

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Berkeley Unified School District
2020 Bonar Street
Berkeley CA 94702

OFFICIAL MINUTES

President Judy Appel called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. She announced that that the Board of Education convened to closed session at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call -7:42p.m.

Board of Education -

Judy Appel, President - Present
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - Present
Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Present
Josh Daniels, Director - Present
Ty Alper, Director - Present
Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS - Present
Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – Present

Administration -

Donald E. Evans, Ed.D, Superintendent
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Delia Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Lyz Chairez, Recorder

Report Closed Session

Collective Bargaining

Update on Collective Bargaining for BFT negotiations – no action taken

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation

Classified Employee Settlement Agreement
Classified Employee Suspension

Motion to accept staff recommendation for employee suspension

Hemphill/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0

Judy Appel, President - yes
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - yes
Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – yes

Josh Daniels, Director - yes
Ty Alper, Director - yes
Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS – N/A
Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – N/A

Motion to accept staff recommendation for classified employee settlement agreement:

Appel/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0

Judy Appel, President - yes
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - yes
Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – yes
Josh Daniels, Director - yes
Ty Alper, Director - yes
Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS – N/A
Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – N/A

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

ERB – no action
Facilities –no action

President Appel stated that the Board did not have enough time to discuss the remaining items on the Closed Session Agenda.

Public Employment/Appointment

Update on BHS Principal Recruitment – no action

Liability Claim

Settlement Authority Request for Claim No. 130900066/BUSD Claim IN1893 – no action

OPEN SESSION

The open session meeting was called to order at 7:41pm.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to approve regular agenda:

Alper/Barber and unanimously approved 7-0

Judy Appel, President – Yes
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - Yes
Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Yes
Josh Daniels, Director - Yes
Ty Alper, Director - Yes
Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS - Yes
Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – Yes

Director Ty Alper

He explained that his vote in favor of Item 13, the approval of the architect to begin planning for the portables at three schools, was a challenging one. However, he found it prudent to go forward with it because although the preliminary numbers decrease the need for portables in 2016, the final numbers have not been determined. He added that it would be risky to not keep the addition of portables as an option.

Director Karen Hemphill thanked Director Alper for his words on Item 13 and said she shared his view. She said she attended the African American Studies Department African American celebration where attendees enjoyed good food, good company and good entertainment. She also attended an Ignite conference. She explained that Ignite is a program that encourages high school and college women to become politically active.

Student Director Jesse Barber announced that the Berkeley Youth Commission is working with an organization called Heart to Heart in an effort to put on its annual job and education fair on March 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1730 Oregon St. and encouraged community members to come out. He added that over forty organizations will be represented.

Vice President Beatriz Leyva-Cutler thanked all of the teachers who advocated for the hiring of more teachers of color and expressed a shared urgency. She also gave a shout out to the Resolution, which recognizes March 21st through April 23rd as the Cesar Chavez Estrada's commemorative period, with April 10th as Dolores Huerta's Day. She encouraged collaboration among educators and community leaders around ways to support students to recognize the legacy of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta. She announced that she is running for the CSBA delegate position for Alameda County.

President Judy Appel echoed appreciation for the teachers who advocated for the hiring and retaining of teachers of color and said that, in an effort to working towards this goal, the district has contracted with the National Equity Project. She thanked Director Alper for his comments on the portables and acknowledged its impact on school sites and said that the Board is taking into serious consideration all of the implications involved. She clarified that voting tonight does not necessarily mean that they will be moving forward with addition of portables, but leaves portables as an option to address increased enrollment. She concluded by thanking Berkeley High's acting Principal for inviting her to join a Social Living and Ethnic Studies Professional Development training with teachers that represented all of the different learning communities at BHS.

