

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2013
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 6:30pm

Members Present:

Leah Wilson, President
Josh Daniels, Vice-President
Judy Appel, Director
Karen Hemphill, Director
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director
Juliette Mueller, Student Director

Administration: Javetta Cleveland, Co-Superintendent
Neil Smith, Co-Superintendent
Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent of Human
Resources

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 pm.

Report Closed Session Actions

Student Case No. 1213-01-052999

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 4-0
(Director Appel abstained)

Student Case No. 1112-24-071598

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

The Board received an update on firms to conduct superintendent search.

The Board received an update on collective bargaining.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

5.2-A pulled from agenda

5.3-C pulled by Hemphill for comment

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

RECOGNITION

Rosa Parks Teacher Mary Martin and her fifth grade students were recognized for their outstanding performance in Math Matters, a regional math competition.

Public Testimony

Members of the Peace and Justice Commission encouraged the Board to make appointments to the commission. A Longfellow parent spoke in support of improvements being made to the Longfellow cafeteria. He requested that the project be completed ahead of current schedule. Neighbors of LeConte Elementary School expressed concern about the planned upcoming facilities project. They asked that the Board delay approval of the master facilities plan for LeConte. A second grade teacher from Oxford addressed the Board regarding teacher pay and compensation. A Rosa Parks Elementary School parent asked the Board to update the student assignment system to include the latest census data. He requested the updates be completed before this year's lottery.

UNION REPORT

Amanda Green, BFT member and BHS teacher, addressed the Board regarding the rising cost of healthcare.

Board Members' Reports

President Wilson: Proposals for search firms are due Friday. Interviews will take place on Saturday, January 19th. A search firm will be selected and announced by the end of the month. The schedule for the search will be published once developed by the selected firm.

Vice President Daniels: Congratulated employees who retired in the last month. Thanked all parents for their efforts with their children.

Director Appel: Happy New Year

Director Hemphill: Happy New Year

Director Leyva-Cutler: Brought attention to January being Gun Awareness Month for some communities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Student Director: Wished everyone a happy new year. The first semester is ending soon. Finals are taking place this week. Students are working on preparing packages of items in high demand at the local homeless shelter.

Superintendent's Report

- Staff will be bringing forward a report outlining expenditures for implementing the common core standards.
- The District has received payment for the sale of the Hillside property.
- We saved 2.5 million dollars by refinancing some of our current bonds. The refinance saves the tax payer not the District.
- Persons interested in serving on Board committees will find applications on our website.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Hemphill/Appel and approved unanimously 5-0

5.3-C (pulled by Hemphill)

Hemphill/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A

Approve Committee Appointments

Leah Wilson Committee: Policy Committee, 2X2, Audit and P & O.

Adopt-A-School Assignments

Leah Wilson: BHS, Longfellow, John Muir and BAM

Josh Daniels: Willard, LeConte, Emerson

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler: Rosa Parks, Cragmont, Thousand Oaks and Preschools

Judy Appel: King, Malcolm X, Oxford and Jefferson

Karen Hemphill: BHS, Berkeley Adult and BTech

Board Liaisons to Committees

President Wilson: Board Policy, 2 X 2, P&O and Audit Committee

Vice President Daniels: Construction and Oversight, Facilities, P&O, 2X2 and PTA Council

Director Cutler: Audit, DELAC, Equity Team (alternate), Berkeley Alliance and Budget Advisory

Director Appel: Board Policy, Common Core, African American Acceleration Work Group and Budget Advisory (alternate)

Director Hemphill: Equity Team, African American Acceleration Work Group, CTE, PLA and Community Arts Team

Appointments made by President Wilson

5.1-A

Approval of Yearly Facilities Plan Modifications

Appel/Daniels and approved unanimously 5-0

5.2-A

Approval of Schematic Design of the Project at LeConte Elementary Schools

Pulled from the agenda.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

3.1-P

Report on Career and Technical Education
Received Presentation

3.2-P

Status Report on Plan for 2013-14 to Accelerate the Achievement of African American Students
Received Presentation

Board Direction: The goal definition will be determined by the working group that includes two Board members.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1.1-I

Review of District's Emergency Preparedness and Safety

Received for Information

3.1-I

2012-13 Student Assignment Plan Report

Received for Information

3.2-I
Report on Interdistrict Permits

Received for Information

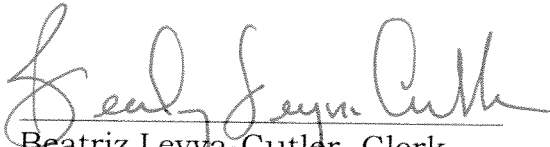
ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes: 12-12-12
Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:34 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beatriz Leyva-Cutler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education