

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
October 5, 2016

President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m. She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:49 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 – Present

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 54954.5(e), 54957)

Employee #008895

Motion to suspend employee #008895 for 10 days:

Alper/Hemphill and approved 4-0
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, President – Yes
Ty Alper, Vice President – Yes
Judy Appel, Director/Clerk – Abstain
Josh Daniels, Director – Yes
Karen Hemphill, Director – Yes

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation (Government Code Sections 54954.5(e), 54957)

The Board received an update on this matter; no action was taken.

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board will reconvene to closed session at the end of open session.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:

Alper/Appel and unanimously approved 7-0

Presentation by Becca Todd, District Library Coordinator

Todd shared some of the work going on throughout BUSD libraries this fall.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 15 people addressed the Board:

Eight students and two adults spoke in support of teacher Felarca

Teacher Felarca spoke on her own behalf

Four parents spoke in support of the BHS Redesign

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

BHS PTA President and Secretary spoke in support of the BHS Redesign.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Daniels reminded the public that they have five days left to register to vote.

Director Appel thanked the people who showed up to her office hours.

Director Hemphill will hold office hours on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10:30 at Café Leila. She also announced that details for the 2017 MLK Breakfast will be going out soon.

President Leyva-Cutler announced that she rescheduled her office hours due to a TK Steering Committee meeting she was scheduled to attend in Sacramento. She thanked staff for their work during the Federal Program Monitoring review

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Alper/ Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2016-17 Student Enrollment Update

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 30 min

Admissions Manager Francisco Martinez presented an update on current enrollment numbers as a result of the new BP 5111 and revised AR 5111.1 adopted in 2015 requiring students to reenroll as they transition from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school. Questions and discussion followed.

Instructional Technology Initiatives for 2016-17

Allotted time: 40 min

Actual time: 46 min

Allison Krasnow, Jay Nitshke and Becca Todd presented plans to integrate technology into curriculum to support student learning. This year the implementation phase is focused on grades 3-5 and has included Professional Development for teachers to become Google certified educators. Plans also include forming a secondary Instructional Technology work group comprised of teachers, principals and classified staff who will look at options for middle and high schools. Questions and discussion followed.

District Savings Due to Strong Fiscal Management of Facility Bond Funds

Allotted time: 5 min

Actual time: 3 min

Deputy Superintendent Javetta Cleveland reported that the District has been proactive in refinancing its long term debt for facility bonds for Measure AA and Measure I. BUSD has refinanced several times, saving tax payers \$7.9 million. The District now has an opportunity to refinance its 2009 general obligation bond for an additional \$4 million in savings. Thanks to its AA+ and AAA credit ratings, BUSD is able to secure lower interest rates.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

President Leyva-Cutler as the observer:

- We framed agenda items well
- Only went over 5 min
- We modeled mutual respect

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned open session at 9:57pm and the Board recessed back into closed session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.