

**BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702**  
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**Official Minutes**  
October 25, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. 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

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. DSC150395

The Board heard an update from counsel and provided direction. No action was taken.

**Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)**

The Board heard an update. No action was taken.

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9) One (1) Potential Case**

Motion to join in the filing of an amicus brief in a federal lawsuit filed by the regents of the University of California and others against the Department of

Homeland Security challenging the Trump administration's termination of the DACA program:  
Appel/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0.

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

The Board heard an update. No action was taken.

**Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)**

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation.

**OPEN SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda:

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

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

A total of three people addressed the Board:

Two comments on class sizes.

One comment on summer school program.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

A PTA council representative commented on recent incident involving BPD and BHS students.

**BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**Director Nagarajan** extended her condolences for the passing of Bowen Johnson, a former BHS student. She read aloud a statement on behalf of her peers.

**Director Leyva-Cutler** commented in response to the incident involving BHS students and BPD. She said she is confident that staff will work to address police and student interaction and will keep the community informed.

**Director Hemphill** commented on the need to improve police interaction with BUSD students in light of the recent incident that led to the arrest of a couple of BHS students during unity week. She stressed the importance of restorative justice practices. She then went on to report that the CTE advisory board met and will be providing an update on the CTE program at the Nov.1 Board meeting.

**Director Appel** shared that last Friday at the LGBTQ community center an individual burned the rainbow flag that hangs outside the center. She added

that the frequency in which these hateful incidents are happening show how much more vigilant we need to be.

**Vice President Daniels** reported that he and Director Appel attended the SBAC meeting last night and are working on closing a \$1.8 million deficit. This is both challenging and important work for the Board as we consider the kind of supports that more directly serve our students. A recommendation will be made in December. He also reported that an employee housing survey has been administered. Results will be presented to the Board at its Dec. 6 meeting. He added that it's important to differentiate between a number of issues with respect to CSR. He clarified that while BSEP talks about class size averages for core staff, the BFT contract maintains the same ratio and differs only in the scope.

**Superintendent Evans** reported that a final report on summer school program will be presented at a subsequent meeting. He acknowledged the SBAC for their work in taking on the challenge of considering cuts final recommendation will be presented to the Board in January.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **Update on the California Accountability Model and School Dashboard System**

*Allotted time: 40 min*

*Actual time: 25 min*

Director Pat Saddler presented an update on the changes to the California Dashboard, Her presentation provided an overview of the new local indicators and the walked audience through the data selection process.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

9:33pm