

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Meeting Location: 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702
Phone: (510) 644-8764

Official Minutes
September 30, 2015

President Appel called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. She announced that the Board of Education convened to Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.

Swearing In of New Student Director

President Appel swore in Berkeley Technology Academy's Student Director, Alaunte Keys.

Roll Call: 7:52 p.m.

Board of Education:

Judy Appel, President – Present

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – Present

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Excused absence

Josh Daniels, Director – Present

Ty Alper, Director – Present

Angelo Paraiso-Arroyo, Student Director, BHS – Present

Alaunte Keys, 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

President Appel reported out on Closed Session:

Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9)

OCR Case # 09-15-1369

The Board received legal counsel on this matter; no action was taken.

Collective Bargaining: Lead Negotiator: Legal Counsel (Government Code Section 54957.6(a))

BCCE and Local 21 Negotiations and Non-Represented Employees

The Board discussed this matter.

Motion to apply compensation for represented certificated employee to non-represented employees:

Appel/Daniels and unanimously approved 4-0

**Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation
(Government Code Sections 54954.5(e), 54957)**

Suspension for Classified Employee

This hearing was postponed.

Settlement Agreement for Classified Employee

The Board gave direction to staff on this matter.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board received legal counsel on this matter.

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board provide the Superintendent with his 2014-15 evaluation.

OPEN SESSION

President Appel called the Open Session to order at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Director Daniels pulled Action Item 12.1, Request for Additional Staffing for After School Programs, and moved it to Consent. President Appel pulled Consent Item 11.4, Approval of Board of Education Minutes for September 9, 2015, to make some amendments.

Motion to approve regular agenda as amended by Director Daniels and President Appel:

Leyva-Cutler/Paraiso-Arroyo and unanimously approved 4-0

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of seven people addressed the Board:

Councilmember Darryl Moore addressed the Board about the City's request for use of BUSD's Board Room.

Jonathan Stewart, Monica Silva, and Megan Wang spoke on behalf of Project Smile.

Gil Dong announced the City's donation of an ambulance to BUSD.

Stephanie Allan talked about Career Technical Education (CTE).

Steven Finacom addressed the school naming policy.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

DELAC representative Prashaat Jawalikar provided some solutions to improving communication among families, teachers, administrators and the various committees.

BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee representative, Bruce Simon addressed the Board about engaging the community to support BSEP as it is a valuable resource for Berkeley Schools. He invited all to the first meeting on Tuesday, October 27.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Alper thanked the Cal students who spoke on behalf of Project Smile. In terms of the request for additional staffing for after school programs, he said there is much good work to be done to address disparities between the BEARS and LEARNS afterschool programs, and communication among sites about best practices. Office hours: Last Sunday of the month at Casa Latina from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Director Daniels acknowledged all staff and Board members who attended Solano Stroll. He invited all to come out to the first BSEP community engagement event on Tuesday, October 22 and emphasized its importance. He thanked Mr. Finacom for his comments on the School Name change and expressed interest in learning more about LeConte. He went on to alert everyone to the Restorative Justice Contract listed in the Consent Agenda and said he was excited to see this effort come to fruition. He also reported that, thanks to the Superintendent's hard work, there are only two vacancies on the Parent Advisory Committee. Office hours: he will announce at the next Board meeting.

Director Paraiso-Arroyo thanked Project Smile for coming out and spoke of the importance of mentoring programs. He added that he was happy to hear that implementation of restorative justice practices is moving forward.

Vice President Leyva-Cutler thanked DELAC representative, Prashaat Jawalekar, for his suggestions. She announced that she will report September attendance outcomes in October. She invited families to tomorrow night's school community meeting at Thousand Oaks. She also expressed appreciation for Project Smile and suggested that staff could perhaps reach out to Legislators in an effort to obtain finger printing services at a reduced rate for our volunteers. Office hours: Thursday, October 8 at Casa Latina from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Director Keys thanked Project Smile and said he has benefited from its mentoring program.

