

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
March 8, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

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

Administration:

Donald E. Evans, Ed. D, Superintendent
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Lyz Chairez, Recorder

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

President Alper reported out on closed session:

Collective Bargaining Government Code Section 54957.6(a) (Lead Negotiator: Legal Counsel Roy Combs) BFT Negotiations

The Board discussed this matter and provided direction to staff; no action taken.

Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation Workers Compensation Claim (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

Claim no. 130900130

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation (Government Code Sections 54954.5(e), 54057)

Certificated Temporary Releases, Probationary Non-Reelections and Potential Administrative Reassignments

The Board discussed this matter and provided direction to staff; no action taken.

Public Employee Appointments: Principal, Berkeley Technology Academy (Government Code Section 54957)

Motion to approve the appointment of Ardarius McDonald as the Principal at BTA:

Hemphill/Appel and unanimously approved 5-0.

Superintendent's Midyear Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:

At the request of President Alper, information items 15.3, 15.4 and 15.5 were pulled for discussion.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Hemphill/Daniels and unanimously approved 5-0.

Recognition of WE CARE Award Recipients

Deputy Superintendent Javetta Cleveland presented WE CARE awards to the classified staff who were recognized for providing excellent customer service.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 17 people addressed the Board:

Two parents commented on staffing at LeConte.

A student and two adults adult spoke in support of REALM.

Three parents commented in support of all-student restrooms.

Two parents and an administrator commented on BUSD's sexual harassment policy.

Four BHS Stop Harassing students read aloud a peer's story.

A teacher addressed the Board on her own behalf.

A parent commented on BUSD's disciplinary process.

Two students thanked the Board on behalf of BHS Stop Harassing.

UNION COMMENTS

BCCE President Paula Phillips commented on classified vacancies and BUSD's recruitment process.

BFT President Cathy Campbell spoke in support of REALM.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

DELAC representative provided the Board with an update on its meetings.

PTA Council commented on the extended learning programs LEARNS and BEARS.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Appel/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on All Student Restroom Implementation at All District Schools

Director of Facilities Tim White and Director of K-8 Schools Maggie Riddle updated the Board on the number of all-student restrooms at the various sites. Director White expressed interest in engaging the community in this process. They will bring back a report with further updates at the March 22 Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Leyva-Cutler thanked the parents and students who spoke tonight. She has moved her office hours to the first Monday of each month from 4:30 to 6:00 at Casa Latina.

Director Hemphill acknowledged the young women who addressed the Board tonight.

Director Appel expressed how important it is to hear the stories from the perspective of the harmed and those accused of causing the harm. She appreciated the students for recognizing the work BUSD has done in response

to their requests. She will hold her next office hours on Saturday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at Take 5 Café.

Vice President Daniels acknowledged all of the people who showed up to speak. He encouraged families to complete the LCAP survey online.

Superintendent Evans shared the history of International Women's Day in Berkeley.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Cont.)

Audited Financial Statements for REALM Charter Schools for Fiscal Year 2015-16/Plan for 2020 Bonar Starting in Summer 2017

Deputy Superintendent Cleveland explained that BUSD provides fiscal oversight of REALM's finances. Due to the lack of adequate reserves to keep up with its financial responsibilities, REALM has been issued a notice of violation. The next step is to allow REALM the opportunity to provide a plan for remedy by July. If those conditions are not met REALM is at risk of losing its charter. Questions and discussion followed.

Update on Extended Learning Programs LEARNS and BEARS

Extended Learning Program Supervisors Angela Gilder (LEARNS) and Aaron Jorgensen (BEARS) presented an update on the enrichment classes and academic support provided at the various sites. They also shared some of the program's successes and challenges and next steps moving forward. Questions and discussion followed. They will bring this item back in the fall to provide an update on their progress.

Motion to extend open session to 11:30 p.m.:

Appel/Daniels and unanimously approved 5-0.

Extended Public Comment (Second Opportunity)

BCCE President commented on the extended day program positions.

Three people spoke in support of REALM

Three people commented on the process of contracting third-party enrichment classes.

ACTION ITEMS

Certification of Second Interim Report for Period Ending January 31, 2017

Director of Fiscal Services Pauline Follansbee presented second interim budget highlights which included one time expenditures, multi year projections, and other considerations. Questions and discussion followed.

Public Hearing for Initial Proposals for Successor Agreement between the District and the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT)

President Alper opened public hearing at 11:20 p.m.

No one came forward.

President Alper closed public hearing at 11:20 p.m.

Motion to approve the initial proposals for successor agreement between the District and BFT:

Appel/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

President Alper adjourned open session at 11:21 p.m.