

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
April 26, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. He reported that the Board convened to closed session at 6:15pm.

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:

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

Staff received direction from the Board; no action was taken.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8) District Negotiator: David Soldani; Negotiating Party: City of Berkeley; Property:1231 Addison; Under Negotiation: Status Update

The Board heard an update; no action was taken.

Superintendent's Midyear Evaluation

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation; no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of President Alper, items 15.1, 14.1 and 12.18 were pulled from the agenda. Item 12.17 was pulled for action and will follow discussion items. Motion to approve agenda as amended:

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

OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of eight people addressed the Board:

A parent commented on staffing at LeConte

A student and four adults spoke in support of a teacher.

A parent commented on the student support services at Washington.

A BTA staff member commented on enrollment.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Leyva-Cutler announced the winners of the Cesar Chavez essay contest. A ceremony recognizing the winners will take place soon.

Director Hemphill will hold office hours this Saturday. She shared her concerns relative to item 12.3, the new course sequence in physics at Berkeley High.

Director Appel thanked those who went to her office hours. She alerted parents about the SBA letters they will be getting in the mail.

Vice President Daniels announced that BHS will hold its college fair this Sunday. The policy committee will meet this Friday at noon in Room 126.

President Alper announced that the Construction Bond Oversight Committee is seeking new members and people who are interested in joining can locate additional information on the website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Daniels/Silvey and unanimously approved 7-0

PRESENTATION

Using Data to Drive Instruction: Elementary School

Rosa Parks teachers presented an overview of the methods whereby they track and improve student outcomes in reading.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Berkeley Technology Academy Update

Allotted time: 35 min

Actual time: 45 min

BTA Principal Ardarius McDonald provided an overview of some of the changes BTA leadership is making in an effort to increase enrollment and to ultimately shift the culture of BTA as an alternative high school by enriching its academic program and establishing community partnerships. Questions and discussion followed.

2017-18 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Allotted time: 40 min

Actual time: 55 min

Directors Pat Saddler and Maggie Riddle presented preliminary recommendations for changes to actions and services, all of which have been vetted with stakeholders, for each of the three LCAP goals. Questions and discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Recommendation for Expenditure of BSEP Funds for Class Size Reduction and Support for Teaching in FY 2017-18

Daniels expressed concern with the proposed allocation of an additional 2.0FTE to BTA out of the Classroom Support resource instead of funding it out of the General Fund. Director Beery explained that there is a formula that is used to determine what BSEP's contribution will be based on enrollment projections. She added that in considering what BTA needs in order to be a robust program, it made sense to fund the additional 2.0 out of the Classroom Support resource.

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Alper/Hemphill and approved 6-1

Ty Alper, President – *Yes*

Josh Daniels, Vice President – *No*

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

Karen Hemphill, Director – *Yes*

Judy Appel, Director -- *Yes*

Petra Silvey, Student Director, BHS – *Yes*

Alaunte Keys, Student Director, BTA – *Yes*

ADJOURNMENT

President Alper adjourned open session at 10:29p.m.