President Appel commended Director of Special Education, Lisa Graham on the success of her meet-and-greet. She also thanked Project Smile and expressed interest in figuring out a way to help support our volunteers in the finger printing process. She suggested that a meeting take place with UC Berkeley to possibly discuss shared costs. She announced that she had the opportunity to meet with BHS Principal, Sam Pasarow, who reported that there has not been a suspension at BHS so far this school year. She encouraged all to come out on October 22nd to begin to weigh in on BSEP, an important resource for the Berkeley community. Office hours: October 23 at Mojoe's Café.

Superintendent Evans thanked Project Smile for coming out and said that staff is working towards a solution. He announced that last Sunday was Education Sunday at Liberty Hill Baptist Church, where seven BUSD employees were honored. He reported that last week there was a meeting with the City in regards to the City's request to use the Board Room for a series of pilot meetings and said Director White would say more about it in a forthcoming discussion on this matter.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to Approve the Consent Calendar:

Alper/Paraiso-Arroyo and unanimously approved 4-0

Approval of Board of Education Minutes for September 9

President Appel explained that she pulled Consent Item 11.4, Approval of Board of Education Minutes for September 9, to make an addition under policy priorities: After the Board expressed what policies should be prioritized this school year, President Appel said she had nothing to add and then summarized what she felt was the will of the Board:

- Student discipline and alternatives to suspension
- Naming Facilities
- Enrollment

- All-gender bathrooms

Motion to Approve Board of Education Minutes for September 9 as amended by President Appel:

Appel/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 4-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BSEP 2016 Measure Planning Update

Natasha Beery, Director of Community Relations, provided an update on the BSEP Measure Planning process. Having distinguished the major components necessary in planning the new measure in the previous phase, she reported that the current phase focuses on building community awareness. Her presentation displayed the progress in educational priorities, budget models, and public processes. She added that the resulting data from the preliminary voter poll that was conducted on September 21 is currently being analyzed. She announced that the first budget "thermometer" exercise will be on Thursday, October 22 at Malcolm X Elementary. She also invited the public to attend the first BSEP P&O meeting on October 27 and said all meeting schedules are posted on the website. Questions and discussion followed.

BSEP Paper #1: Providing the Essentials for Educational Excellence

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Pasquale Scuderi, presented the first of three BSEP papers that will be brought to the Board. His presentation highlighted BSEPs contribution to class size reduction, teacher support and professional learning, music and the arts, libraries, instructional technology, and site discretionary funds. Questions and discussion followed.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), Goals 2 and 3 Evaluation

Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, Debbie d'Angelo presented goals 2 and 3: ending racial predictability of academic achievement and ensuring all school sites have safe, welcoming and inclusive climates for all students and their families. Her presentation outlined the measurable outcomes within these goals, for which she also presented recommendations. Questions and discussion followed.

Berkeley City Council's Request for Use of Board Room

Dr. Evans reported that BUSD held a community meeting with respect to the City's request to use the Board Room for a series of pilot meetings.

Director White further reported that community members brought up concerns associated with crowding, traffic, parking, access, and after-hour

gathering and noise. He noted that previous discussions between BUSD and the city in cost and space sharing caused a great deal of concern during a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting.

Stephanie Allan, Chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, expressed concern relative to the City's decision to withdraw its partnership with BUSD in the early construction phase of the Board Room as Bond funds were utilized to incorporate amenities beneficial to the City, but not necessarily useful to BUSD. She suggested that we should accommodate the City's need for a meeting space as there are no other options available, but, in doing so, she said that compensation should be considered.

President Appel added that after months of looking for possible meeting spaces, the City passed a resolution in June 2015 and provided BUSD an MOU that did not include mitigations, but did include a \$700 fee per meeting. She said she appreciated the opportunity to more closely consider the impact of approving the City's request. Questions and discussion followed.

President Appel moved to extend Open Session to 11:10 p.m.

Motion to extend Open Session to 11:10 p.m.:
Appel/Alper and unanimously approved 4-0

The Board directed the Superintendent to appoint an advisory committee to convene and bring back possible mitigation measures by October 14. The advisory committee could also enumerate what the appropriate compensation would be and develop criteria and determine the time of use for the Board to consider. President Appel said that the receipt of this information from the advisory committee would be followed by a discussion in closed session regarding the real estate negotiations, if possible and appropriate.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Chekal talked about the implementation of a Board policy regarding transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

President Appel adjourned the meeting at 11:10 pm. The Board reconvened to Closed Session.