

**BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702**  
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**Official Minutes**  
August 23, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:00 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 by phone  
Uma Nagarajan-Swenson, Student Director, BHS – Present  
Kimora Ashby, 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

**Swearing in of new student director**

Uma Nagarajan- Swenson was sworn in as the representative of BHS

**REPORT CLOSED SESSION**

President Alper reported out on closed session:

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government)**

Claim No. 16-087970

The Board will address this matter after open session.

Claim No. 2006045891

The Board will address this matter after open session.

Claim No. PER1603439

The Board heard an update and gave direction. No action was taken.

Claim No. EMP1501604

The Board will address this matter after open session.

**Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 54947)**

Employee #7442

Motion to approve staff recommendation to terminate employee:

Alper/Daniels and approved 3-1:

Ty Alper, President – *Yes*

Josh Daniels, Vice President – *Yes*

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

Karen Hemphill, Director – *No*

Judy Appel, Director – *Abstained*

Employee #8895

Motion to approve staff recommendation to terminate employee:

Daniels/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0.

**Collective Bargaining: Lead Negotiator: Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley—UBA Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)**

The Board heard an update and gave direction. No action taken.

**Video: A Recap of 2016-2017**

**Javetta Cleveland was recognized by the Board.**

**OPEN SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda:

Leyva-Cutler/Hemphill and unanimously approved 6-0.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

One person commented on parking shortage at BHS.

**UNION COMMENTS**

Stephen Collins thanked the Superintendent for reconvening the budget advisory committee. He also acknowledged the groundskeepers for their amazing gardening work.

Paula Phillips appreciated Javetta Cleveland. She addressed the need of additional classified to support the influx of incoming ninth graders.

Cathy Campbell thanked all of the staff who contributed to getting schools ready for this new school year. She thanked Javetta Cleveland for her leadership.

### **BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**Director Leyva-Cutler** welcomed staff, students and families to the new school year.

**Director Hemphill** welcomed all to the new school year. She will resume her office hours this Saturday at 10:30am at Café Leila. Starting in September, she will move them the second Saturday of the month.

**Superintendent Evans** announced the passing of Calvin Fong and expressed the District's condolences to his family, as well as the District's appreciation for Mr. Fong's dedication to the City of Berkeley and the Berkeley Unified School District.

**President Alper** congratulated District administrators on the renewal of their contracts.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:  
Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 6-0.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Daniels explained that the last time this item came before Board, staff was directed to explore the various options to support employee housing.

Director of Facilities Tim White added that after the passing of SB1413 school districts are able to allot a portion of their property for employee housing. His analysis involved taking inventory of BUSD owned property. West campus, Oregon St., Franklin Preschool, and BHS tennis courts were identified as potential places to build. He also presented some preliminary estimates based solely on affordable units. The goal is to come back in December with some options based on tonight's direction. Questions and discussion followed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Budget Cut Target for 2018-2019**

Deputy Superintendent Javetta Cleveland reported that based on the Governor's budget there is also an increase in special education costs. We are faced with a deficit spending of \$2.4 million if we do not make cuts. The recommendation is an ongoing reduction of 1.8 million in 18-19. Additional cuts of \$600,000 should be considered in 19-20. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to direct the Superintendent to identify an ongoing reduction of \$1.8 million, with an additional identification of \$300,000 of ongoing cuts, and to come back to the Board no later than December with those recommendations: Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 6-0.

**Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

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

**Approval of Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreements (AB1200)**

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

**Approval of Tentative Agreement with Union of Berkeley Administrators**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board recessed to closed session at 9:46pm.