

# Berkeley PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Berkeley Unified School District

Board Policy Subcommittee Minutes

Room 126

February 9, 2016

3:00 -4:30pm

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Director Daniels called the Policy Subcommittee Meeting to order at 3:09pm.

## **Roll Call**

Josh Daniels, Chair – Present

Ty Alper, Director – Present

Donald Evans, Superintendent – Present

Lyz Chairez, Recorder – Present

## **Approval of Agenda**

Daniels moved to change order of agenda as follows:

1. 1.V. Board Policy: Hate Speech
2. 2.VI. Policy Calendar
3. 3.IV. Board Bylaws
4. 4.VII. Naming Facilities

Motion to approve agenda as amended by Daniels:

Daniels/Alper and approved unanimously 2-0

## **Public Comment**

Susan Craig responded to some comments made at the last meeting criticizing the District in its disciplinary actions.

## **Board Policy: Hate Speech**

Superintendent Evans stated that the policy should more explicitly outline the District's response.

Craig explained that the way we respond is more a part of the BP than it is the AR.

Alper agreed and said it could be a part of both the AR and BP.

Daniels added that if the focus is on the response more than it is on the policy, this should be more of a safety plan.

The Superintendent stated that the policy should outline:

- Whether our response is focused on the student directing threat or on the targeted students to whom threat is directed
- How we respond to violence/threat that impacts a community
- Protocols for responding to acts of hate

Daniels referenced BP 0450 to help guide the protocol implementation.

The policy committee agreed to change this policy from hate speech to community-focused threats. Alper will report this change during board member comments at the Feb 10 board meeting.

#### **Approval of Board Policy Minutes for Jan 7**

Motion to approve Board Policy minutes of Jan 7:

Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 2-0.

#### **Board Bylaws 9320-9322**

The policy subcommittee went through the language and made some revisions. Daniels will bring back a revised version reflective of these changes.

#### **Naming Facilities**

Alper noted that naming a facility after someone dead or alive is inconsistent and he also suggested deleting the paragraph about memorials.

With respect to the criteria for conducting a review of whether the name of a facility is appropriate, the subcommittee agreed that there should be at least one-third of, instead of 100, students officially enrolled petition a name change request.

Daniels proposed that we create an exhibit. The Policy Committee continued discussion around the criteria in naming a facility after a person based on his/her contributions.

Alper and Daniels will continue to review this AR and will present some options at a subsequent meeting.

Tim White, Director of Facilities, suggested adding standards and implementation of new signage.

Policy on naming facilities will be revisited at the next meeting. No action was taken.

**Update Board Policy Calendar**

Policies to consider at the next policy meeting on Feb 26:

Board Bylaws

Naming Facilities

Discipline

Complaints

Uniform Complaints Procedures & Restorative Justice

Motion to approve Board Policy calendar as amended:

Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 2-0

**Meeting adjourned at 4:44pm.**