

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 27, 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 7:40 pm.

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board received an update on Collective Bargaining – Negotiations
Board heard an update on BHS student
Board discussed certificated releases and non-reelections

Human Resources

Suspension of Classified Employee

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

Business Services

Liability Claim No. 1477

Hemphill/Wilson and approved on a vote of 4-0 (Appel abstained)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

2.2-A pulled by Wilson

1.1-CF moved to consent

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

RECOGNITION

Berkeley High School students, Will Cayanan, selected as a cellist for the California All State Orchestra, and Max Schwartz, selected as the only bass player in the California All State Jazz Band

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Several people addressed the Board.

UNION REPORT

Heidi Ramirez-Weber, BFT member, spoke.

Peace and Justice Commission

The Berkeley City Council is considering limiting Peace and Justice Commission appointees to City Council members and excluding the Board of Education from making appointments. They asked the Board to take action by requesting the Council to continue to allow the school board to appoint to the commission.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

2.2-C (Pulled by Leyva-Cutler)

1.1-CF was added to consent

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

2.2-C

Leyva-Cutler/Appel and approved unanimously 5-0

CONFERENCE ITEMS

1.1-CF (moved to consent)

Approval of 2013 Calendar of Topics for Board Meetings

1.2-CF

Reduction of Peace & Justice Commission Membership

Director Leyva-Cutler requested that the Board make a statement to the City Council in support of the school board continuing to have appointments to the Peace and Justice Commission. President Wilson asked Director Hemphill and Leyva-Cutler to draft a letter to the City Council in support of maintaining the relationship between the Peace and Justice Commission and the school board. President Wilson and Vice-President Daniels will take the topic to the 2X2 meeting. President Wilson will contact the Mayor of Berkeley.

5.1-CF

Approval of Contract with WLC Architects to Provide Design Services and Turner Construction to Provide Project Management Services for the High 5/Pre-K Project

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

ACTION ITEMS

1.1-A

Approval of selection of candidates for CSBA Delegate Assembly
Daniels recused and removed himself from the room.

The Board cast their ballot: Trish Herrera Spencer, Lily K. Mei, Diana Prola and Joaquin J. Rivers

Wilson/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 4-0

2.1-A

Release/Non-Reelection of Temporary (Including "Probationary 0")
Certificated Employees (revised list)

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

2.2-A (pulled from agenda)

Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees (revised list)

PRESENTATION ITEMS

3.1-P

Status Report on Plan to Accelerate Achievement of African American
Students

The Board is in agreement to look at both genders of African American
students.

Received Presentation

Board Members' Reports

President Wilson: She had office hours last week. A concern was brought to her attention regarding the segregation that exists between the afterschool programs BEARS/LEARNS. There was a good deal of discussion at the P&O meeting regarding a large percentage of the funds going to class size reduction.

Vice President Daniels: He asked community members and staff to complete the survey and attend forums around the Superintendent search. All information is at www.berkeley.net.

Director Appel: Attended the Common Core workgroup this week. The groups are very action orientated and moving forward to implement the common core standards.

Director Hemphill: Announced an art show displaying the work of AHA students from BHS.

Director Leyva-Cutler: Will be absent at the 3/13 Board meeting. Announced the start of the Caesar Chavez commemorative period on 3/20. March 1st is College and Career day in Berkeley.

Student Director: Athletics are going great this year. Next month is National Service Month. Rally day has been cancelled for next year.

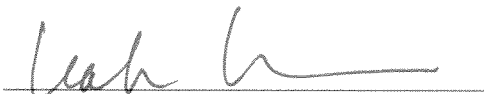
Superintendent's Report

The District is working with Berkeley Alliance to celebrate College and Career day on March 1st. Supt. Smith announced that Cathy Campbell is part of the Acceleration of African American Achievement work group. Student art work is on display at the Berkeley Art Center. Supt. Cleveland informed the board about possible cuts to the budget for the 13-14 SY. Service to students could be affected by the cuts. The cuts include Title I & II, Special Education and Adult Education funding..

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:36 pm.



Leah Wilson, President