Superintendent Evans thanked Director Alper for addressing the issue of the portables. He shared that Fall enrollment numbers have determined that the

need for portables is less than expected and will be reduced from 3 to 2 at Thousand Oaks and LeConte. He expressed appreciation for the commitment of the parents that came out to speak about sexual harassment as they hold the Board accountable in their honesty and work around this important issue. He concluded by echoing the importance of having teachers of color and stated that they are working towards that goal.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to Approve Consent Calendar:

Barber/Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 7-0

Judy Appel, President – Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Yes

Josh Daniels, Director - Yes

Ty Alper, Director - Yes

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS - Yes

Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – Yes

Action Items

Certification of Second Interim Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2015

Assistant Superintendent Javetta Cleveland and Pauline Follansbee presented the second interim budget for fiscal year 14-15. Their presentation displayed changes since first interim, multi-year projections, and schedule of one-time revenue and expenditures. Deputy Superintendent Cleveland shed light on the impact of one-time expenditures. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve the Certification of Second Interim Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2015:

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 7-0

Judy Appel, President – Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Yes

Josh Daniels, Director – Yes

Ty Alper, Director - Yes

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS – Yes

Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – Yes

Independent Auditor's Reports for Measure A of 2006 (BSEP), Measure BB of 2000, Measure I of 2010 and Measure AA of 2000

Motion to approve Independent's Auditor's Reports for Measure A of 2006, Measure BB of 2000, Measure I of 2010 and Measure AA of 2000:

Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 7-0

Judy Appel, President – Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Yes

Josh Daniels, Director - Yes

Ty Alper, Director - Yes

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS – Yes

Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – Yes

Public Hearing for Initial Proposal from the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT) for Successor Agreement between the District and the Berkeley Federation of Teachers

President Appel opened Public Hearing. No one came forth

Motion to approve Initial Proposal of the Berkeley Federation of Teachers for Successor Agreement between the District and the Berkeley Federation of Teachers:

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 7-0

Judy Appel, President – Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Yes

Josh Daniels, Director - Yes

Ty Alper, Director - Yes

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS – Yes

Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – Yes

2015 Nomination to California School Boards Delegate Assembly

Since Vice President Leyva-Cutler is in the running as CSBA Delegate and Director Daniels is employed by the CSBA, they recused themselves.

Director Hemphill nominated Beatriz Leyva Cutler and Joaquin Rivera.

President Appel nominated Diana Prola.

Motion to approve nomination of Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Joaquin Rivera and Diana Prola to the California School Boards Delegate Assembly:

Appel/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0

Judy Appel, President – Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – recused

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Yes

Josh Daniels, Director – recused

Ty Alper, Director - Yes

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS – Yes
Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – Yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Priorities

Superintendent Evans said the goal of this item is to address all of the budget items, both one-time and ongoing expenditures, at one time. He clarified that staff has no intent in submitting a recommendation at this time, but would like to share this information with the Board before designing a recommendation for the following:

Ongoing Expenditures

School Nurse and possible part-time support nurse
Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA)
Math Class Size Reduction for Middle School
Child Development Staffing
Superintendent's Saturday Science Program
Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Counselor
Technology Restructure
BHS Theatre Manager
Compliance/Title IX Officer
CTE & ROP Program

One-time Expenditures

BSEP Renewal Planning
BSEP Gaps and Class Size Reduction Funds
Common Core Implementation
Cooking and Gardening

Questions and discussion followed. Entire presentation is online.

Mission Statement

The Board discussed a new draft mission statement to replace the current statement.

The District's current statement says:

To enable and inspire and inspire our diverse student body to achieve academic excellence and make positive contributions to our world

Proposed Statement:

To ensure the educational success of all our students, with commitment to high expectations and personal responsibility, academic excellence, and equity

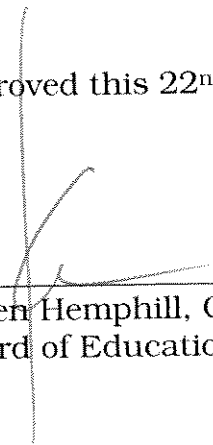
Personal Responsibility is being reconsidered by the Board. The Board agreed to email specific language to the Superintendent. When they are in final agreement, the Board will present it to stakeholders for feedback.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward.

President Appel adjourned meeting at 10:43 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of April, 2015



Karen Hemphill, Clerk
Board of Education