

**BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Meeting Location: 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702**

**Phone: (510) 644-8764**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

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President Judy Appel called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. She announced that the Board of Education convened to closed session at 5:32 p.m.

**Roll Call 7:42 p.m.**

Board of Education:

Judy Appel, President - Present

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - Present

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Present

Josh Daniels, Director – Excused Tardy (9:03)

Ty Alper, Director - Present

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS - Present

Carlos Ku-Ceja, Student Director, BTA – Late (8:02)

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: Lead Negotiator: Legal Counsel Roy Combs**

BFT, UBA and Local 21 Negotiations – No Action

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation PERB Case**

PERB Case No. SF-CE-3027-E: Brian Crowell vs. Berkeley Unified School District (pending) – No Action

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a))**

Names of Case: OCR Complaint – 09-15-1095 – No Action

**Public Employment/Appointment**

Principal, Washington Elementary

Motion to approve the assignment of Katia Hazen as Washington Elementary Principal:

**Daniels/Appel** and unanimously approved 4-0

Judy Appel, President - Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Not present during this vote

Josh Daniels, Director – Yes

Ty Alper, Director - Yes

### **OPEN SESSION**

The open session meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion to approve regular agenda with item 11, Approval of Facilities Master Plan, moved from Consent Calendar to Action at a later time:

**Barber/Leyva Cutler** and unanimously approved 4-0

Judy Appel, President – Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President - Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Yes

Josh Daniels, Director – Excused Tardy

Ty Alper, Director – Yes

Jesse Barber, Student Director, BHS - Yes

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

A parent addressed the development plans for the city of Berkeley and questioned whether the Board had considered how this project would impact enrollment.

### **UNION COMMENTS**

**Cathy Campbell, *President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT)***

She thanked the Board, the Superintendent and District staff for their work on the tentative agreement. She thanked everyone for the high level of discussion and robust process demonstrative of the investment of the Board. She acknowledged Roy Combs for his service, and thanked Deputy Superintendent Cleveland for her integrity and forthrightness. She went on to commend the Board for placing a focus on BSEP tonight. She noted the importance of BSEP in light of Proposition 16 and the No Child Left Behind Act.

### **BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**Director Ty Alper** reported that he had a chance to visit LeConte and said he was impressed and inspired by the progress that is taking place as it has transitioned to a dual immersion school.

**Director Karen Hemphill** reported that she attended the Bridge Program and African American graduation ceremonies.

**Vice President Leyva-Cutler** announced that her office hours would be on June 11 at Casa Latina from 6pm to 7pm. She reported that she, Director Alper, and President Appel attended the retirement celebration.

**Student Director Jesse Barber** said he was excited that the school year was coming to an end and announced that next year's School Board student representative will be Angelo Arroyo.

### **Carlos Ku-Ceja**

In light of the negative scrutiny on BTA, he mentioned that there was a need for a focus on the positive things happening there.

**President Appel** thanked Director Ku-Ceja for his comment and expressed support for a highlight of BTA's successes. She added that she enjoyed the retirement event as it was a good reminder of how hard working BUSD staff is. She wished all of the students good luck as they prepare for their finals and SATs.

**Superintendent Evans** thanked Director Ku-Ceja and President Appel for their comments on BTA. He acknowledged BTA's needs and said they are committed to continue providing support to BTA. He reported that BHS and BTA held two hour long workshops about Violence Prevention, sexual harassment and how to build healthy relationships. He said evaluative data would follow this summer. He announced that the Biannual went out this week and encouraged everyone to check it out as it features the Bridge Program, provides update on enrollment, and gives information on the general fund.

## **APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to Approve Consent Calendar:

**Hemphill/Barber** and approved unanimously 4-0

### **Discussion Item**

#### **1. BSEP Measure Planning Update**

Superintendent Evans introduced this item by saying that this update would primarily focus on the process and timeline for BSEP planning.

Director Natasha Beery presented some of the tools that will be used for community engagement. She guided the audience through a series of BSEP related questions with an interactive tool that gave participants the option of texting or going online to submit their answers. She went on to display BSEP measures from 1986 to 2006, budget allocations, and planning timeline. She also pointed out some of the existing issues relative to the current measure status and preliminary planning. She reported that there has been some community engagement around values. In moving forward, she said there is ongoing collaboration with the Director of Student Services to create outlines including the history and evolution of each of the BSEP purposes, as well as the possibility to explore other funding sources. She announced that the next reports to the Board will take place on September 30, November 4 and November 18. Questions and discussion followed.

## **2. Overview of Berkeley High School WASC Report on Proposed Response**

Presenters: Interim Principal Kristen Glenchur, Vice Principal Erin Schweng, Vice Principal Jorge Melgoza, Vice Principal Ashley Milton, Vice Principal Daniel Roose, Program Manager Diane Colborn, Dean Of Attendance Janelle Bugarini, Teacher on Special Assignment Dave Stevens, and Intervention Team Member Jasdeep Malhi

Interim Principal Kristen Glenchur presented the findings of the recent WASC review and proposed action; BHS was granted a three year accreditation with a possibility of a three year extension to be determined by a revisiting committee. Following the revisit in the spring, BHS was granted a three year accreditation extension with a required progress report and a one day follow up in spring of 2016.

Their presentation highlighted areas of improvement, including increased attendance, reduced suspensions, increased graduation rates and increased college going rates. It went on to display WASC findings which identified strengths and areas of improvement. The presentation also covered the methods by which areas of improvement will be addressed. Questions and discussion followed.

BHS staff addressed the segregated and inequitable student placement that results from the current lottery system. They brought forth the universal 9<sup>th</sup> grade proposal that would allow incoming BHS students to be educated on their small school community options, and to ultimately make an informed decision as to which small school to attend.

The Board asked staff to bring a recommendation for further discussion in September and a final recommendation for action in December.

## **EXTENDED BOARD COMMENTS**

**Director Daniels** announced that the City Council unanimously approved to fund BUSD \$250,000 of the Soda Tax.

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forth

President Appel adjourned meeting at 12:34 a.m.

Approved by the Governing Board of the Berkeley Unified School District on this **9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.**

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Karen Hemphill, Clerk  
Board of Education