

# Berkeley PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Berkeley Unified School District

Board Policy Subcommittee Minutes

Room 126

March 25, 2016

3:00 -4:30pm

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Director Daniels called the Policy Subcommittee Meeting to order at 3:00pm.

## **Roll Call**

Josh Daniels, Chair – Present

Ty Alper, Director – Present

Donald Evans, Superintendent – Present

Lyz Chairez, Recorder – Present

## **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Daniels/Alper and unanimously 2-0.

## **Public Comment**

A BHS teacher commented on the current discipline policy with respect to expulsion. He criticized the zero tolerance approach and stressed that a policy with more options is necessary. He would like clear guidelines on what kind of information to share with attorneys and others involved in the process.

## **Approval of Board Policy Meeting Minutes for Jan 29, Feb 9, and Feb 26, 2016**

Motion to approve minutes:

Daniels/Alper and approved unanimously 2-0.

## **Board Bylaws 9321-0321.1**

Daniels explained that he based changes on the former consultant's. He adopted some, but not all.

Alper proposed some changes to the language. With respect to how the law requires us to report out on a student discipline matter.

The committee tabled this item and gave direction to Daniels to bring back language on:

1. Disclosing the cause of an expulsion
2. Reporting out changes to staff recommendations of personnel and student matters.

### **Board Policy: Interaction with Law Enforcement**

Alper said that he and Dr. Craig drafted this policy based on some comments made at previous policy meetings. This is a first reading to get feedback from the participants.

The policy committee went through the policy section by section. The second section outlines what kind of offenses need to be reported.

Craig clarified that certain offenses need to be reported to law enforcement, but disclosing the student's name is not required. Craig suggested that we list the specific offenses.

Campbell expressed being grateful that this committee has taken this policy on. With respect to teachers not being able to report student behavior to law enforcement, she would like to know how do teachers reconcile their rights as employees and individuals in an instance where they are threatened or harmed by a student.

Daniels said we would flag this portion.

The next section addresses arrest of a student on campus

Participants discussed whether or not the parent should be notified of an arrest that BPD plans to make and what actions should follow when law enforcement inquires about a student's whereabouts

Craig said we should forego the notification piece in a case where there is an eminent threat to safety.

This item will be revisited at a subsequent meeting.

**Update Board Policy Calendar**

Policies to consider at the next meeting on April 8:

Recess Restriction

Response to community focused threats

Board Bylaws 9321-9321.1

Student Discipline

Daniels excused himself at 4:03pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:05**