

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Special Meeting
1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702
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Official Minutes
February 15, 2017

President Alper called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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 by phone
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

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:
Leyva-Cutler/Daniels and approved 4-0.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 14 people commented on the proposed redesign for BHS.

ACTION ITEM

Redesign of Berkeley High School

The BHS design team presented its proposed plan for the redesign of Berkeley High. Their presentation highlighted some of the key changes including a universal ninth grade, six heterogeneous houses of 120 students, and common collaboration for house teachers. If approved to proceed tonight, the next few months will involve refining the proposal. Questions and discussion followed.

President Alper gave the Board an opportunity to ask any clarifying questions.

Motion to direct District staff and the Design Team to continue to develop their current proposal over the next few months so that they are prepared to bring the final proposal to the Board for a first reading at the May 17 meeting, with a goal of final approval at the June 14 meeting, in time for implementation in the Fall of 2018

The motion included direction for the Design Team and District staff to included in the final proposal, in addition to the details of the proposal, the following:

- A specific budget including tradeoffs the District will have to make to fund the redesign
- A description of what science education will look like in 9th grade
- A specific plan for school year 18-19, as well as multi-year timelines with decision points along the way towards a full redesign of the entire school
- More information about the houses and the ways in which community will be built within the houses, and whether houses will have distinct identities
- How CPAs will be affected in grades 10-12
- How the needs of special education students will be addressed
- A detailed description of the Academic Development course, including how it satisfied the G requirement, concurrent enrollment options with BCC, and plans for evaluating and adjusting this course as necessary going forward
- How we will measure success and what metrics will we use
- A specific description of how the modified block schedule will work

Alper/Daniels and unanimously approved 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

President Alper adjourned special meeting at 8:10 p.m.