

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
November 15, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:37pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:45pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

Ty Alper, President – Present

Josh Daniels, Vice President – Present

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – Excused

Karen Hemphill, Director – Present

Judy Appel, Director – Present

Uma Nagarajan-Swenson, Student Director, BHS – Present

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—Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a))—One (1) Potential Case

The Board discussed this matter; no action was taken.

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

The Board will consider this matter after open session.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of Daniels Items 14.1 and 14.3 were moved to discussion.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Nagarajan-Swenson/Hemphill and approved unanimously 5-0

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 15 people addressed the Board:

6 comments on the Le Conte renaming

2 comments on BTA/BIS restructure

1 comment on the sexual harassment policy

2 comments on PRA requests

1 comment on teacher investigation process at BHS

1 comment on facilities items

1 comment on RJ counselor job description

1 comment on budget cuts

UNION COMMENTS

BFT members commented in support of the recruitment and retention of qualified teachers of color.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

PTA Representative asked the board to delay its action on budget cuts.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Appel appointed Ruby Lee Moreno to the Youth Commission. She recognized outgoing Youth Commission member Ruby Spies for her work. Appel then went on to comment in support of addressing the sexual harassment that takes place in BUSD and expressed she was very proud of the work of BHS Stop Harassing.

Director Hemphill announced that the annual MLK breakfast will be on January 15. She requested that the CTE presentation be featured in the next A+ Newsletter.

Director Nagarajan-Swenson thanked her peers for their work around addressing sexual harassment.

Vice President Daniels alerted the public to the employee housing item that will be presented at the Dec. 6 Board meeting.

Superintendent Evans thanked the public who has come out to the SBAC meetings and to the Board meetings.

President Alper appreciated BFT's presentation and said he would like a deeper presentation to the Board around progress in efforts to hire and retain teachers. With respect to the renaming process at Le Conte, he added that our AR and BP for the renaming of facilities do not require outreach to the community. He clarified that any failure to notify the neighbors about community meetings lay with the Board and the Superintendent, not with any of the staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Nagarajan-Swenson/Appel and unanimously approved 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Recommendation to Discontinue the Name of Le Conte Elementary School

Superintendent Evans and Director Beery presented an update to the Board on denaming process at Le Conte. Their presentation provided some history of Joseph Le Conte and on how BUSD has changed school names in the past. It also highlighted concerns expressed by both neighbors and school community members as well as the reasons to move forward with name change. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to dename Le Conte Elementary School:

Appel/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mental and Emotional Education Team (MEET) Proposal

BHS students Ruby Spies and Abigail Steckel presented a proposal on behalf of the Youth Commission for a mental health peer education program. Questions and discussion followed.

State of the District

Superintendent Evans presented 2017-18 priorities and initiatives in connection with the three LCAP goals. His presentation provided an overview of progress made in each of the three goal areas and highlighted how district resources and organization systems will be directed to strengthen programs that will have the greatest impact on student achievement. Questions and discussion followed.

Nutrition Services Program Fiscal Update

Director of Nutrition Services Marnie Posey and Executive Chef Bonnie Christensen provided a fiscal update of the nutrition services program. Their presentation provided an overview of department efforts to address deficit spending by increasing student participation in lunch program. Questions and discussion followed.

REALM Charter School Fiscal Update

Vice President Daniels explained that based upon staff review, there has been no improvement in REALM's fiscal condition. In the event that there is insufficient improvement at the first interim, staff may recommend to initiate the revocation process in January 2018.

California School Dashboard—Local Indicators

Vice President Director Daniels explained that we are required to use a self assessment tool in four different areas. Staff has used the self reflection tools and is reporting this data for our information.

ADJOURNMENT

11pm