

**BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702**  
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**Official Minutes**  
November 1, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:15 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 on this matter. No action was taken.

Claim No. EMP1401173

The Board heard an update on this matter and provided direction to staff. No action was taken.

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

The Board heard an update on this matter and provided direction to staff. No action was taken.

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

At the request of Daniels, item 11.5 was moved to Action to follow item 13.1.  
Item 14.1 was moved to discussion to follow 12.3.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:  
Nagarjwan-Swenson/Appel and unanimously approved 6-0

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

A total of 15 people addressed the Board:

CTE students demonstrated their robots.

Four comments on BTA structuring.

One comment on tennis courts for BHS.

Three comments on BIS.

Two comments on Le Conte's denaming process.

### **UNION COMMENTS**

BCCE President Paula Phillips commented on preschool program and the impact of additional administrative costs. She also commented in support of keeping BTA and BIS separate.

A teacher spoke on behalf of BTF requesting that the vote regarding BIS and BTA scheduled for December be tabled for January in order to allow more time to hold dialogue.

### **BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**Director Leyva-Cutler** will hold office hours on Mon, Nov. 6 from 4:30-6pm.

**Director Hemphill** will hold office hours next Saturday at 10:30am at Café Leila.

**President Alper** announced that the first Facilities Subcommittee Meeting will be on Sept. 29 at 9am.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Alper/Appel and unanimously approved 6-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Future Options for Berkeley Technology Academy (BTA)**

*Allotted time: 45 min*

*Actual time: 63 min*

Associate Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi explained that the goal of presenting options for the future of BTA is an effort to address the decrease in enrollment in light of fiscal challenges. His presentation provided brief history on how BTA has functioned since 2006 and highlighted some of the contributing factors to BTA's low enrollment. A refined proposal reflective of the Board's direction will be presented in December. Questions and discussion followed.

### **Child Development Fiscal Update**

*Allotted time: 40 min*

*Actual time: 47 min*

Principal Isabel McDaniel, BEARS Program Director Aaron Jorgensen and Consultant Laurita Rita, presented an overview of the early childhood education contracts and funding models. Their presentation highlighted preschool earnings for the last four years, and contributing factors to the program's under earning. They proposed a number of scenarios to addressing current fiscal challenges. Questions and discussion followed.

### **Update on Career and Technology Education (CTE) Programs' Future**

*Allotted time: 30 min*

*Actual time: 29 min*

CTE Coordinator Wyn Skeels provided an overview of the CTE program. His presentation highlighted CTE facilities development, CTE advisory committee, funding sources and its partner organizations. Questions and discussion followed.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Suicide Prevention Policy**

Motion to approve suicide prevention policy:

Hemphill/Appel and unanimously approved 6-0.

### **Approval of Master Contracts for Nonpublic Schools for the 2017-18 School year**

Daniels explained that he pulled this item to ask about the challenges that we face specifically with respect to non public agencies.

Interim Asst. Superintendent of Business Services Pauline Follansbee responded that this is an area contributing to increased costs in special education. Most of the costs resulted from staff leave. She added that they are working closely with HR to fill positions and limit our use of NPAs. A report of the consultant's analysis will come before the Board in January.

Motion to approve master contracts for nonpublic schools for the 2017-18 school year:

Daniels/Hemphill and unanimously approved 6-0.

**Extended Public Comment**

One comment in support of BTA.

One comment on facilities naming process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

10:57p.m.