

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Meeting Location: 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702
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Official Minutes

November 4, 2015

President Appel called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: 7:35 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

Angelo Paraiso-Arroyo, Student Director, BHS – Absent

Alaunte Keys, Student Director, BTA – Absent

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)

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

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

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

BCCE, Local 21 and BFT Negotiations

The Board did not discuss this item.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of Director Hemphill, Information Item 14.1, Admissions Residence Verification Report, was moved to Discussion.

Motion to approve Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by Director Hemphill:

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of four people addressed the Board:

Seth Marso, Addie Nordague, and Molly Dick spoke on behalf of students in Independent Studies and asked that important information relative to grades, college application deadlines and other district events be communicated to BIS students as it is communicated to BHS students.

Sally Roberts spoke in favor of the REALM Charter petition renewal.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Alper announced his office hours: Last Sunday of the month 3pm-4:30 pm at Casa Latina

Director Daniels said he attended a meeting led by Lisa Graham and thanked everyone who participated. After discussing disproportionality at the last Board meeting, he shared an article that reported that two thirds of African Americans born between 1975 and 1979 who did not receive a high school diploma have been incarcerated at least once in their lives. He added that aside from being sobering, this statistic provides some urgency to what the District is trying to accomplish with respect to disproportionality. Office hours: Nov. 21st at Take One Café at 1:30 PM.

Director Hemphill announced that the Berkeley Education Research Symposium will be holding a symposium on research conducted by teachers and UC Berkeley covering African American student achievement and exploring socio-psychological factors including classroom environment and peer pressure, as well as overall school climate at 6 pm at Longfellow on Friday. She also announced that the 5th Annual MLK Day Breakfast will be on January 18 at 7pm at His Lordships. This event will recognize both

middle and high school students who exemplify Martin Luther King's dreams, values and leadership. Office hours: Fourth Saturday of the month at 10 AM at Café Leila.

Vice President Leyva-Cutler thanked the BIS students for eloquently addressing the Board and said she is looking forward to hearing a follow up action plan in response to the students' concerns. She shared that she was invited to a library reading where she read to a fourth grade class. She reported that she attended a special education meeting at Rosa Parks and said she is looking forward to future meetings. She also attended last night's DELAC meeting, and, earlier today, visited an ethnic studies class at BHS and expressed interest in exploring how to expand this subject beyond one semester. Office hours: Thursday, November 12 from 4:30 pm to 6 pm at Casa Latina.

President Appel recognized the leadership of Lisa Graham as the new director of the Special Education Department. Office hours: Saturday, November 21 at Mo'joe Cafe from 1pm to 3pm

Superintendent Evans reported that the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) held a great meeting on Monday. He announced that he and Director Beery gave a BSEP presentation at the Rotary Club. He also announced that BREA will be hosting the Return of BUSD Research Symposium on November 6th at 5:30.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to Approve Consent Calendar:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Charter Petition Renewals for REALM Middle School and REALM High School

REALM Charter Director Victor Diaz presented the successes of REALM High School and REALM Middle School. His presentations highlighted REALM's academic progress and organizational budget.

Public Hearing on Charter Petition Renewals for REALM Middle School and REALM High School (8:15pm)

A total of 19 people, including parents, students, faculty and staff, addressed the Board with respect to this matter. Questions and discussion followed.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Math Update

Ana Delgado K-5 math coach, Rebecca Burke (6-9), Nicole Nagamman (9-12), Gideon Goldman, Erin Shwang, Mike Whites, Nikia Barret, and Michelle Sinclair presented the CCSS implementation at the elementary, middle school and high school levels. At each level, they displayed teacher collaboration plans, and their plan to employ Board approved funds for the math department. Questions and discussion followed.

EL Master Plan and Progress Support / EL Coaching Resources

Pat Saddler, Director of Special Projects, and Diederich Bonemeyer, TSA TK-8, provided an update on the English Learners Master Plan. Their presentation displayed goals, criteria for English language development, and support staff throughout the District, as well as next steps. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to extend open session to midnight:

Appel/Alper and approved 4 to 1

Judy Appel, President – *Yes*

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – *Yes*

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Josh Daniels, Director – *No*

Ty Alper, Director – *Yes*

Angelo Paraiso-Arroyo, Student Director, BHS – *Absent*

Alaunte Keys, Student Director, BTA – *Absent*

Admissions Residence Verification Report

Director Hemphill expressed concerns relative to possible disproportionality in the way address verification is conducted. Francisco Martinez, Admissions Manager, walked the Board through the process whereby his office approves or denies inter-district permits; he also explained the reason current inter-district permits were approved. Questions and discussion followed.

Director Alper recommended that this item be revisited at a subsequent Board meeting in order to allow the Board to provide the policy subcommittee with direction regarding the enrollment policy.

President Appel proposed that the Board have a conversation after having seen the drafted enrollment policy and at that same time also discuss possible amnesty.

ADJOURNMENT

President Appel adjourned the meeting at midnight.