

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 10, 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: Javetta Cleveland, Co-Interim Superintendent
Neil Smith, Co-Interim Superintendent
Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

President Selawsky called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Report Closed Session Actions

Ratification of the Local 21 tentative agreement for a 1% bonus.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 3-0 (Wilson and Hemphill absent)

Ratification of the UBA tentative agreement for a 1% bonus.

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

The Board gave direction to staff to pay non-represented employees a 1% bonus.

The Board gave staff direction regarding interest in rolling the L21 contract with flexibility depending on what happens in the November election.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

3.3-1 (moved to consent)

5.1-I (moved to consent)

5.4-C (pulled by Sewlasky)

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

RECOGNITION

Associated Student Body Officers at Berkeley High School

Public Testimony

A Berkeley Independent Studies program teacher addressed the Board regarding possible cuts to staffing in the program due to decreased enrollment. Several students shared their positive experiences while enrolled in the Independent Studies program. A King Middle School cross country team member asked the Board to approve the all-weather track at King Middle School. The King Middle School PTA president informed the Board that the PTA voted to support an all-weather track. A community member and avid user of the King track expressed his support for an all-weather track at King.

UNION REPORT

John Becker, BFT President, spoke against Proposition 32 and urged the Board to pass a resolution against the proposition.

Board Members' Reports

Director Daniels: Invited everyone to the 2020 presentation tomorrow evening at Longfellow Middle School.

Director Hemphill: Addressed comments that were made at the last Board meeting indicating that the district is “broken.” She stated that the district is doing quite well and the data being presented tonight will show how well the district is doing. She is interested in accelerating some of the programs to help close the achievement gap.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Invited parents to the 2020 Symposium.

Student Director: The BHS leadership team is preparing for spirit week. The homecoming football game is next weekend.

Superintendent's Report

Supt. Smith and Cleveland attended staff development on Monday. The state will be releasing API information tomorrow at 10:00 am. The District will be hosting an ATOD workshop for parents next week at BTech. “The District is committed to Independent Study program. It is a program that is valued. The District has a responsibility to make fiscally responsible decisions.” Supt. Cleveland announced that the District’s classified staff also participated in Professional Development on October 8th.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

5.4-C (pulled by Selawsky)

Amendment: Section 8 last sentence: except that the new member may serve *a second and/or third term*.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously as amended 5-0

ACTION ITEMS

5.1-A

Approval to Augment the King Field Project to Include an All- Weather Track

Hemphill/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I

Indicators of Progress to Close the Achievement Gap

The Board would like a process for requesting data and further information beyond what is presented at a Board meeting.

Received for Information

3.2-I

District Goals: Areas of Focus for 2012-13

Received for Information

3.3-I

Proposed New Text *Biology, CA Edition*, for Advanced Biology at Berkeley High School for a First Reading for Adoption Consideration

Moved to Consent

5.1-I

Maintenance and Measure BB Update

Moved to Consent

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Approve Board of Education Minutes: September 12, 2012

Daniels/Wilson Approved as amended 5-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Staff members and parents from the Independent Studies program asked the Board to support the teachers in the program. They encouraged the District to promote the program to families in Berkeley in efforts to increase enrollment.

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 10:50 pm.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education