

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Berkeley Unified School District

2020 Bonar Street

Berkeley CA 94702

Roll Call

Josh Daniels, President, Yes

Judy Appel, Vice President, Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director, Excused Absence

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director /Clerk, Yes

Julie Sinai, Director, Yes

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS, Yes

Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, B Tech, Yes

President Josh Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. He said both the evening's special and regular closed sessions began at 6:07p.m. One item was discussed during the special closed session.

Report from Closed Session

President Daniels reported:

1. Collective Bargaining/BCCE Negotiations
Board members discussed BCCE negotiations with legal counsel
2. Conference with Legal Counsel on Existing Litigation regarding Facilities
Motion to approve settlement:
Daniels/Sinai - approved unanimously (5-0)

Josh Daniels, President, Yes

Judy Appel, Vice President Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director, Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director /Clerk, Yes

Julie Sinai, Director, Yes

3. Property Liability Claim
This item was pulled.
4. Superintendent's Evaluation
Motion to approve Superintendent's 2013-14 evaluation.
Daniels/Sinai - approved unanimously (5-0)

Josh Daniels, President, Yes

Judy Appel, Vice President Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director, Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director /Clerk, Yes

Julie Sinai, Director, Yes

5. Complaint against District Employees (Gov. Code 54957) (b)
Board members discussed this item.

Approve Agenda of September 17, 2014

President Josh Daniels reversed the order of Discussion items 1 and 2.

Motion to Approve the Agenda as amended (6-0)

Barber/Daniels

Josh Daniels, President, Yes
Judy Appel, Vice President Yes
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Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director /Clerk, Yes
Julie Sinai, Director, Yes
Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS, Yes
Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, B Tech, Yes

A Parent from Malcolm X Elementary School Read the District's Mission District

Overview of the Evening's Meeting

President Josh Daniels gave attendees a preview of the evening's meeting and invited all to stay.

Public Comment

Nine people addressed the Board

- A representative from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Alameda County took issue with the District's decision on Consent Item #6: Approval of Third Party Administrator for Workers' Compensation Beginning October 1, 2014 (1)
- Faced with a burgeoning school population and a resultant rise in administrative tasks, parents and teachers from Malcolm X elementary advocated for increased staffing. (8)

No union representatives addressed the Board.

Board Member and Superintendent Comments:

Student Director Carlos Ku-Ceja, B Tech (BTA)

Said he supported Malcolm X parents' and teachers' efforts to secure a new vice principal and additional special education and janitorial staff. He urged the community to continue to support their students.

Student Director Jesse Barber, Berkeley High School (BHS)

Said representatives from about fifty clubs participated in a recent club fair at BHS. Barber said it was comforting to see so many kids getting involved with extra-curricular activities as data shows that such participation results in better academic performance. Next, Barber said that on September 16th, all students had an opportunity to attend a welcome assembly where the Director of Student Activities, the Dean of Attendance, and the Dean of Students addressed a variety of pertinent issues.

Director Beatriz Leyva-Cutler

Thanked everyone for coming to the Board Meeting. Moving on, she announced that she was serving on the Cesar Chavez Commemorative Committee. She explained that for a decade committee members had worked with the City, BUSD, and the Teachers' Union to keep the legacy of Cesar Chavez's work with farm workers alive. She said that at BHS, on Saturday 27, 2014, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the committee would host an evening with Delores Huerta, a key activist who worked alongside Cesar Chavez. She urged families, kids, and teachers to attend the free event. Director Leyva-Cutler also shared that she had recently attended a summit on Youth Justice in Education at Laney College. She said the focus of the summit was preventing the status quo school to prison pipeline by creating career/tech. educational opportunities for kids, and by readying them for college. Leyva-Cutler said she would hold office hours at Casa Latina on Thursday, October 9th from 4-6 p.m.

Director Julie Sinai

Thanked the Malcolm X parents for coming to the meeting. Then she praised the stellar work of Jill Ellis, the founding Executive Director of the Center for Early Intervention on Deafness (C.E.I.T.), who retired today. Sinai said she would give details of her office hours at the next meeting.

