

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
September 13, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. 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
Uma Nagarajan-Swenson, Student Director, BHS – Present
Kimora Ashby, 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:

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

OAH Case No. 2017041261

Motion to accept staff recommendation:

Alper/Daniels and unanimously approved 5-0

Case No. 120300089

Motion to accept staff recommendation:

Hemphill/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0

Case No. 140700121

Motion to accept staff recommendation:

Appel/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0.

Conference with Legal Counsel—Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 52956.9(b))

This matter was postponed.

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board will address this matter when it recesses to closed session following open session.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of Director Nagarajan-Swenson, item 12.3 was moved to action and will follow item 14.1:

Nagarajan-Swenson/Daniels and unanimously approved 7-0

SWEARING IN OF STUDENT DIRECTOR

Kimora Ashby was sworn in to represent BTA on the School Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of eight people addressed the Board:

Four comments on sexual harassment and restorative justice process.

Two comments on Vote 16

One comment on the job description for the RJ Coordinator position.

One comment on the AR regarding complaints.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Hemphill canceled her October office hours.

Director Appel expressed her renewed commitment to listen to parents. She will have her office hours on the third Saturdays of the month, 10am-12pm at Mo'Joe Café.

Director Leyva-Cutler announced that BUSD is sponsoring DACA with a workshop to help students renew their permit. Will hold office hours on October 2 at 4:30pm at Casa Latina.

Director Nagarajan-Swenson expressed her support for fellow students who are part of BHS Stop Harassing. She also voiced her solidarity to all dreamers in BUSD and beyond.

Director Ashby thanked the Board for welcoming her aboard.

Superintendent Evans announced that middle school back to school night is on September 14.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Appel/Hemphill and unanimously approved 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on Use of Academic Support Index (ASI) in BUSD

Allotted time: 35 min

Actual time: 45 min

Dave Stevens introduced Academic Support Index (ASI), an evaluation tool that takes into account headwinds and tailwinds, a variety of advantages and disadvantages a student may face, to predict and quantify student academic success. ASI allows for preventive analytics that better inform effective intervention student support. At BHS, ASI is being used with LCAP focal students and there is a strong PD focus on addressing headwinds. At the middle school level, ASI is being used by the math department to identify focal students transitioning from 5th to 6th grade. The goal is to continue using ASI to expand evaluation of programs, interventions and policies, and data analysis over time. Questions and discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2016-2017 Unaudited Actuals

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 25 min

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services reported that 16-17 books have been closed. She added that we met the 3% percent as required by the state and ended the year with an undesignated ending balance of \$5.5 million, less than projected. She presented expenditure variances, contribution to special education and other program funds. Questions and discussion followed.

Daniels requested that before the Board votes on budget cuts, staff bring items specifically related to the cafeteria, child development and special education funds at three separate meetings.

Approval of Restorative Justice Coordinator Job Description

Student Director Nagarajan-Swenson explained that she pulled this item to request that the Board not approve the proposed job description until it is revised to require trauma informed expertise. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve the job description for the Restorative Justice Coordinator position with direction from the Board that the job announcement include the desire of a trauma informed expert:

Appel/Nargajwan-Swenson and unanimously approved 7-0.

Approval of Creation of a Facilities Subcommittee

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 22 min

Director of Facilities Tim White proposed the creation of a facilities subcommittee that will review projects and other items before bringing them to the Board for approval. The subcommittee will aid in conducting a comprehensive analysis so that the sites' needs are captured, documented and better addressed; and will establish a better process for the completion of larger, more ambitious projects. Directors Hemphill and Appel volunteered to sit on this committee.

President Alper will bring an item to officially appoint Directors Hemphill and Appel at the next Board meeting.

Motion to approve the creation of a facilities subcommittee:

Appel/Daniels and unanimously approved 7-0.

Approval of Release of BSEP Committed Funds

Allotted time: 3 min

Actual time: 1 min

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

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

Approval of Gann Limits Resolution 18-001

Allotted time: 3 min

Actual time: 1 min

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board recessed back into closed session at 9:43pm.