

## **BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Board of Education**

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

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

### **Official Minutes**

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

President Appel Called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. She announced that the Board of Education convened to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Roll Call 7:47 p.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

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**

#### **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9):**

PERB Case NO. SF-CE-3027-E: Brian Crowell v. Berkeley Unified School District – No action

OAH Case No. 2015050898: Berkeley Unified v. Anthony Smith – No action

#### **Collective Bargaining: Lead Negotiator: Legal Counsel Roy Combs**

UBA, BCCE and Local 21 Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) – No Action

#### **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation:**

Separation Agreement for Certificated Employee -- No Action

#### **Workers Comp Claim**

Approval of Settlement Authority, Intercare Claim #121100171

Motion for the Approval of Settlement Authority, Intercare Claim #121100171  
**Daniels/Alper** and approved unanimously 5-0

### **PROPERTY & LIABILITY PROGRAM**

Settlement Authority Request- Claim #PER1400876

Motion for approval of Settlement Authority Request Claim #PER1400876:  
**Daniels/Hemphill** and unanimously approved 5-0

### **OPEN SESSION**

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion to Approve Regular Agenda:  
**Leyva-Cutler/Alper** and unanimously approved 5-0

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kinchasa Taylor addressed the Board about the Admissions Office's enrollment process.

### **UNION COMMENTS**

***Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE)***

**Paula Phillips, President**

**Denise Diggs-Ray, Member**

Ms. Phillips asked the Board to give classified staff a 4% raise as contractually prescribed by the Me-Too clause.

Ms. Diggs-Ray also advocated for a raise for BCCE members. She noted that classified staff contribute greatly and significantly to BUSD as a whole.

### **BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

#### **Director Josh Daniels:**

Thanked all who were in attendance and encouraged everyone to stay for the forthcoming discussions. He noted that Agenda Online is a product of California School Boards Association (CSBA), by whom he is employed, and clarified that he was not involved in the decision making process to select or contract with Agenda Online in BUSD and neither will he participate in any discussion of its performance or renewal. He went on to address Consent Item 11.24, Modification of Board Policy 6146.1 and Issuance of Diplomas to Class of 2015 Graduates Who Met All Graduation Requirements Other Than CAHSEE, and reported that the Governor has signed a bill to remove the CHASEE as a high school graduation requirement. The Board item is now confirming district practice to state law. He also reported that the Local Control

and Accountability Plan (LCAP) will be discussed tonight, and announced that BUSD will present its LCAP at the statewide CSBA conference this year. He said he will be announcing his office hours at the next Board Meeting.

**Director Ty Alper:**

Office Hours: Last Sunday of the month at Casa Latina from 3pm-5pm.

**Director Karen Hemphill:**

Announced that she will be out of for the better part of September and has modified her office hours accordingly: August 22, October 3, October 31, and on the last Saturday of the month thereafter at Cafe Leila at 10:30 a.m.

**Vice President Beatriz Leyva-Cutler:**

Reminded staff about their agreement to be more concise in their presentations. She encouraged Board members, herself included, to be mindful of time as they ask questions or make comments. She asked that we all be held accountable for this consideration. Office hours: Second Thursday of each month at Casa Latina from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**President Judy Appel:**

In regards to the Classification and Compensation study, she reported that there will not be any cuts in salaries. She added that the Board is looking forward for a raise to go into effect to show how valued and appreciated classified staff is.

**Superintendent Evans:**

Reported out on the management retreat. He said that BUSD is working to finalize negotiation contract with BCCE that will include a raise for classified staff. He concluded by welcoming everyone back and said he was excited for the new school year.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar:

**Alper/Hemphill** and unanimously approved 5-0

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of Process for Berkeley City Council's Request for Use of BUSD Board Room**

Director White explained that after early discussions between BUSD and City Council about partnering to construct a shared meeting space, there was a community meeting where community members expressed concern relative to the noise and traffic flow. The City eventually directed its staff to consider three other meeting locations. Consequently, the partnership between the City and

BUSD did not occur. As the City has requested the Board Room for a three month meeting pilot, Director White explained that there are costs associated with the use of the Board room and its equipment. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve moving forward with a community hearing to receive public input relative to the City Council's request for use of BUSD's meeting chambers:

**Appel/Leyva-Cutler** and approved 4-1  
Judy Appel, President – Yes  
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – Yes  
Karen Hemphill, Clerk/Director – Yes  
Josh Daniels, Director – No  
Ty Alper, Director -- Yes

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), Goal 1 Evaluation**

Superintendent Evans said he was excited for the statewide recognition given to BUSD's LCAP as one of the best in the state. He also thanked all of the classified staff that contributed to the quality of BUSD's LCAP.

Presenters: Debbi d'Angelo, Director of Berkeley Research and Evaluation  
Pat Saddler, Director of Programs and Special Projects

Their presentation was on overview of supplemental funded actions. They displayed goals and actions to improve and expand programs and services that have been correlated with positive outcomes for our most at-risk students, as well as to disrupt patterns and practices that continue to perpetuate the underperformance of these specific subgroups of students. The adopted plan in full can be found at: <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/local-control/lcap/>

Questions and discussion followed.

### **Berkeley Technology Academy: Program Update and Progress Report**

Presenter: Dr. Sheila Quintana, Berkeley Technology Academy (BTA) Principal

Dr. Quintana shared that there has been great improvement at BTA. One of the main contributions to the progress is planning and added that giving students better options that will enable them to make better decisions. Her presentation displayed how a BTA senior becomes a high school graduate based on the required 220 credits. Thanks to the 4 X 4 Block, a WASC approved plan, incoming BTA students are able to recover credits rapidly. BTA students also

have the option to earn elective credits through internships, mentoring, youth court, restorative justice, senior projects and cyber high. All of these options are determined through an Individualized Progress Plan. Questions and discussion followed.

### **Review of School Naming Policy**

Director Daniels stated that for the past six months BUSD has received requests regarding changing facility names. Thus, the intent of the item is to revisit the existing policy. Director Hemphill stated that while the current policy makes it clear that it is the Board's prerogative to change the name of any facility, it does not clearly lay out the process by which this happens. The Board agreed to refer this to the policy committee to determine the process component.

### **EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelly Hammargren addressed the Board on the 2211 Harold Way development project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Appel adjourned the meeting at 10:38 PM.

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