

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Board of Education
1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702**

**510-644-6206
Official Minutes
September 21, 2016**

President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:45 pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President – Present
Ty Alper, Vice President – Present
Judy Appel, Director/Clerk – Present
Josh Daniels, Director – Present
Karen Hemphill, Director – Present
Petra Silvey, Student Director, BHS – Present
Alaunte Keys, Student Director, BTA – Excused Absence

Administration:

Donald E. Evans, Ed. D, Superintendent
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Lisa van Thillo, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Lyz Chairez, Recorder

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

President Leyva-Cutler reported out on closed session:

**Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation
(Government Code Sections 4954.5(e), 54957)**

Separation Agreement – Certificated Employee

Motion to approved settlement authorization:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-0:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President – Yes
Ty Alper, Vice President – Yes
Judy Appel, Director/Clerk – Yes
Josh Daniels, Director – Abstained
Karen Hemphill, Director—Yes

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:
Appel/Silvey and unanimously approved 6-0

Presentation by Yale Fellows

MLK Middle School teachers Jacqueline Rastrullo and Akemi Hamai shared their experience at Yale as National Fellows this past summer.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 18 people addressed the Board:

Two parents and four students commented on the BHS math policy

Two students, four teachers, and three parents spoke in support of teacher Felarca

Teacher Felarca addressed the disciplinary action taken against her.

A community member commented on the LCAP goal 3 data evaluation.

A community member requested the Board's support to be appointed to the Peace and Justice Committee.

UNION COMMENTS

Paula Phillips, BCCE president, commented on the funding available to support the credentialing of classified staff.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Daniels will announce his October office hours at the next meeting. Announced that the policy committee will convene Thursday, 9/22 at 4pm.

Superintendent Evans read aloud the resolution on tonight's agenda proclaiming the 2016-17 school year as *The Year of the Reader*. He dedicated tonight's meeting to Robert Kaneko, a former teacher and counselor who passed away last Sunday.

Director Hemphill office hours this Saturday at café Leila at 10:30 am

Director Appel thanked the people who addressed the Board during public comment tonight. She acknowledged the student who was wounded in a shooting this week. She went on to say she was encouraged by the LCAP data that will be presented tonight.

President Leyva-Cutler announced back to school night at BTA and BHS. In preparation for the next board meeting, she said she will use some of her time for comments to highlight upcoming items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Hemphill/Appel and approved 5-0:
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President – Yes
Ty Alper, Vice President – Yes
Judy Appel, Director/Clerk – Yes
Josh Daniels, Director – Abstained
Karen Hemphill, Director—Yes
Petra Silvey, Student Director, BHS – Yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Data Evaluation for Goal 3

Time allotted: 60 min

Actual time: 60 min

Directors Debbi D'Angelo, Pat Saddler and Susan Craig presented data evaluation for LCAP goal 3: Ensure all school sites have safe, welcoming and inclusive climates for all students and their families, so that all students are in their classes ready to learn.

Questions and discussion followed.

School Bus Replacement Schedule and Request for Annual Budget

Time allotted: 20 min

Actual time: 14 min

Deputy Superintendent Cleveland explained that BUSD used to have a bus replacement fund which was eventually cut due to limited funding. The recommendation is to employ one-time money to reestablish fund.

Director of the transportation department, Tim Mull explained the criteria considered in developing the bus replacement plan presented tonight. Questions and discussion followed.

This item will come back for approval at the next Board meeting.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Two community members spoke in support of teacher Felarca.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

Hemphill as observer:

- We did well in handling a situation requiring softening the rules
- Did well in sticking to allotted time

ADJOURNMENT

President Leyva-Cutler adjourned open session at 9:55pm.