

-BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:30pm

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-Superintendent
Neil Smith, Co-Superintendent
Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

President Selawsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Report Closed Session Actions

Classified Employee Discipline

Wilson/Daniels 15 day suspension for a classified employee and approved on a vote of 5-0

The Board discussed personnel items. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

2.1-A, 2.2-A and 2.3-A (Moved to consent)

3.2-I and 5.1-I (No staff report required)

4.1-C (7) Selawsky recused

RECOGNITION

Georgette Cobbs, MFT, Program Director - New Bridge Foundation's Adolescent Services providing inspiration, recovery, and education (ASPIRE) which provides ATOD prevention/intervention/treatment services

Public Testimony

Several parents addressed the Board regarding the urgent need to fund the cooking and gardening programs. A cooking and garden teacher from Thousand Oaks thanked the Board and the co-superintendents for the support they have shown so far for the programs. A community member spoke to the Board about stewardship for the land and how the gardening programs teach kids how to treat the planet. Marian Mabel spoke about possible funding sources for the gardening program. A parent from BHS addressed the Board regarding homeless services. He requested that homeless services not be located at the high school. He requested that the services be centralized at the district offices and manned by a strong homeless liaison.

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, thanked the community for supporting Proposition 30. She is proud to be an employee of a District that puts so much emphasis on cooking and gardening. "We have very talented staff that run and support these programs." She requested that the Board continue to fund the programs. She thanked Supt. Cleveland for her comments during her speech during Professional Development day on November 9th.

Board Members' Reports

Director Daniels: Thanked the community for voting. He congratulated the BHS football team for remaining undefeated in their league. He acknowledged the progress on CST scores for African American students and noted that there is still work to be done.

Director Hemphill: Thanked the community for supporting Prop. 30. She congratulated Beatriz and Judy on being elected to the school board. She will be meeting with the building trades to help move along the PLA Agreement as well as support of CTE programs. She met with the NAACP last week. They are interested in working with the district to reach out to African American males enrolled in BUSD. She attended a professional development meeting with the BHS math team.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Congratulated Judy Appel for her nomination to School Board. She also thanked the community members that voted to re-elect her to the Board.

Vice President Wilson: Congratulated Beatriz and Judy for their election to the Board. She noted the positive comments from BCCE.

President Selawsky: Congratulated Judy Appel and welcomed her to the Board.

Student Director: The BHS Jacket will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary.

Superintendent's Report

The BHS staff trained for emergency preparedness during the last Professional Development day. Co-Superintendent Smith thanked Javetta for her efforts in reaching out to the classified staff and updating them on our student achievement. Co-Superintendent Cleveland updated the Board on the events of November 9th. The next classified staff meeting is planned for January 28th. She thanked the classified staff for supporting her.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Additions: 2.1-A, 2.2-A, 2.3-A

Wilson/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

ACTION ITEMS

2.1-A

Board Consent of Teacher Teaching Outside of Credential Area

Moved to Consent

2.2-A

Board Consent to Employ Speech and Language Pathologists without State Certification

Moved to Consent

2.3-A

Ratification of Extension of Contract between the Berkeley Unified School District and the Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21

Moved to Consent

3.1-A

Proposal for a Full-time Counselor to Provide Case Management for Berkeley High School Students Qualifying for McKinney-Vento Services and other identified students

Board direction: The Board directed that the McKinney-Vento Services item be placed on the December 12th Board meeting agenda. The Board also directed staff to meet with McKinney-Vento families to discuss their concerns about the proposal and solicit ideas for a revised proposal. The Board expressed support for funding a 1.0 FTE Counselor position for BHS.

4.1-A

Approval of Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement Documents

Open public hearing: 8:17

Close public hearing: 8:18

Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously 5-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1-I

Request for Proposals for Classification and Compensation Study
Received for Information

3.1-I

Report on California Healthy Kids Survey
Received for Information

3.2-I

Williams Quarterly Report
Received for Information

4.1-I

Budget Update on Results of November Tax Initiative (Proposition 30)
Received for Information

5.1-I

Maintenance and Measure BB Update
Received for Information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes: 10-24-12

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

President Selawsky adjourned the meeting at 10:14 pm.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education