

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

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Official Minutes

May 30, 2018

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:30. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:30 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:

Request for Record Expungement (Ed Code 48917 (c)/48918)

Motion to deny request of record expungement:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a 4-0-1 vote:

Josh Daniels, President – *Yes*

Judy Appel, Vice President – *Abstain*

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

Karen Hemphill, Director – *Yes*

Ty Alper, Director -- *Yes*

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 54957)

Employee ID No. 12037

Motion to approve staff recommendation for the dismissal of employee no. 12037:
Alper/Hemphill and unanimously approved 4-0:

Josh Daniels, President – *Yes*

Judy Appel, Vice President – *Absent*

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

Karen Hemphill, Director – *Yes*

Ty Alper, Director -- *Yes*

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

Superintendent

The Board discussed this matter. No action was taken.

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

The Board discussed this matter. No action was taken.

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

The Board discussed this matter. No action was taken.

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

The Board discussed this matter. No action was taken.

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board discussed this matter. No action was taken.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:

Hemphill/Alper and unanimously approved 7-0.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 13 people addressed the Board:

- Two comments in support of the sustainability plan.
- Four comments advocating for increased staff compensation.
- Five comments advocating for additional support at Longfellow.
- One comment advocating for the installment of tennis courts at BHS.
- One comment in opposition to the recommended 1% one-time bonus to executive cabinet.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Cathy Campbell spoke in support of the resolution in support of working people post a Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Berkeley PTA Council President Mara Kolesas commented in support of the advocacy voiced tonight on behalf of the Longfellow community.

A representative from the Facilities Safety and Maintenance Oversight Committee (FSMOC) shared aloud on behalf of the committee a statement in support of BUSD's sustainability plan. They recommend that Measure H spending be publically posted and made accessible on the BUSD website.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Hemphill shared that she attended her son's graduation. In response to the comments around Longfellow's need for additional resources, she expressed her support of their need for programmatic resources. She announced that tomorrow there will be a graduation ceremony for brave students who overcame hardship to achieve graduation. The black graduation will be on June 2 and she will hold her last office hour of 17-18 on June 9.

Superintendent Evans thanked the Longfellow community for their advocacy and acknowledged their requests. He reported that the District has taken short-term steps in place to address the FTE increase for the intervention counselor, and for ELD support.

Director Leyva-Cutler appreciated the Superintendent's response to the Longfellow community. She referred to the agenda item regarding first reading of the policy for the protection of undocumented students presented for information tonight. She added that it is our commitment to support our students and their families.

Vice President Appel read aloud parts of the resolution on the agenda in support of the working people post the Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

Update on Special Education

Allotted time: 40 min

Actual time: 42

Associate Superintendent Scuderi provided an updated on efforts made to address the findings in the special ed report. He reported that a third of the revised SELPA plan

has been approved and the final procedural manual is close to completion. In reviewing the extended school year, they found that there was an increase from summer 2016 to summer 2017, and are currently working on identifying the factors attributing to increase. They have also been working on dedicating more critical staff time to the special education topics across departments and among key staff. In reviewing potential areas to increase medical billing, they are finding fewer families that are eligible. Additionally, potential reimbursements from transportation would not be significant. With respect to the need for professional learning, the goal is to provide special ed professional development to general ed staff. He reported that the comprising of an advisory committee is in its early stages. The incoming director will have an opportunity to weigh in as we move forward to finalize the committee. With respect to reducing non public agency costs, they are working with the collaborative of service providers in an effort to secure services at a lower rate. There is currently also a bill (AB 3137) in the Assembly for funding to address the rising special education costs. Questions and discussion followed.

Update on Governor's May Revise

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 21

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Follansbee provided an overview of Governor Brown's approved state budget. She highlighted revenue actuals and projections through 20-21. With respect to other considerations, she reported that the Governor is allocating resources for special education teachers as well as a proposal for additional transparency in the reporting relative to special education, similar to that of LCAP's. Questions and discussion followed.

Approval of Revised LCAP Board Policy 0460

Director Alper explained that the current policy caps the reserve at 1% of supplemental funds. Supplemental funds are currently at \$5 million. The revision proposes capping the reserve at \$1 million and would conform the policy to what our practice has been. This change also allows unspent funds above the \$1 million cap to be freed up and redirected elsewhere before the end of fiscal year.

Daniels suggested adding some language to clarify the way unspent funds are tracked year after year. Also suggested raising the cap every two years in order to allow for the value of reserve to cushion changes such as shifts in demographics.

Motion to approve revised LCAP policy 0460:

Alper/Daniels and unanimously approved 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

10:15PM