school site. Many other cuts took place at BHS that have not been brought before the Board.

Director Hemphill: There was a similar issue with the theatre program at BHS as what is occurring with the BHS Jacket. There may be an opportunity to put some CTE funding into the program and create a CTE course that meets A-G elective requirements.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Is in support of a two period BHS Jacket program. She is interested in identifying funding to support the program. September 15th will be a welcome at BHS for black and brown students. There will be workshops for parents, entertainment and food served at the event.

President Selawsky: Thanked Neil and Javetta for stepping up and supporting the District. Thanked Director Hemphill for bringing forward the resolution to encourage support of Prop 30 and Prop 38. He agrees with Director Daniels that the Board has to be careful when second guessing site decisions for budget cuts.

Superintendent's Report

The District held an orientation for new teachers. Forty-two teachers will be enrolled in BTSA this year. The District has adopted a new data tracking system called Illuminate. Principal Sucderi recognizes the value of the Jacket newspaper. The District Administrative Offices have moved to 2020 Bonar St. Board meetings will continue to be held at 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Supt. Javetta Cleveland thanked employees for their efforts in moving their offices.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1-C (15) Selawsky recused

1.1-C Daniels recused

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved unanimously 4-0

ACTION ITEMS

5.1-A

Approval of Schematic Design of the Project at King Field

The Board directed staff to speak with the King Middle School Principal and community about funding an all-weather track and the increased maintenance costs involved. Staff will bring back options for covering the increased cost of construction and maintenance. The Board is in support of covering the increased cost with funds that were allocated for other projects at King.

Motion (with direction) to explore #2 (all-weather track surface) on the wish list and to not explore any of other others, to include a community meeting, meeting with Principal, staff members and stakeholders. Staff to bring back to the Board a recommendation to cover increased costs by

adjusting other maintenance or construction projects at King Middle School.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 4-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1-I

Employee Evaluation Report

Received for Information

5.1-I

Update on Berkeley High School Phase II and III Construction

Received for Information

Received for Information

5.2-I

Discussion of Information on the High 5 Program and Enrollment

Receive Information on the High 5 Program and Enrollment

Received for Information

5.3-I

Facilities Plan Update

Received for Information

5.4-I

Project Labor Agreement Update

Received for Information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes:

June 27, 2012

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved unanimously 3-0 (Daniels absent)

August 15, 2012

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved unanimously 3-0 (Daniels absent)

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 10:51 pm.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education