

## BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 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 (absent)  
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 6:03 pm.

#### Report Closed Session Actions

The Board discussed the following items in closed session.

- 1) Collective Bargaining
  - a. Update on BCCE
  - b. Update on UBA
  - c. Update on Local 21
- 2) Anticipated Litigation
- 3) Public Appointment/Employment
  - a. Discussion of administrator contracts

The open session meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm.

Reading of Mission and Meeting Overview

## **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Items reordered: D-1, D-3, D-2 then A-1

**Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill** and approved as amended 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: Discussion of Athletics and Physical Education at BHS (8)

D-3: Update on the Development of the Local Control and  
Accountability Plan (3)

Non-agenda items: Tennis Courts at BHS: (2)

## **UNION REPORT**

None

## **Committee Comments**

Laura Babbit, PCAD Advisory Committee

## **Board Members' Reports**

Highlights:

- Director Hemphill met with BALSAs/GATE parents this week
- Director Leyva-Cutler attended the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) on Tuesday and encouraged parents to support their children in getting to school and to school on time.
- Expressed appreciation and support for our athletic coaches
- Director Sinai attended the UC Berkeley Chancellor's visit to Berkeley High School. It is the first time a UC Berkeley Chancellor has visited the school. He met with high school seniors and Cal students who work to support BUSD students. He also addressed sophomores and juniors about college opportunities and pathways into the UC system.
- President Daniels spoke this week with the family of a BUSD student that was injured by gun violence in our community.

## **Superintendent's Report**

- Expressed appreciation for the public speakers this evening

## **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler** and approved unanimously 6-0

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. A Report on the Berkeley High School (South of Bancroft) Project
2. Facilities Plan Update

## **ACTION ITEM**

1. Approval of New Positions and Job Descriptions for Reorganization  
**Appel/Sinai** and approved as amended unanimously 6-0

The Board directed staff to make the following revision:

For Director of Schools, add to qualifications: Has demonstrated strong past experience with cultural competency practices

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Discussion of Athletics and Physical Education at BHS
2. Discussion of Use of Hillside Funds  
*Tabled for another meeting*
3. Update on the Development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan

The following questions were posed to the Board for direction.

1. *Who should be the primary audience of the final LCAP - the board, the community, the county?*
2. *Are the "identified needs" in the LCAP draft focused on the correct areas?*
3. *Is the number of "identified needs" too large?*

4. Are the "descriptions of goals" in the LCAP draft sufficient specific in terms of (i) school sites, (ii) student population, and (iii) allowing the board and the public to easily agree on whether the goal has been accomplished?

5. Are the "descriptions of goals" in the LCAP draft too aggressive or too minimal?

President Daniels will meet with Superintendent Evans and Asst. Supt. Smith to further discuss the item and give direction.

**EXTENDED PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

**EXTENDED BOARD COMMENTS**

None

President Daniels adjourned the meeting at 10:55 pm.



Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk  
Board of Education