

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Board of Education
1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702
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Official Minutes

May 17, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. He reported that the Board convened to closed session at 6:00pm.

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:

Consideration of Student Expulsion (Ed Code Section 48918(c))

The Board heard an update on this case; no action was taken.

Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Government Case 54956.9(a))

-OAH Case No. 2017040075

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and approved 3-0:

Ty Alper, President – Yes
Josh Daniels, Vice President – Absent
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – Yes
Karen Hemphill, Director – Yes
Judy Appel, Director -- Absent

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

The Board postponed this item to a future meeting.

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

The Board heard an update and returned to closed session to further discuss; no action was taken.

Collective Bargaining (Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) District Negotiator: Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley-UBA Negotiations

The Board heard an update and provided direction; no action was taken.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of President Alper, item 12.8 was pulled for action.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Appel/Daniels and unanimously approved 6-0

RECOGNITION

Director of K-8 Schools Maggie Riddle introduced the Malcolm X students, winners of the 2017 Platinum Sneaker Contest from the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 13 people addressed the Board:

A parent thanked the District for designating at least one all-student restroom at each school and requested further progress on the implementation of a plan for gender neutral bathrooms in the District.

Three students shared their experience with Restorative Justice.

Three parents commented in support of the bilingual program at Thousand Oaks.

The student elected to represent BHS on the Board during the 2017-18 school year introduced herself.

A parent commented on budget priorities.

The BHS tennis team thanked the Board.

Two parents commented on BUSD's complaints policy and restorative practices.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Co-chair of the Parent Advisory Committee Mimi Pulich provided an update to the Board.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

President Alper congratulated the BHS tennis team for their historic conference championship, and congratulated Berkeley High baseball player Will Moscato for throwing a no-hitter against Bishop O'Dowd .

Director Appel commented on the importance of student access to mental health services. She encouraged parents who have children who need mental health services to reach out to her.

Director Leyva-Cutler thanked the students who participated in the Cesar Chavez essay contest. She congratulated the classified staff who were recognized for their years of service to BUSD.

Director Hemphill will hold her next office hours on May 27. Her June office hours will be on the third Saturday.

Superintendent Evans thanked the Berkeley Public Schools Fund for its luncheon in support of our schools.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Silvey/Appel and unanimously approved 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Hearing (8pm) for First Reading of Proposed Berkeley High Redesign for 2018-19

The BHS Redesign Team presented the universal 9th grade proposal. Their presentation highlighted all of the changes being considered within this redesign for the 2018-19 school year. Some of the changes include assigning incoming 9th graders into houses, modified block and bell schedules, increased collaboration among 9th grade teachers and the addition of an academic development period for high needs students. Their presentation also provided an overview of costs associated with building the structure to support the proposed redesign.

President Alper opened the public hearing for this item at 9:10pm.

A total of 15 people commented on the proposed redesign.

Questions and discussion followed.

President Alper closed public hearing at 10:31p.m.

This item will come back for a vote on approval on June 14.

ACTION

2017-18 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Early Approval of African American Success Project Manager

Directors Appel and Hemphill expressed concern with voting for this position early before developing a job description.

Director Saddler explained that the goal is to have the position approved early in order to have it filled by the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Assistant Superintendent Scuderi added that while we do not have detailed job description, we have a clear idea relative to where we want this position to head in the next two years or so.

Superintendents Evans added that delaying approval for this position will only delay the effort to more directly target our high need students.

President Alper suggested approving the allocation of funds for this position to allow the necessary process to start now as opposed to a month from now or even later.

Motion to approve staff recommendation:
Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

President Alper adjourned open session at 10:56 p.m. The Board reconvened to closed session.