

## BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Minutes, Regular Meeting

### OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 19, 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  
Juliette Mueller, 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

Student Case No. 1112-25-052999

**Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill** and approved stipulated expulsion on a vote of 4-0 with Daniels abstaining.

Claim No. 10BSS0001

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

Claim No. IN1637

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

Ratification of BCCE 1% Bonus Proposal

**Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill** and approved on a vote of 4-0 (Daniels absent)

### APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

4.1-A moved to consent (accept staff recommendation)

3.1-A to consent

3.2-I accepted as written

5.1-I accepted as written

3.1-I moved up on agenda following Consent

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

## **RECOGNITION**

Greg Williams, Plant Operations Manager, was recognized for overseeing the move of all Central Office departments to the new Administration Building

The Board has requested that Javetta Cleveland and Neil Smith continue as Interim Co-Superintendents for the remainder of the school year. Vice President Wilson read a statement from the Board. The Board will start a new search in the winter.

*As many of you may have already heard, Dr. Edmond Heatley has notified the District that he has withdrawn his candidacy to be the next Superintendent of the Berkeley Unified School District and is no longer under consideration. We agree with and respect Dr. Heatley's conclusion that despite his experience, skills, and achievements as an educator, Berkeley is not the right fit and we support his decision to withdraw.*

*The Board acknowledges how difficult this time has been for everyone involved. We are and will continue to be committed to serving and supporting all our children and their families. When we reinitiate the search after winter break, the Board is committed to doing so in a manner that reflects our community's request for greater inclusivity and transparency.*

*The Board has full confidence that Dr. Neil Smith and Ms. Javetta Cleveland, acting as Interim Co-Superintendents, are a great team to continue our academic progress until the superintendent search has been completed. Under their leadership, we will continue the significant progress the District has made on key student achievement issues and the 2020 vision.*

*We look forward to working with everyone in our District and the wider community as we go forward and in our on-going efforts in advancing academic success for all our students.*

## **Public Testimony**

A community member addressed the board in support of placing signage and a score board at Tim Moellering Field. A school board candidate read a statement to the Board outlining what she believes to be ideal characteristics of a superintendent. A King Middle School teacher spoke to the Board about making integration work and making equality a reality. A Berkeley resident asked the Board to not approve the loan to REALM charter school.

## **UNION REPORT**

Cathy Campbell, BFT President, is pleased that the current process for Superintendent selection is over. She challenged the Board's idea that the District is broken and needs fixing. The idea has been bad for morale. She read a statement outlining many areas that students and teachers are making progress. She requested the Board hire a superintendent that can build upon what has been built over the past four years.

## **Board Members' Reports**

Director Daniels: Thanked BHS staff for hosting a welcome event for families at BHS. Thanked Dr. Chang and Dr. Craig for putting item 3.1-A on the agenda.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Thanked the parents that came out to the event on Saturday at BHS. Tomorrow night is Back-to-School night at BHS and BTech.

Vice President Wilson: Will be having office hours next week.

Student Director: The school year is off to a good start. A new tardy policy has been implemented. The first issue of the Jacket will be published on Friday.

## **Superintendent's Report**

The District is happy to have reached an agreement with BCCE regarding the 1% bonus. They have met with BCCE regarding staff development.

## **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1.1-A

Consideration of Signage and Scoreboard at the Derby Field

Motion: to approve the proposed plan and front the designs costs and approve additional funds if the fundraising efforts do not meet the goal.

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

1.2-A

Request from REALM Charter School for Financial Loan

Motion: Create an MOU that would allow the District to advance up to \$300,000 to REALM's in-lieu of property tax receipts.

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

3.1-A

Approval of Installation of Automated External Defibrillators at Berkeley High School

Moved to Consent

3.2-A

Approval of Resolution for Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

**Open Public Hearing – 9:31**

**Close Public Hearing – 9:32**

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

4.1-A

Determination of Mandated Costs Reimbursement Options

Moved to Consent

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3.1-I

Report on Attendance and the WASC Action Plan at Berkeley High School

Received for Information

3.2-I

Williams Complaints Quarterly Report

Received for Information

5.1-I

Facilities Plan Update

Received for Information

### **EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 10:10 pm.

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Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk

Board of Education