

**BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Board of Education**

**Meeting Location: 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702  
Phone: (510) 644-8764**

**Official Minutes  
Special Board Meeting  
December 07, 2015**

President Appel called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Board of Education:

Judy Appel, President – Present

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – Excused Absence

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – Present

Josh Daniels, Director – Present

Ty Alper, Director – Present

Angelo Paraiso-Arroyo, Student Director, BHS – Excused Absence

Alaunte Keys, Student Director, BTA – Excused Absence

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

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Motion to approve special meeting agenda:

**Hemphill/Alper** and unanimously approved 3-0

Judy Appel, President – *Yes*

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – *Excused Absence*

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Josh Daniels, Director – *Excused Absence*

Ty Alper, Director – *Yes*

Angelo Paraiso-Arroyo, Student Director, BHS – *Excused Absence*

Alaunte Keys, Student Director, BTA – *Excused Absence*

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

No one came forward.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **Approval of Harold Way Side Letter and Withdrawal of Appeal**

Motion to approve the Harold Way Side Letter and Withdrawal to Appeal:

**Alper/Hemphill** and unanimously approved 3-0

Judy Appel, President – *Yes*

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – *Excused Absence*

Karen Hemphill, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Josh Daniels, Director – *Not present for this vote*

Ty Alper, Director – *Yes*

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

Alaunte Keys, Student Director, BTA – *Absent*

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **Parent Town Hall Meeting: Addressing Safety and Issues Impacting African American Students**

In response to the racial threat directed towards African American students at BHS, Superintendent Evans and Laura Babbitt, Chair of Parents of Children of African Descent (PCAD), facilitated a community discussion addressing the following:

- Safety plan and curriculum for December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Programs and resources to support African American students
- How to continue to address racism in BUSD

A follow-up detailing suggested actions and next steps will be presented at the Board meeting on January 13, 2016.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Appel adjourned special meeting at 9:30 p.m.