

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
May 3, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. 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 – 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:

Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a))957.6(a)

Motion to accept the staff recommendation to enter into a settlement in this case:

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0.

Collective Bargaining Government Code Section 54957 (District Negotiator: Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley) UBA Negotiations

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

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.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:

Appel/Leyva-Cutler and approved 5-0

RECOGNITION

Director of K-8 Schools Maggie Riddle introduced Jefferson Elementary School Teacher Lisa Rossi and her current third grade students, winners of the Children's Choice Award at last year's 9th Annual Bay Area International Film Festival.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of nine people addressed the Board:

Five teachers commented in support of additional prep time.

Two teachers and a parent spoke in favor of the universal 9th grade proposal.

Two parents spoke in support of all-student restrooms.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Cathy Campbell commented on the current negotiations for a new contract in light of budget reductions and decrease in enrollment. She urged the Board to remember that tonight's budget reductions do not take into account a cost of living increase for teachers. She also spoke in support of increasing prep time.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Leyva-Cutler has moved office hours to next Monday.

Director Appel announced that BHS will have their performance of Jesus Christ Superstar the next two weekends.

Vice President Daniels announced that the BHS alumni varsity baseball game was canceled.

Director Hemphill thanked Principal McDonald for his hospitality during her visit to BTA.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Appel/Alper and approved 5-0

PRESENTATION

Teaching and Learning: Culturally Responsive Teaching Techniques at Berkeley High

Berkeley High Teachers Karen Zapata and Dagny Dingman presented the culturally responsive teaching techniques they have developed through equity work in an effort to transform student experience and outcomes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommendation for Middle School Language Arts Curriculum Adoption

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 41 min

Director of K-8 Schools Maggie Riddle and Professional Development Coordinator Michelle Sinclair presented their recommendation for the ELA curriculum adoption. Their presentation walked the audience through the curriculum adoption process, which involved a total of 19 piloting teachers representative of all schools and grade levels. The adoption committee used data gathered from surveys, participant feedback and classroom observations to rank all three curricula. Inquiry by Design is now being recommended for adoption. Questions and discussion followed.

This item will come back for action at a subsequent meeting.

ACTIONS ITEMS

Approval of Superintendent's Recommendations on Budget Priorities for 2017-18

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 24 min

Deputy Superintendent Javetta Cleveland and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Pasquale Scuderi provided an overview of factors considered in determining tonight's proposed changes and cuts for the 2017-18 school year. Since the last presentation, the request for funds for the BHS redesign and a transfer of funds from the ROP to CTE grants have been added. Another addition is the request to fund \$40,000 for program support to Malcolm X Elementary for an additional year. They recommended additional considerations should more funding become available. Questions and discussion followed.

Alper suggested waiting to approve funding for the BHS redesign until a redesign plan is adopted.

Alper moved to approve staff recommendation with the following changes:

- Not approve BHS redesign at this particular time
- Begin reduction in rate for retirement health benefits in 17-18 instead of waiting until 18-19

Daniels seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Possible Budget Reductions for 2018-19

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 51 min

Deputy Superintendent Javetta Cleveland and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Pasquale Scuderi provided an overview of the budget reduction process and presented proposed budget cuts for the 2018-19 school year. Cut target is subject to change based on the May revise and enrollment. Final budget 18-19 recommendations will be brought to the Board for approval in January of 2018. Questions and discussion followed.

ACTION ITEM

Developer Fee Implementation Extension

Allotted time: 15 min

Actual time: 3 min

Director of Facilities Tim White requested a 30-day extension in addition to the already approved 90-day extension. The additional 30 days will allow enough time to take care of the various notices involved.

Motion to grant the 30-day extension:

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-1.

Ty Alper, President – Yes

Josh Daniels, Vice President – No

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – Yes

Karen Hemphill, Director – Yes

Judy Appel, Director --Yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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