Vice President Judy Appel

Said we were fortunate to have such good middle schools. She said feedback from several parents suggested an increase in the quality of students' educational experiences at all three BUSD middle schools. Then speaking as the mother of an eight-grader at Longfellow, she said she appreciated the time teachers took to share positive feedback about their students. She said being acknowledged was valuable as it built a reserve of resilience that could be tapped during challenging times. She said her office hours would be at 1p.m., September 27th, at Café Leila.

President Josh Daniels

President Daniels reported that he and Superintendent Evans had the opportunity to visit Malcolm X School at lunch time today. He thanked Principal Hunt for the opportunity. He said last week he attended a workshop at the San Mateo Office of Education on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). He said it was interesting to see how other districts were putting together their LCAPs. He shared that Berkeley's LCAP was getting good reviews around the state. Then, as part of his continued effort to spotlight the tragic, sobering, and growing crisis of gun violence among youth in the greater Berkeley community, Daniels said he wanted to acknowledge the passing of three young people whose lives were recently cut short: Reginald Beamon, (28), Andre Todd (26), and Saquenta Dixon (26).

Superintendent Evans

Thanked Malcolm X parents and teachers for coming to the meeting. Next he said he was excited to announce that at 7 p.m. on September 19, best-selling, New York Times author Andrea Davis Pinkney would have a book signing at the District. Superintendent Evans also thanked those who visited the District's booth at the recent Solano Stroll.

Discussion Regarding the Need for a Vice Principal at Malcolm X Elementary

Superintendent Evans introduced this item and discussion followed. President Daniels said there already was a Board majority to support the hiring of a vice principal. Then he asked Superintendent Evans what the next steps would be if the motion to add a vice principal

passed tonight. The Superintendent said the position would be advertised and the hiring process might take a month. Assistant Superintendent Delia Ruiz said that if necessary the job could be advertised tomorrow and then posted for ten days. She said that Human Resources personnel would subsequently screen applications, schedule interviews, complete background checks, and make a recommendation to the Superintendent.

President Daniels noted that as a community we had lots of needs and the challenge in Berkeley was to prioritize them in light of fixed capacity and resources. Given that reality, he said the Board's task was to determine if adding a vice principal at Malcolm X had become such an urgent need that it made sense to hire without waiting for the full budget process. He said that with minor reservations he thought it legitimate for the Board to approve the addition of the vice principal.

Motion to Approve the Appointment of a New Vice Principal at Malcolm X Elementary Appel/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously on a vote of 6-0

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Judy Appel, Vice President, Yes
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Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director /Clerk, Yes
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Update on Common Core State Standards Implementation

Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, and Staff

Superintendent Evans introduced the presentation by saying that tonight the Board would receive an update on the major components of the implementation of Common Core State Standards in BUSD. He said the presentation would focus on major expenditures, present progress, current developments, and future challenges. Next Assistant Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi and staff presented on Common Core State Standards Implementation and discussion followed.

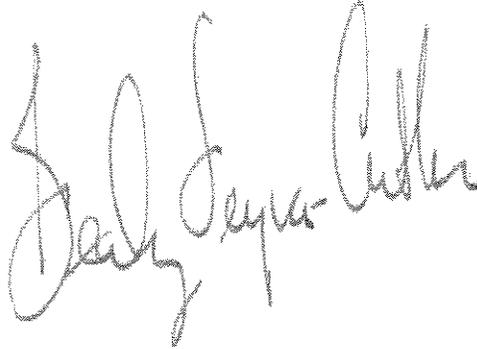
Update on Career and Technical Education (CTE) for BUSD

Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, plus CTE Adviser Stephanie Allan, Berkeley Adult School Principal Burr Guthrie, Director of Special Projects Pat Saddler, and Career Pathways Trust Coordinator Kate Trimlett.

Superintendent Evans introduced the presentation by saying its focus would be on a developing framework through which BUSD planned to expand the development and availability of career and college pathways. Pasquale Scuderi led the Board through a series of slides as part of the presentation.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 10:55 p.m.

| Approved this 8th day of October, 2014

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beatriz Leyva-Cutler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk