

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Berkeley Unified School District
2020 Bonar Street
Berkeley CA 94702

Josh Daniels called the Open meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.
He noted that Closed Session began **at 6:03** p.m.

Closed Session

1. Consideration of Student Expulsion

Student Case #1415-04-100199
Motion for Expulsion in this case

Leyva-Cutler/Sinai (4-0 approved)

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, N/A
Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA, N/A

2. Collective Bargaining

BFT Negotiations
No action taken

3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation

Settlement Agreement for a Classified Employee

Appel/Sinai and approved 4-0

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, N/A
Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA, N/A

Board gave direction for BUSD staff to enter in and sign settlement agreement.

4. Public Employment/Appointment

BHS Principal update
Superintendent's 2014-15 Evaluation – this was not discussed

5. Anticipated Litigation: Exposure to litigation (Section 54956.9)

One (1) matter

Nothing to report

6. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Gov. Code 54957)

The Board consulted with Dr. Susan Craig, Director of Student Services, Ardarius McDonald, Dean, BHS and Sgt. Reese and Detective Matt McGee of the Berkeley Police Department

OPEN SESSION

Roll Call

Josh Daniels, President, present

Judy Appel, Vice President, present

Karen Hemphill, Director, excused absence

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director / Clerk, present

Julie Sinai, Director, present

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS, present

Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA, present

Approve Agenda of November 19, 2014

Motion to approve November 19th Agenda with amendments which included switching the Recess Policy from the Consent Calendar to an Action Item and revising the order in which items would be addressed.

Daniels/Barber (approved 6-0)

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, BTA, yes

Read Mission and Meeting Overview

Reese Villazor, a 6th Grader at Willard, read the statement.

Public Comment

Nineteen people spoke during Public Comment

Union Comments:

Paco Furlan, Principal of Rosa Parks Elementary, representing UBA, thanked the Board for working with BUSD's policy sub-committee to create a reasonable recess restriction policy for the District. He added that he did not want recess restriction to be his staff's go-to tool, but in his twenty-year career as a teacher and as an administrator, every school he had worked with had had a reasonable recess restriction policy. He said he wanted each child to have recess every day.

Superintendent Scuderi offered insight on intervention support at BHS and BTA. He said staff was getting increasingly good at identifying kids who needed a concentrated level of support and the challenge was to make sure the students received appropriate help from service providers.

Towards the end of this discussion, President Daniels moved to extend the meeting to midnight.

Daniels/Appel (Approved 5-1)

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, BTA, No

Approval of Board Appointed Commissioner Dr. Reynaldo Ortiz for Personnel Commission

President Josh Daniels declared the public hearing open at 11:03 p.m. No one spoke and President Daniels declared the Public Hearing Closed.

Motion to Approve the Appointment:

Leyva-Cutler/Barber (approved 6-0)

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, BTA, yes

Referral of Individuals to the City Council for Appointment to the Sugar Sweetened Beverage Products Panel of Experts.

Motion to approve the referral with two amendments: Change Carrie Fehr's job title from gardening instructor to cooking teacher and add Julie Sinai as an additional referral to the POE.

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler (6-0)

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, BTA, yes

Year in Review - 2014

Josh Daniels, Board President

President Daniels led the Board through a brief recap of the Board's successes and challenges.

Public Comment – 2nd Opportunity:

Four people spoke during this second public comment.

Extended Board Member Comment

Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director complained about the food choices at BTA, especially the lack of a salad bar. Dr. Evans said he would speak to the principal about this matter.

Board adjourned to 2nd closed session at 11:47 p.m. Closed Session ended at midnight.

Dated: January 14, 2015



Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk
Board of Education

