

Berkeley PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Berkeley Unified School District

Board Policy Subcommittee Minutes

1231 Addison St.

June 6, 2017

3:00 -5:00pm

Chair Daniels called the Policy Subcommittee meeting to order at 3:07pm

Roll Call:

Josh Daniels, Chair – Present

Ty Alper, Director – Present

Donald Evans, Superintendent – Present

Lyz Chairez, Recorder – Present

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda without April 28 meeting minutes:

Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved

Public Comment:

One comment appreciating structure of the policy meetings and requesting careful review around the creation of a district reserve policy.

Approval of Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2017

Motion to approve policy subcommittee minutes:

Alper/Daniels and unanimously approved 2-0

Interviewing Students by District Representatives

Participants discussed current practices and reviewed proposed language. This item will return for action on 6/20 and if approved be presented to the Board for first reading on 6/28.

District Reserves Policy-Discussion

Daniels explained that we committed to comply with our rating agencies' request to create a district reserve policy. The plan is to create an additional reserve beyond the required 3% of the District's general fund expenditures. Participants reviewed language and discussed the options with respect to the conditions that will be set to direct how we transfer funds to and from the reserve.

Suicide Prevention Policy

Director of Student Services Susan Craig explained that there is a new law requiring school districts to have a suicide prevention policy in place prior to the 17-18 school year. This policy should specify support for vulnerable student populations and require training for teachers. Participants discussed proposed language. A final draft will be presented for action on 6/20.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.