

Berkeley PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Berkeley Unified School District

Board Policy Subcommittee Minutes

1231 Addison St.

May 18, 2016

3:00-5:00pm

Chair Daniels called the Policy Subcommittee Meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Josh Daniels, Chair – Present

Ty Alper, Director – Present

Donald Evans, Superintendent – Present

Lyz Chairez, Recorder – Present

Participants:

Peggy Scott

Margit Roos-Collins

Heidi Goldstein

Rebecca Levenson

Kate Weisburd

Laura Babbit

Lauren Brady

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as is:

Daniels/Alper and unanimously 2-0.

Public Comment

Peggy Scott commented on the expulsion draft policy.

Rebecca Levenson spoke on the kind of supports available to students.

Heidi Goldstein said there is a lot of focus on the discipline, but we should also think about the support and correction pieces.

Laura Babbit requested that as the Board Policy is approved, we also set a date by when the Administrative Regulation (AR) is made available to administrators to guide them in disciplinary matters.

Lauren Brady commented on the implementation of the policy.

Approval of Board Policy Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2016
Alper/Daniels and approved 2-0

Student Discipline – Expulsion (Discussion on 6/1)

Time allotted: 60 min

Actual time: 72 min

Alper explained that this version reflects changes that Dr. Craig and he made in response to the comments and input from many members of the community with a variety of perspectives, as well as district administrators at all levels. He noted that the section on expungement of records was removed altogether for now as it governs more than just expulsions. There are other aspects of our record policy that we want to look into. The proposed timeline calls for a first reading of the draft policy at the June 1 Board meeting. This is a good time to make additional comments and suggestions, but not the last opportunity.

READMISSION

Participants discussed the standards that should be applied upon consideration of readmission after an expulsion.

INSTRUCTION DURING EXTENDED SUSPENSION

Participants discussed potential ways to fund amount of instruction needed to serve the few students this provision applies to each year.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Participants discussed other provisions of the draft policy and made recommendations.

Daniels and Alper discussed the recommendations, agreed on some, and agreed to ask the Board for guidance on others.

Daniels said that the goal was to develop a comprehensive policy.

Alper added that is still the goal. The RJ committee is creating a matrix that will become part of this policy.

Dr. Craig and the Superintendent will work on the AR in the summer and will present it to the committee by September 9, 2016.

Motion to approve the draft expulsion policy:
Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 2-0.

Board Bylaws 9321-9321.1, 9322, 9323
Update Board Policy Calendar

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 37 min

9321-9321.1

The committee discussed proposed language.

Motion to approve 9321-9321.1
Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 2-0

9322

The committee went through it page by page, discussing and revising the language in certain provisions.

Motion to approve:
Alper/Daniel and unanimously approved 2-0

9323

Motion to approve:
Daniels/ Alper and unanimously approved 2-0

Policy Calendar

Policies to consider at the next meeting on June 3:

Group threats

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

