

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
April 12, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:45 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 – Present

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:

Parent/Student Challenge to Content of Pupil Records (Ed Code Section 49070 (c))

Motion to expunge expulsion referral:

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

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

The Board gave direction to staff; no action taken.

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

The Board discussed this item. Alper recused himself for a portion of the discussion. No action was taken.

Superintendent's Midyear Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board discussed this item; no action was taken.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda

Daniels/Silvey and unanimously approved 7-0

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 16 people addressed the Board:

Three parents and a teacher commented on staffing at LeConte.

A person commented on the developer fees item.

Nine parents commented on the need of student supports at BAM.

A community member commented in support of the REALM rental agreement.

A teacher proposed the passing of a resolution in honor of May Day and in opposition to hate speech in Berkeley.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Paula Phillips commented on the elimination and reduction of specified classified positions and asked the Board to carefully consider the proposed layoffs.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The Construction Bond Oversight Committee provided the Board with an update.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Appel thanked the CBOC for its plans to renovate the King auditorium. She pointed out the information item regarding the policy to protect students from the government registry. She will hold office hours this Saturday from 10am-12pm at Mo'Joe Café.

Director Leyva-Cutler pointed out the resolution in honor of the Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta commemorative period in the consent calendar.

Vice President Daniels announced that the policy committee will be meeting this Friday at 12pm in room 126.

Superintendent Evans reported that a request to review the criteria for the composition of the student advisory committee in the LCAP policy will be submitted to the policy committee. He also reported that he did not convene an official Student Advisory Committee this year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Berkeley Public Schools Fund Presentation

Allotted time: 15 minutes

Actual time: 11 minutes

Executive Director Erin Rhoades shared how the Berkeley Public Schools Fund has supported Berkeley schools. Alper thanked Rhoades and her staff for their many important contributions to the District.

Update on Restorative Justice Practices

Allotted time: 45 min

Actual time: 52 min

Director of Student Services Dr. Susan Craig and the Restorative Justice team provided an update on school climate initiatives at the middle school and high school levels. Their presentation highlighted the kind of supports they are providing and how they are integrating them in the restorative practices work. Questions and discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Rental Agreement with REALM Charter School

Director Appel moved to approve the lease with the understanding that REALM can come back with a modified request to house the high school instead of the middle school. Director Hemphill seconded. Following discussion, Appel withdrew her motion.

The Board passed on this item to allow REALM time to consult and determine whether they want to move forward with the agreement as is.

Motion to approve the rental agreement with the addition of the date REALM will vacate the property:

Appel/Daniels and unanimously approved 7-0.

Approval of Resolution 17-059 Providing for Very Low, Low Income Housing Development Exemption from Previously Adopted Level I Residential Development Fees for School Facilities

Director of Facilities Tim White presented a revised resolution for the adoption of developer fees reflective of the Board's request to present options for an exemption for low income housing. Staff did not recommend adding this exemption and instead suggested limiting the exemptions to the existing ones within government code. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to accept staff recommendation to not adopt any changes to resolution:
Daniels/Alper and approved 6-1

Ty Alper, President – *Yes*

Josh Daniels, Vice President – *Yes*

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Karen Hemphill, Director – *Yes*

Judy Appel, Director – *No*

Petra Silvey, BHS, Student Director – *Yes*

Alaunte Keys, BTA, Student Director – *Yes*

ADJOURNMENT

President Alper adjourned open session at 10:35 p.m.