

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:30 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 (8:38pm)
Uma Nagarajan-Swenson, Student Director, BHS – Present
Kimora Ashby, Student Director, BTA – Absent

Administration:

Donald E. Evans, Ed. D, Superintendent
Pasquale Scuderi, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Pauline Follansbee, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business 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))

Claim No. 14079032

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Hemphill/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a 3-0-1-1 vote:

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

Claim No. DSC1503595

This item was pulled from the agenda

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

The Board discussed and provided direction to staff; no action taken.

Threat to Public Services of Facilities (Government Code Section 54957)—Officer Matt McGee

This item was pulled from agenda.

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation; no action taken.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of President Alper, item 11.9 was pulled. Item 14.3 was moved to consent, item 14.2 was moved to discussion and will follow item 12.2.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Daniels/Nagarajwan-Swenson and unanimously approved 5-0

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 14 people addressed the Board:

Two comments in support of the proposed reallocation of Measure I funds.
12 comments opposing the paving of Moellering Field.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Cathy Campbell commented in support of the proposed allocation of additional LCAP funds.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Leyva-Cutler reported that she attended the CLSBA annual unity conference.

Vice President Daniels highlighted the small revision to the AR regarding naming of facilities.

Director Hemphill canceled her office hours this Saturday. She addressed the racial incidents at BHS and expressed her concern. She applauded the Black Student Union for their work in response to such incident and looks forward to continuing to work with them.

Superintendent Evans reported that the students who created the Instagram account used to post hateful comments have been disciplined. He added that as of tonight, we will not be closing schools in light of the poor air quality.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Daniels/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Special Education Fiscal Update

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 67 min

Director of Special Education Lisa Graham presented an update regarding the special education budget. Her presentation provided a fiscal overview of the special education department and provided explanation and context for rising special ed costs attributed to enrollment changes, increasing contribution to STRS/PERS, IDT approvals, and legal costs among other factors. She also presented an update in BUSD sped demographics and on disabilities. Questions and discussion followed.

President Alper requested that a comparison of legal costs with other comparable districts be included in next update to the Board.

The Board agreed to just staff's proposals to contain costs. If necessary, a separate session could be scheduled for a deeper dive into other program components.

Facilities Measure I Bond Reallocation

Allotted time: 45 min

Actual time: 58 min

School Facilities Consultant Bill Savidge presented an update on the Facilities Measure I Bond reallocation. His presentation provided an overview of completed and current projects in design. He presented plans for West Campus, BHS theatres, and Oxford that included reconfiguring options in an effort to remain within approved budget. Questions and discussion followed. This issue will be referred for review to the new Facilities Subcommittee.

Additional LCAP Supplemental Funds Proposal for 2017-18

Dr. Saddler presented the proposed list of priorities for the allocation of additional LCAP 2017-18 funds. This will return before the Board for approval at the next meeting, Questions and discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

Public Hearing for Initial Proposals for Reopeners Between the District and the Berkeley Council of Classified Employees

Motion to approve:

Appel/Daniels and unanimously approved 6-0

**Public Hearing for Initial Proposals for Reopeners Between the District
and International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers
(Local 21)**

Motion to approve:

Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 6-0..

ADJOURNMENT

10:55pm