

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
November 2, 2016

President Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m. She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5: 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 – Excused Absence
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 54954.5(e), 54957)

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

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

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

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board will discuss this matter when it reconvenes 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 5-0

Presentation by Berkeley City College President Rowena Tomaneng

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 11 people addressed the Board:

Two students and five adults spoke regarding Teacher Felarca's return to the classroom.

Teacher Felarca spoke regarding her return to the classroom.

Two people spoke in support of the chess resolution.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT Union President Cathy Campbell addressed consent item 12.4 regarding an allocation to support a 2020 Vision Fund Development Coordinator. She asked the Board to consider it carefully and to pull it for discussion.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The Chair, Co-Chair and a member of the BSEP Committee addressed the Measure E1 ballot initiative .

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Hemphill will hold office hours on third Saturday in November. She reported that the CTE Task Force had a great meeting yesterday.

President Leyva-Cutler will hold office hours next Thursday.

Director Appel will hold next office hours on November 19.

Director Alper commented in support of the proposed 2020 Vision Fund Development Coordinator position but on the understanding that it was a one-time allocation.

Superintendent Evans added that the request of the 2020 Vision Fund Development Coordinator position will include a year-end evaluation that will allow us to determine whether or not we will continue to fund it.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Hemphill/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Career Technical Education (CTE) Update (60 min)

Allotted time: 60 min

Actual time: 70 min

Assistant Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi and CTE Director Wyn Skeels presented an update on the CTE program. Student participants also shared their experience with the program. Questions and discussion followed.

Annual Report on Special Education

Allotted time: 60 min

Actual time: 50 min

Director of Special Education Lisa Graham provided an update on the 2015-16 special education demographics. Questions and discussion followed.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION

Appel as observer:

- We did ok with the introduction
- We need to improve closure summary
- Went over time on CTE update
- Staff does a good job of including the root of the problem in their presentation

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned open session at 9pm and the Board recessed back into closed session.