

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 2012
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 7:15pm

Members Present:

Leah Wilson, Director
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director
Karen Hemphill, Director
Josh Daniels, Director
Judy Appel, 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 7:30 pm.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Members by City Clerk

Judy Appel and Beatriz Leyva-Cutler

Election of Officers:

Item 1.1-0 – President (Leah Wilson)

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

Item 1.2-0 - Vice President (Josh Daniels)

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

Item 1.3-0 –Clerk (Beatriz Leyva-Cutler)

Wilson/Hemphill and approved on a vote of 5-0

Item 1.3-0- Secretary

Item 1.4-0

Approve Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2013

Amended: Add Board Retreat for January 19, 2013 and delete January 16th study session.

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

Item 1.5.0
Board of Education Appointments
Approve each Board member's selection to serve on a Community
Advisory Committee

Additions:
Common Core, Plan to Accelerate Achievement of African American
Students Working Group, PLA Council and CTE Advisory Committee

Board Direction: The Board will decide upon membership/appointees to
committees at the January 9, 2013 meeting.

Item 1.6-0
Board of Education Appointments
Approve each Board member's selection to serve on various Board
Committees and Commissions

Action to be taken at the January 9, 2012 Board meeting

Item 1.7-0
Board of Education Assignments
Approve each Board member's selection for "Adopt-A-School"
assignments

Action to be taken at the January 9, 2012 Board meeting

Report Closed Session Actions

Proposed Settlement Agreement
The board directed staff to enter in to a settlement agreement as related
to a classified staff member.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

4.1-A (moved to consent)

5.3-I (accept as submitted without presentation)

5.3-I (accept as submitted without presentation)

Public Testimony

A teacher from BHS commended Neil Smith for sending out a message to
staff regarding the proposed plan to accelerate the achievement of
African American students in the District. A teacher addressed the
Board about increased fees for health care benefits. A spouse of a
classified employee expressed concern for increased fees for health care

insurance. A parent thanked the Board for directing staff to meet with families that are participants in the McKinney-Vento program. He requested that the Board make changes to the staff proposal to include two half time positions. A family participating in the McKinney-Vento program thanked the Board for listening to homeless families in the District.

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE President, congratulated Beatriz Leyva-Cutler on her reelection to the Board. She informed the Board about cold temperatures at the West Campus building. She warned that cold temperature may lead to staff absences.

Cathy Campbell, BFT President, thanked John Selawsky for his years of service to the District and congratulated Beatriz Leyva-Cutler and Judy Appel for their appointment to the Board. She expressed gratitude for the proposed Plan to Accelerate the Achievement of African American Students. She made suggestions for additional data analysis of subgroups and to break out data within the subgroups. "We need to own our current results and take urgent action." She is looking forward to a work group forming around the plan that is dedicated, energized and deeply informed.

Janet Levenson, UBA President, read a joint statement from all the District's unions regarding the qualities they would like the next Superintendent to possess.

Board Members' Reports

President Wilson: Thanked her fellow Board members for electing her as President of the Board.

Vice President Daniels: Welcomed Director Appel to the Board. Thanked the families and staff who attended the Kindergarten Faire. Thanked the Unions for their collective statement regarding the superintendent search and selection process.

Director Hemphill: Congratulated Judy and Beatriz.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Happy to be reelected to the Board. She is excited and encouraged about the work ahead. Thanked the unions for their collective statement to the Board.

Director Appel: Expressed condolences to the family of the women killed near Longfellow Middle School.

Student Director: The second semester is drawing to a close.

Superintendent's Report

The passage of Prop 30 allows the District to move several temporary teachers into probationary status.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A

Request to Solicit Proposals from Superintendent Search Firms

Amendments: Change "vetted" candidates to "finalists" under Secondary Consultant. Remove the item referring to community trust under the work scope for the Secondary Consultant as it is not an actual work product

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

3.1-A

Proposal for a Teacher on Special Assignment to Coordinate Services for Students Qualifying for McKinney-Vento Services

Amendment: Board approves a 1.0 FTE (certificated position), allowing staff the flexibility to hire one full time or two part time staff.

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

3.2-A

Plan to Accelerate the Achievement of African American Students

Board Direction: The Board would like an update at the January 9, 2013 Board meeting to review the status and timeline of the plan.

Wilson/Daniels and approved unanimously 5-0

4.1-A

Refunding of General Obligation Bonds – Resolution No. 13-026

Moved to Consent

4.2-A

Certification of First Interim Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2012

Daniels/Wilson and approved unanimously 5-0

4.3-A

Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Property

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

5.1-A

Yearly Review of Facilities Allocations

Board Direction: Add additional Willard projects to the proposal

Daniels/Wilson and approved as amended unanimously 5-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1-I

Berkeley High School Facilities Update

Received for Information

5.2-I

First Interim FY 2012-2013 BB Financial Update

Received for Information

5.3-I

Facilities Plan Update

Received for Information

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Approve Board of Education Minutes: 11-14-12

Daniels/Wilson and approved unanimously as amended 4-0
(Appel abstains)

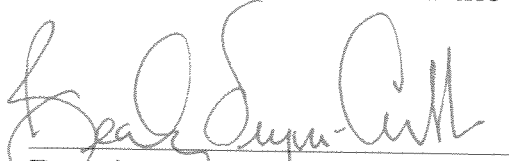
Approve Board of Education Minutes: 11-28-12

Daniels/Wilson and approved unanimously as amended 4-0
(Appel abstains)

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

President Wilson recessed the meeting to closed session at 10:45 pm.



Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education