

**BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702**  
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**Official Minutes**  
January 25, 2017

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

**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 – Present  
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:

**Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 54957)**

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

**OPEN SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

At the request of President Alper, consent items 11.7 and 11.3 were pulled for action and 12.3 will precede discussion items.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

**Leyva-Cutler/Silvey** and unanimously approved 6-0.

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

A total of two people addressed the Board:

Two people commented on the leadership at BHS.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

The PTA Council thanked President Alper and commented on BHS leadership.

### **BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**Director Leyva-Cutler** announced that she will be participating on a panel to discuss teacher shortage.

**Director Hemphill** will hold office hours this Saturday at Café Leila at 10:30am. She congratulated the students who were recognized at the Annual MLK Breakfast. She reported that a 2x2 committee meeting took place on January 19 and they addressed parking for our teachers.

**Director Appel** thanked Director Hemphill for her help in organizing the MLK breakfast. She added that at the 2x2 meeting they also discussed a collaboration with the city on a resolution for a sanctuary city. The Mayor will be forming a taskforce to begin the work. She will hold office hours with Director Hemphill.

**Vice President Daniels** will announce his office hours in February.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

**Daniels/Appel and unanimously approved 6-0.**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Governor's January Budget Update**

*Allotted time: 20 min*

*Actual time: 26 min*

Deputy Superintendent Cleveland presented the Governor's January budget update and its impact on K-12 education. She reported that State revenues are lower than expected and will be reflected in our LCFF funding and overall multi-year projections. Questions and discussion followed.

#### **Berkeley High School Redesign**

*Allotted time: 25 min*

*Actual time: 39 min*

Assistant Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi explained that this is an opportunity for the redesign team to solicit additional information the Board may need ahead of time before the special meeting on Feb 15. Board members took turns asking their questions, which represented the information they needed to know in order to be able to state their level of support for the redesign plan at the Feb. 15 meeting. The redesign team will respond to the questions by Feb. 8 and will make the responses available to the public at the same time they are made available to the Board.

### **Middle School English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption Update**

*Allotted time: 20 min*

*Actual time: 26 min*

Director of K-8 Schools Maggie Riddle and Professional Development Coordinator Michelle Sinclair introduced the process by which the District was considering middle school English Language Arts curricula. The goal is to have the piloting teachers share their experience with and analysis of the curriculum before submitting a final recommendation to the Board. Questions and discussion followed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Notice of Violation REALM Charter School**

*Allotted time: 15 min*

*Actual time: 10 min*

Deputy Superintendent Cleveland reported that REALM has not met the conditions set by the School Board. REALM has requested for an opportunity to provide a plan for remedy by June. If the remedy fails to meet BUSDs satisfaction, the Board will have to hold a public hearing with the intent to revoke the charter. The Deputy Superintendent will be meeting with REALM next week. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve the issuance of Notice of Violation to REALM Charter School: **Daniels/Appel** and approved unanimously 5-0

#### **2017 Nomination to the California School Boards Delegate Assembly**

Motion to approve the nomination of Director Beatriz Leyva-Cutler as a delegate to the California School Boards Delegate Assembly: **Alper/Hemphill** and unanimously approved 5-0.

#### **Approval to Change Student Information Systems from Powerschool to Illuminate**

Daniels explained that there are some expectations to invest in educating families on new system. He asked the Superintendent if he had a recommendation to direct one time funds to support outreach and training for families.

The Superintendent responded that the amount would not exceed \$3,000.

Motion to approve transition from Powerschool to Illuminate with direction that staff include in 2017-18 Budget Priorities a request of the funds necessary to educate families:

**Alper/Daniels** and unanimously approved 5-0.

**Resolution 17-050 Reaffirming Our Commitment to the Education of All Children and Making all BUSD Campuses a Safe Zone for Students and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement**

Alper suggested replacing the last paragraph listing the various forms of discrimination the District opposes with a reference to BUSD's non-discrimination policy.

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-050 as amended:

**Alper/Appel** and unanimously approved 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Alper adjourned open session at 9:57 p.m.