

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702
510-644-6206

Official Minutes
November 16, 2016

President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:30 She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President – Present
Ty Alper, Vice President – Present
Judy Appel, Director/Clerk – Present
Josh Daniels, Director – Present
Karen Hemphill, Director – Present
Petra Silvey, Student Director, BHS – Present
Alaunte Keys, Student Director, BTA – Present

Administration:

Donald E. Evans, Ed. D, Superintendent
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Lyz Chairez, Recorder

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

President Leyva-Cutler reported out on closed session:

Worker's Comp Claim (Government Code Section 54961)

Claim #140900200

Motion to accept staff recommendation:

Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 3-0
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President – Yes
Ty Alper, Vice President – Yes
Judy Appel, Director/Clerk – Absent
Josh Daniels, Director – Absent
Karen Hemphill, Director – Yes

Claim #15-081359

Motion to accept staff recommendation:

Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 3-0

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President – Yes

Ty Alper, Vice President – Yes

Judy Appel, Director/Clerk – Absent

Josh Daniels, Director – Absent

Karen Hemphill, Director – Yes

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation; no action was taken.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of President Leyva-Cutler action item 12.1 was pulled from the agenda. At the request of Vice President Alper, discussion item 13.3 was moved to the beginning.

Motion to approve agenda as amended

Hemphill/Silvey and unanimously approved 5-0

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 14 people addressed the Board:

Two students and five adults spoke in support of immigrant students.

One person spoke in support of Measure E1.

One parent spoke in support of the developer fees study.

One person spoke in support of the study facilities is conducting to solve the tennis court and parking issues at BHS.

A community member commented on the CA Healthy Kids Survey.

Three community members and a student spoke in support of teacher Felarca.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Cathy Campbell congratulated Director Appel and Director Leyva-Cutler on their reelection to the Board. She also thanked staff and the community for the passage of Measure E1.

BCCE President Paula Phillips addressed personnel issues and asked the Board and administration to begin taking the necessary steps towards resolving them.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Danielle Perez, Co-chair of the BSEP P&O Committee read a statement on behalf of the committee thanking all who participated and contributed to the passage of Measure E1.

Members of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee spoke in support of Director White's plan to restructure Measure I.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Appel expressed feeling proud of the actions this Board has taken to protect our students. She added that she will do everything in her power to stand in solidarity with students and their families as we move forward in making sure our schools become sanctuaries. She closed by congratulating Director Daniels for the birth of his daughter.

Vice President Alper congratulated Director Daniels for the birth of his daughter, and Director Leyva-Cutler and Director Appel for their reelection to the Board. He appreciated Director Appel for her comments and reported that the Policy committee will review a proposed policy that will reaffirm our commitment to protecting our undocumented students. The hope is to have this policy approved prior to inauguration. He closed by thanking Berkeley voters for their support of the public schools.

Director Daniels thanked everyone for their well wishes and announced that he would be excusing himself at 9pm.

Director Hemphill thanked Director Appel for her words and reminded the public that this is the same school Board that a few years ago linked arms with students against ICE's threat to come on campus, that supported our Black students who walked out in response to a racial threat directed to them on campus, and that adopted policies in support of transgender students. She went on to congratulate Director Leyva-Cutler and Director Appel on their reelection and thanked the Superintendent for his letter to the community following the national election. She will hold her office hours on Sat., Nov. 26 at 10:30 at Café Leia.

Superintendent Evans congratulated Director Appel and Director Leyva-Cutler for being reelected. He thanked Director Appel for her words and went on to announce that there is a PAC meeting tomorrow night.

Student Director Silvey said she was proud of her peers for the walkout last week and sent her condolences to the student and family who were murdered last week.

President Leyva-Cutler said she was committed to working to protect the rights of our undocumented students and their families. She looks forward to the passage of a policy. No office hours in December.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

At the request of President Leyva-Cutler, consent item 11.3 was pulled for discussion.

Motion to approve consent calendar as amended:

Alper/Appel and unanimously approved 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEM

Measure I Bond Reallocation Plan

Allotted time: 60 min

Actual time: 73 min

Director White's presentation outlined reallocation options. The recommendation is for the Board to approve an option with the flexibility to modify it as we move forward. This item will come back for approval on Dec. 7. Questions and discussion followed.

Report on Measure E1 Election Results

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 15 min

Director of BSEP and Community Relations Natasha Beery reported that the measure was approved with a record high of 88.86% of Berkeley voters. Her presentation highlighted changes and explained the implications of current measure in comparison to the former.

Report on the 2016 California Healthy Kids Survey Results and Approval of Contract with New Bridge Foundation for ATOD Prevention and Intervention Support in BUSD (Leyva-Cutler/Alper and all in favor)

Allotted time: 50 min

Actual time: 50 min

Director of Student Services Susan Craig presented results from the CA Healthy Kids Survey. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to extend meeting for 10 minutes:

Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0

ADJOURNMENT:

President Leyva-Cutler adjourned open session at 11pm.