

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702

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Official Minutes

March 14, 2018

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:44pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:46 pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

Josh Daniels, President – Present,

Judy Appel, Vice President – Present

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – Present

Karen Hemphill, Director – Present

Ty Alper, 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 Daniels reported out on closed session:

Consideration of Student Expulsion (Ed Code Section 48918 (c))

Case No. 1718-02-070402

Motion to approve staff recommendation to expel student:

Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 5-0.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

Case No. DSC1503595

The Board discussed this matter and gave direction to staff.

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

The Board discussed this matter and gave direction to staff.

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 did not address this matter.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of Leyva-Cutler consent item 12.13 was moved to action in order to recuse herself from voting on the item.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:
Leyva-Cutler/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 11 people addressed the Board:

Two comments in support of Resolution 18-021 calling for the improvement and expansion of child care and early education funding.

Eight comments advocating for dance class.

One comment on the report on special education.

UNION COMMENTS

BCCE President Paula Phillips acknowledged the national student walkouts that took place in support of student safety. She said that student safety should be the paramount priority. She added that relying on substitute employees does not contribute to the absolute safety of students and staff.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Nagrajan-Swenson expressed her pride for the empowering walkout that took place at BHS. She thanked the Board members who were there to support.

Director Hemphill said how blown away she was by the leadership and commitment of our students at BHS. She referenced item 12.12, a resolution in support of school safety which supports what our students are doing. She announced the oratorical competition will be on March 25. She also announced that preparation for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the

African American studies department is under way. She will share more information as details become available.

Director Leyva-Cutler commended the student leaders for organizing the BHS walkout. She announced that the Cesar Chavez contest will begin in April. She clarified that her recusal from item 12.13 is due to her role as an early childhood education director. She looks forward to the support that will result from this initiative.

Vice President Appel referenced Betsy DeVos 60 minutes special as a way to put into perspective the kind of leadership in place that is supposed to support and improve education for all. She noted that everything DeVos stands for goes against what we stand for in BUSD.

President Daniels encouraged all to attend the March 28 Board meeting which our student director will be chairing. He added that given the nationwide demonstrations, it makes sense that BUSD leads the effort to empower and enfranchise our students.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 6-0.

Update on Special Education Report

Allotted time: 45 min

Actual time: 47 min

Associate Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi presented an overview of the efforts that have been made to address the findings from the special education report presented at the December 6 meeting. Special education was identified as a priority for the 2017-18 school year. He noted that per student expenditures are rising faster than funding. He reported that the hiring timeline and process for the executive director closes on April 18. During this transitional period in leadership, he said that the procedural manual is an area of focus. The SpEd agency is working with the Superintendent to revise procedural manuals for a number of school districts to ensure consistency in policies and procedures. With respect to the review of medical billing and procedures, transportation is being explored as a reimbursement option. There is also a recommendation for a district-wide parent community advisory committee. Membership will be solicited as of April 1. Questions and discussion followed.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Recommendations (Discussion)

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 32 min

Director of Programs and Special Projects, Dr. Pat Saddler presented recommendations for the discontinuation and modification of services under LCAP. The recommendation is to discontinue investing into the Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), allowing for collaborative time

instead; and to discontinue the summer literacy programs. With respect to recommendations for modifications, the recommendation is for a reduction of one BHS intervention counselor, reduction of EL FTE at Rosa Parks, and reduction of a .6 FTE math coach at BHS. There is also a recommendation to employ one-time funding for school welfare and attendance specialist position, a restorative justice coordinator, and green dot training. Recommendations for new services will be presented in April.

Solicit Answers to Trivia Questions

Update on Berkeley High School Health Needs Assessment (Discussion)

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 26 min

Director of Programs and Special Projects, Dr. Pat Saddler presented key findings identified in the mental health survey conducted among BHS students serviced. Her presentation highlighted data and identified areas of growth.

Certification of Second Interim Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2018 (Action)

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 22 min

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services reported that the first interim predicted an increase. There has been a significant increase in enrollment since the first interim's projections. She presented projections for the next three fiscal years noting that 18-19 projections do not take into account budget priorities. She added that a significant revenue increase is projected in 19-20, and noted that projections for 19-20 and 20-21 do not take into account salary increases. She also presented additional considerations. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve the second interim report for the period ending January 31, 2018:
Daniels/Alper and unanimously approved 6-0

Motion to extend the meeting until 11:10pm:
Daniels/Appel and unanimously approved 6-0.

First Reading of Policy Regarding Student Interviews by District Counsel (Discussion)

This item was tabled

Vote for Delegate to the California School Boards Delegate Assembly (Action)

Allotted time: 5 min

Actual time: 3 min

As a current delegate to the California School Boards Delegate Assembly, Leyva-Cutler she recommended Valerie Arkin, Amy Miller, Desrie Campbell, and Annette Walker.

Motion to approve Leyva-Cutler's recommendation:
Appel/Alper and approved 6-0

Approval of Resolution 18-021 in Support of Improving and Expanding Child Care and Early Education Services in Alameda County

Prior to any discussion or action, Director Leyva-Cutler recused herself and left the meeting room.

Motion to approve Resolution 18-021 in support of improving and expanding child care and early education services in alameda county:

Appel/Hemphill and approved 5-0.

Motion to approve Resolution 18-021:

Josh Daniels, President – Yes

Judy Appel, Vice President – Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Director/Clerk – Recused herself

Karen Hemphill, Director – Yes

Ty Alper, Director -- Yes

Uma Nagarajan-Swenson, Student Director, BHS – Yes

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

One comment advocating for math support.

Two comments in support of dance at Cragmont elementary.

ADJOURNMENT 11:05pm