

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
December 6, 2017

President Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:?? 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 by phone

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:

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 549557)

Motion to modify the staff recommendation to impose a suspension of one day: Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

District Negotiator: David A. Soldani, Legal Counsel; Negotiating Party: City of Berkeley; Property: 1231 Addison; Under Negotiation: Status Update

The Board discussed this matter and gave staff direction; no action taken.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation/Settlement (Government Code Section 54956.9) – Cal 200

Motion to approve staff recommendation for a settlement:

Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0.

Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))-One (1) Potential Case

Motion to approve staff recommendation to settle:

Appel/Alper and approved 4-1

Ty Alper, President – *Yes*

Josh Daniels, Vice President – *Yes*

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Karen Hemphill, Director –*No*

Judy Appel, Director -- *Yes*

Collective Bargaining Government Code Section 54957.6(a) (District Negotiator: Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley) BCCE Negotiations.

The Board heard an update and gave direction to staff; no action was taken.

Collective Bargaining Government Code Section 54957.6(a) (District Negotiator: Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley) Local 21 Negotiations.

The Board heard an update and gave direction to staff; no action was taken.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of Appel item 13.2 was pulled for discussion

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

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

Yearly Organizational Requirements

Director Hemphill moved to approve Board meeting calendar for 2018 and to appoint Josh Daniels as President and Judy Appel as Vice President.

Motion seconded by Leyva-Cutler and passed unanimously 6-0.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 15 people addressed the Board:

Four comments in support of keeping BTA as is

Eight comments on salary increase

Three comments on budget cuts

UNION COMMENTS

BCCE members expressed urgency with respect to increase in employee compensation.

BFT President commented in support of increased compensation.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Hemphill announced that she will hold office hours this Saturday.

Daniels alluded to the information item regarding quarterly report of number of students referred for expulsion and said that the fact that we have only one referral for expulsion so far this year is something to be proud of.

Superintendent Evans thanked the SBAC members and participants for their contribution to such a challenging process that is identifying potential budget cuts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Leyva-Cutler/Alper and unanimously approved 6-0.

ACTION ITEM

Approval of First Interim Budget Report

Allotted time: 25 min

Actual time: 30 min

Interim Superintendent Pauline Follansbee reported that the first interim ended in a positive certification. Her presentation highlighted budget changes since adoption, multi-year projections. Recommendations for Board approval will be presented in February of 2017. She noted that the budget will not include the anticipated reduction of \$1.8 million until cuts are identified and approved. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve the first interim budget report:
Daniels/Hemphill and unanimously approved 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Proposal: Berkeley Technology Academy and Independent Study

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 60 min

Associate Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi explained that staff spent the summer looking at BTA and how to possibly restructure it by turning it into a continuation school. Since the possible restructuring of BTA was first presented, the proposal now includes maintaining the clerical positions for both program, keeping a single administrator to oversee both programs, keeping the counselor at BTA and reducing a safety officer staff. The goal is to align this program with CTE to expand opportunities for students at BTA. This item will come back at the January 10 meeting for approval. Questions and discussion followed.

ACTION ITEM

Recommendation for District-Owned Rental Housing for Employees

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 60 min

Facilities Director Tim White explained that this proposal first came to the Board following an analysis based on income categories. Consultant Sean Dolcy compiled a survey in an effort to move forward in a more informed manner. The results indicate that there is overwhelming interest in employee housing. Staff has identified options for financing including generate income through issuance of voter approved bonds in 2018 or 2020, and contracting with a developer for the construction of below market rate housing. Sean Dolcy presented survey's results

Appel moved to refer this to the facilities subcommittee to further explore the possibility of a public-private partnership and other potential funding models. Motion seconded by Leyva-Cutler:

Josh Daniels, President – *No*

Judy Appel, Vice President – *Yes*

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Karen Hemphill, Director – *No*

Ty Alper, Director – *No*

Uma Nagarajan-Swenson, Student Director, BHS – *Abstained*

Motion failed to pass on a 2:3:1 vote.

Motion to extend open session to midnight:

Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 6-0

Daniels moved to direct staff to incorporate a housing portion into the 2020 facilities bond; no one seconded

Alper moved to direct staff to consider including employee housing as a potential item if and when we pursue a 2020 facilities bond; motion seconded by Appel:

Motion passed on a 4-1 vote.

Josh Daniels, President – *No*

Judy Appel, Vice President – *Yes*

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Karen Hemphill, Director – *Yes*

Ty Alper, Director – *Yes*

Special Education Review and Program Analysis

Allotted time: 35 min

Actual time: 21 min

Consultant Bill Gillespie shared with the Board his findings following his

analysis and review of the special education program. The full inclusion model is a great delivery system, but after a number of years it's important to revisit policies and procedures to ensure that all sites are following the same guidelines, adequate hiring of staff, direct resources to students with IEPs more efficiently, and ultimately cut costs associated with NPAs and other outside resources.

Approval of Job Description for the African American Success Program Manager

Motion to approve job description for the African American Success Program Manager:

Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

12am