

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2014
Berkeley Unified School District
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley CA 94704

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 7:30pm

Members Present:

Josh Daniels, President
Judy Appel, Vice-President (excused absence)
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director
Julie Sinai, Director
Karen Hemphill, Director
LaJayah Moore, Student Director
Shira Wolkenfeld, Student Director

Administration: Donald E. Evans, Ed.D, Superintendent
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Neil Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

The open session meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.

Report Closed Session Actions (Called to order at 6:10 pm)
Collective Bargaining BCCE & BFT- Update on Negotiations

Student Services

Student Expulsions:

Student Case No. 1314-09-110700 – recommended for expulsion
Sinai/Hemphill and approved on a vote of 4-0

Student Case No. 1314-11-011697 - recommended for suspended
expulsion

Leyva-Cutler/No second (motion died)

Motion by Daniels to modify recommendation: Expulsion
Daniels/Hemphill and approved on a vote of 4-0

Student Case No. 1314-10-012097 – recommended for expulsion
Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 4-0

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

D-1 pulled by Daniels will come back at a later date
C-12 moved to end of the agenda

Wolkenfeld/Leyva-Cutler and approved as amended on a vote of 6-0

President Daniels: Yes
Director Hemphill: Yes
Director Leyva-Cutler: Yes
Director Sinai: Yes
Student Director Moore: Yes
Student Director Wolkenfeld: Yes

Reading of Mission and Meeting Overview

Public Testimony

Seven people addressed the Board regarding the future of Hopkins Preschool and future of transitional kindergarten. A staff member from BTA addressed the Board regarding the quality of school lunch and lack of salad bar at Berkeley Technology Academy. Three people spoke in support of funding for cooking programs. One person spoke about cohesiveness amongst staff and students.

UNION REPORT

Two BCCE members spoke.

Committee Comments

Members of the Audit Committee presented a report to the Board.

Board Members' Reports

Highlights:

- The Berkeley High students support Berkeley Technology Academy (BTA) students in their desire for improved lunch choices and a safer campus.
- Second quarter grades will be coming out at BTA soon.
- Recognized work being done at BHS in developing college and career pathways for students
- The Board had a joint meeting with the Berkeley City Council to discuss plans for violent crime prevention in our community (East Bay Corridor and Violence Prevention)

- There was a panel last week at UC Berkeley to discuss education and equality.
- Staff was asked to keep the Board up to date on improvements to BTA school lunch and salad bar.
- Thanked the Audit Committee for their service
- Staff was asked to prioritize the security systems at BTA.
- Announced upcoming trainings on the LCAP process. Updates are on the District website.

Superintendent's Report

- Attended the community event celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.
- The District is receiving an award for their efforts to conserve energy and use green energy.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

C-12 moved to the end of the agenda under separate vote

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 6-0

President Daniels: Yes

Director Hemphill: Yes

Director Leyva-Cutler: Yes

Director Sinai: Yes

Student Director Moore: Yes

Student Director Wolkenfeld: Yes

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Facilities Plan Update
2. School Average Daily Attendance and October Enrollment Summaries
3. Williams Case Settlement Quarterly Report

ACTION ITEM

1. Independent Audit Report for FY Ending June 30, 2013

Leyva-Cutler/Sinai and approved unanimously 6-0

President Daniels: Yes

Director Hemphill: Yes

Director Leyva-Cutler: Yes

Director Sinai: Yes

Student Director Moore: Yes

Student Director Wolkenfeld: Yes

2. Demographics Study by Davis Demographics and Planning
No vote was taken. The report was accepted by the Board.

The Board will form a subcommittee of Directors Leyva-Cutler and Sinai. They will look at the demographics data further and report back to the Board. Their work will focus on the implications of demographic changes on transitional kindergarten and district zoning.

C-12 Approval of Superintendent's Appointments to Parent Advisory Committee: Marc Beyeler, Laura Babbit, Bethany Schoenfeld, Christine Meuris

Moore/Sinai and approved unanimously 6-0

President Daniels: Yes
Director Hemphill: Yes
Director Leyva-Cutler: Yes
Director Sinai: Yes
Student Director Moore: Yes
Student Director Wolkenfeld: Yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Re-envisioning the Gardening and Cooking Program
(Pulled by Superintendent Evans)
2. Report on Culver City Schools: Improving the Achievement of African-American Students
3. Information on Governor's Budget

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

EXTENDED BOARD COMMENTS

None

EXTENDED BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: None

President Daniels adjourned the meeting at 10:33 pm.



Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education