

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2014
Berkeley Unified School District
2020 Bonar Street
Berkeley CA 94702

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Roll Call 7:30pm

Members Present:

Josh Daniels, President
Judy Appel, Vice-President
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 closed session meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

Public Comment

An employee addressed the Board.

Report Closed Session Actions

Collective Bargaining

1. Update on BFT
2. Update on BCCE
3. Update on UBA

Student Expulsions

1. Student Case No. 1112-10-102895 (recommended for readmission)
Hemphill/Sinai and approved on a vote of 4-1

President Daniels: Yes
Vice-President Appel: Yes
Director Hemphill: Yes

Director Leyva-Cutler: No
Director Sinai: Yes

2. Student Case No. 1213-09-051606 (recommended for readmission)
Leyva-Cutler/Appel and approved on a vote of 5-0

President Daniels: Yes
Vice-President Appel: Yes
Director Hemphill: Yes
Director Leyva-Cutler: Yes
Director Sinai: Yes

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation

1. Separation Agreement

2. Suspension of Classified Employee
Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 5-0

President Daniels: Yes
Vice-President Appel: Yes
Director Hemphill: Yes
Director Leyva-Cutler: Yes
Director Sinai: Yes

The open session meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

Reading of Mission and Meeting Overview

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

C-7 pulled for comment

Appel/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a vote of 6-0

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

Public Testimony

Thirteen people addressed the Board.

D-1 (6) Overview of BSEP Music Funding History and Trajectory
D-3 (1) Proposed District Reorganization

Not on Agenda Overcrowding at Washington Elementary School (5)
Not on Agenda Williams Complaint (1)

UNION REPORT

Paula Phillips, BCCE President

Committee Comments

Citizens Construction Oversight Committee

PTA Council

Board Members' Reports

Highlights:

- The third quarter is over on 3/28 at BHS, BTA and middle schools
- The computer lab at BTA has been restored to full capacity
- The Board has reached a tentative agreement with BFT
- The Policy Committee met this week to review their bylaws and a live feed videotaping policy
- 2X2 meeting has been scheduled for April 10th
- Thanked Berkeley voters for making the new Board Room possible
- Encouraged seniors who plan on attending Berkeley Community College to register early
- Director Hemphill attended the BHS administrative leadership team meeting this week.
- Director Leyva-Cutler held a community meeting in Spanish this week to inform the Spanish speaking community about the LCAP process.
- Director Leyva-Cutler asked the District to write a letter to Newark Unified School District requesting that our BTSA funds be returned.
- President Daniels met with professional development staff at BHS. They are working to apply constructing meaning across all subjects.
- President Daniels acknowledged the deaths of several youth in our surrounding communities and brought awareness to the shootings that occurred in Berkeley this week.
- Director Appel thanked PCAD for their LCAP proposal submitted to the Board.

Superintendent's Report

- Thanked past superintendents and the facilities director for planning and managing the construction of the new Board Room.
- The District is addressing increased enrollment and reviewing staffing and funding formulas.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

C-19 Board of Education Minutes: 3-13-14 (Revised)
Wolkenfeld/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 7-0

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

C-7 Approval of Resolution Marking March 20 – April 23- The Cesar Estrada Chavez Commemorative Period in the Berkeley Unified School District (pulled by Director Leyva-Cutler for comment)

Leyva-Cutler/Daniels and approved unanimously 7-0

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

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of One-Time Expenditure for the Gardening Program
Sinai/Hemphill and approved unanimously 7-0

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Overview of BSEP Music Funding History and Trajectory
Board direction: Majority support for sharing the cost of teacher transfer with the general fund.
2. Presentation on Safe Routes to Schools
3. Proposed District Reorganization

Motion: Extend the meeting till 11:00 pm.

Hemphill/Sinai and approved on a vote of 6-1

President Daniels: No

Vice-President Appel: Yes

Director Hemphill: Yes

Director Leyva-Cutler: Yes

Director Sinai: Yes

Student Director Moore: Yes

Student Director Wolkenfeld: Yes

EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Four members of the community addressed the Board.

EXTENDED BOARD COMMENTS

None

President Daniels adjourned the meeting at 11:33 pm.



Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education