

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

Roll Call 6:00pm

Members Present:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President
John T. Selawsky, Vice President /Clerk
Karen Hemphill, Director
Leah Wilson, Director
Josh Daniels, Director
Lias Djili, Student Director

Administration: Superintendent William Huyett, Secretary
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Educational
Services
Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent of Human
Resources

President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm

Report Closed Session Actions

The Board heard Human Resource issues and received updates on collective bargaining.

Expulsion:

Student Case No. 1011-24 -011194

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

Administrative Appointments

Burr Guthrie, Adult and Career Education Principal

Sheila Quintana, BTech Principal

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

3.3-I moved to follow public testimony

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

3.5C Pulled by Wilson

3.1-A

Proposal for a Two-Way Immersion Working Group to Plan the Consolidation of TWI at One Site

President Leyva-Cutler: Suggested the working group also have the charge to look at the whole ELL programs. She is concern about having only one TWI school site. Director Daniels, this is one portion of the population that we are trying to serve. This is one third of a larger population. He does not see developing a single site school as a distraction from continuing to service ELL students not in the TWI program. Director Hemphill requested the working group look at best practices of ELL programs. If there is one model that is very strong and has a lot of community support, why are we operating multiple models? Supt. Huyett agreed that the whole ELL program needs to be looked at by the working group. We currently have three different types of programs and they are scattered. The work group will have to comment on how a single site TWI school would fit into the student assignment plan. We can make efforts to diversify the program. We'll have to get back to the working group quickly about where the school would be located. Director Daniels agreed with the need to work on a comprehensive approach to ELL instruction in the District. Director Wilson inquired as to who would staff the committee. The committee would possibly consist of staff, teachers, parents and a TSA. An administrator would have to oversee the committee and facilitate the work. Director Hemphill strongly recommended that ELAC be involved in the committee every step of the way.

Motion: Approve an ELL work group to look at ELL language development and to make recommendations to create at a single site TWI school according to the following:

- Single site opening for the 2013-14 school year
- Recommendations to the Board by June 2012
- Board to provide policy guidance regarding school location and student assignment plan before recommendations are brought forward.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1-I

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation for Seal of Bi-literacy
Fifty-five seniors have applied to receive the seal on their diploma. The item will come back for action at the June 1st board meeting.

Received for Information