

**Superintendents Budget Advisory Committee Minutes
March 28, 2017**

BUSD Offices – Room 125
2020 Bonar Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

SBAC Committee Members Present

Cynthia Allman, BFT	Paula Phillips, BCCE
Robin Henke, Superintendent appointment	
Matt Meyer, BFT	
Bruce Simon, P&O	
Rebeca Todd, UBA	
Christine Staples, PTA	
Dan Lindheim, Audit Committee representative	
Martin Demuchaflores, P&O	
Eric Weaver, Superintendent appointment	
Michael Herbert Gray, PAC	

SBAC Committee Members Absent

Nya Sandeford, BHS Student Member	Cathy Campbell, BFT
Marie Ferguson, BCCE	Judy Appel. Board Member
Stephen Collins, Local 21	Rosa Luevano, BHSDG
Frank Hernandez, BCCE	Stephanie Upp, P&O (A)
Audrey Amos, UBA (A)	

Visitors, Guest

Kathleen Davis, Program Coordinator for Life Long Learning at Berkeley Adult School

BUSD Staff

Donald Evans, Ed.D, Superintendent	Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
Jay Nitschke, Director of Technology	Patricia Sadler, Director Special Projects

Meeting called to order at 6:20pm

1. Opening of Meeting and Roll Call of Committee Members
2. Public Comments

Visitor Kathleen Davis, Program Coordinator of Berkeley Adult School

- Thanked the committee members for being part of the committee, and that it was in part the work of the SBAC committee from 2010-2012 that resulted in our school board choosing to fund the program for Older Adults through a time of great austerity and deep cuts. The SBAC recommendation to maintain the program was based on what the members heard from students about the high value of our classes in their lives. Ms. Davis gave statistics on the school pupil population, (see attachment for the entire comment.)

Christine Staples, PTA;

- What efforts are being taken to retain students? She knew of 89 students who have left BHS.

Martin De Mucha Flores, P&O;

- The process feels jargon heavy, to actively participate it needs to be unpacked more, to know who it will affect.
- These are the budget reductions and here are the real tangible impact to services particularly our black, brown, and second language students.
- A lot gets lost in the rows of data and big numbers and what it means to our students and our families in the community and having that vision laid out as we move forward would be helpful.

3. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Evans, Ed.D;

Your point is well taken. We have not done that in the past in terms of really getting to know why students are leaving, we can look at in the future, not only with our students but also with our teachers and administrators. To your point in terms of programs, we can talk about that as we discuss cuts as we move forward. I do want to say this process, as we were working on this today, is a difficult process. We are going to be making cuts that affect people's lives, this is something we take very seriously, we have a lot more to do, nobody wants to cut anything but it will have some impact on something or somebody somewhere and we are trying to cut away from the classroom first. We don't want to impact the classroom but we know we are looking at cutting \$1.2 million dollars, more than that and it is going to somehow impact the student in some way and we are trying really hard not to do that.

Deputy Superintendent Cleveland;

Last meeting was an attempt to give overview of the budget as complicated as it is we are trying to show how many funds we have where our focus is to give those who are new to the committee background as to the overall budget. The role that you have in this room is very challenging and the budget is very complex. It was a lot last meeting that is why we added this meeting so we could get more feedback. The bylaws for this group are that you look at budget reductions rather than add to the budget. We do not look at all the programs we currently are funding; we look at whether we can add a new item or not given the situation with the budget. The groups that deal with our targeted student groups are the PAC and the dialogue around that and then BSEP & P&O looks at how we use our parcel tax funds. When we present this material to you, we do allow you to ask for additional information on the items. We can provide that to you in a subsequent meeting or email if we cannot provide it to you today. We would like to try to spend more time today getting feedback; it is a short meeting so I want to focus in on the presentation I made to the board around the budget priorities.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes from March 14th –as amended and approved unanimously

Review of minutes; correction to student rep: "Nya Sandeford" spelling of name.

Recommendation added from March 14 by Mr. Gray regarding PD model to learning management system.

5. Old Business

Budget Priorities:

Deputy Superintendent Cleveland; we are going to spend time on the *budget* priorities. Deputy refers to the handout of power point presentation presented to Board; page two has a list of the budget priorities. This was sent out in an email before the board meeting it has a written summary

for each of the items on the list that's been prepared for your review. We went over this last time but there is a little difference from last meeting. These are the final staff recommendations that the board has not approved, and there is ppt presentation that goes along with it. Go to page 5 of the ppt. I added budget priorities total from the spreadsheet I want to highlight; Deputy reviewed total revenue, proceeded to page 6; fund balance, page 7; structural surplus/deficit.

What I proposed to the board is that we cut about \$1.2 million in 18-19 that is a structural deficit. If they want to do the redesign of BHS which seems to be a priority we are going to have to cut a little more so we are working on coming up with a list of 18-19 reductions that are around that number for the following school year. We want to show what we would cut if the state revenue does not change or if we do not get the enrollment of the 60 students. We are looking at a proposed list of reductions that balances the structural deficit. If we don't do that the structural deficit continues forward and eventually uses up the full reserves.

Review Date/Time of Next Meeting

- April 18, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm