

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
May 31, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30. He reported that the Board convened to closed Session at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

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

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 Alper reported out on closed session:

Consideration of student expulsion Ed. Code Section 48918

Motion to approve staff recommendation of a stipulated suspended expulsion:
Appel/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0.

**Collective Bargaining (Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) Lead
Negotiator: Legal Counsel Roy Combs—BFT Negotiations**

The Board heard an update and provided direction; will return to closed session during or after open session. No action was taken.

**Collective Bargaining (Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) District
Negotiator: Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley—UBA Negotiations**

The Board heard an update and provided direction. No action was taken.

Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54957)

This item was pulled.

Public Employment Appointment (Government Code Section 54957)

Principal, Cragmont Elementary

Motion to approve appointment of Michelle Sinclair as the next principal of Cragmont Elementary:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0.

Vice Principal, Berkeley High School

Motion to approve the appointment of Juan Raygoza as the next vice principal of Berkeley High School:

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0.

Vice Principal, Berkeley High School

Motion to authorize staff to make an offer to a vice principal candidate:

Leyva-Cutler/Appel and unanimously approved 5-0.

Program Coordinator, Independent Study

Motion to approve the appointment of Heidi Weber as the Program Coordinator of Berkeley High Independent Study:

Leyva-Cutler/Appel and unanimously approved 5-0.

Program Manager, Special Education

Motion to approve the appointment of Susannah Bell Fishman as the Program Manager of Berkeley High School Special Education:

Appel/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of President Alper, item 11.2 was pulled from consent and moved to action.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Silvey/Appel and unanimously approved 6-0.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 17 people addressed the Board:

A parent and three students commented in support of the Thousand Oaks (TO) bilingual program.

A parent commented on sustainability and environment education.

A parent recognized a Jefferson elementary teacher.

Two students commented on the reporting process for sexual harassment at BHS.

Three students commented on the universal 9th grade.

Two people commented on BUSDs complaint policies.

Four students from TO commented in support of the bilingual program.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Leyva Cutler commented in support of the Thousand Oaks bilingual program and appreciated the community members who came out tonight.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Silvey/Hemphill and unanimously approved 6-0.

PRESENTATION

Using Data to Drive Instruction: Willard Middle School Math Professional Learning Community

Willard Principal Debbie Dean and Vice Principal and Eight Grade Student presented how they use data to uniform classroom teaching and course

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Draft

Director of Programs and Special Projects Dr. Pat Saddler presented the first draft and new template of the LCAP plan which has already been reviewed by ACOE. She shared the recommendations made by the Parent Advisory Committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Complaints Policy for First Reading

Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator Dana Clark explained that the policy committee took the complaints policy on in an effort to simplify and more clearly layout BUSD's complaint process. Currently, the complaint process involves four different forms and processes, each with varying timelines and deadlines. The goal is to collapse the existing procedures into two streamlined processes in order to give adequate space for problem solving and resolution. She added that an accompanying AR will be developed in the summer. Questions and discussion followed.

BP 5117: Inter District Permits for First Reading

Vice President Josh Daniels explained that this policy serves to clarify the process whereby interdistrict transfers are allocated. The vast majority of current interdistrict permits are for children of employees and siblings of already enrolled students. This policy outlines the list of priorities to be considered in issuing interdistrict permit in the event that space becomes available. It also establishes the conditions that should be met in order for students to keep their permit. It does not create a list of categories of students that must be granted permits.

Directors Hemphill and Appel requested that some reference be made to inform homeless students that there is a separate policy that applies to their circumstance.

President Alper explained that he was opposed to inclusion of a criterion that gave preference to children of parents/guardians who graduated from high school in the District (listed as #6 on the priority list). The other Board members, however, approved of including this criterion, so the Board's direction to Vice President Daniels was to leave #6 in the policy.

Daniels will add said suggestions and this policy will come back for adoption at the June 14 Board meeting.

Elimination/Reduction of Specified Classified Positions

Motion to approve staff recommendation for the elimination of a classified position:

Hemphill/Appel and unanimously approved 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

President Alper adjourned open session at 9:52pm. The board recessed back into closed session.