

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702
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Official Minutes
June 13, 2018

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:33pm.

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:

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

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

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

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

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

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

Superintendent

The Board discussed this matter and gave direction to staff. No action was taken.

Executive Director, Facilities

The Board received an update on this matter and gave direction to staff. 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

At the request of Appel and Hemphill Consent Items 12.4 and 12.5 were pulled for discussion.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Nagarajan-Swenson/Alper and unanimously approved 6-0.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 13 people addressed the Board:

- One comment on the LCAP.
- One comment on exiting student data.
- 10 comments in support of the sustainability plan.
- One comment thanking the Board for its service to students.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Cathy Campbell shared some of BFT's thoughts concerning tonight's proposed LCAP. BFT has emphasized support for mental health, for RTI, for the increased diversity of teaching staff, and support for restorative

justice. She thanked the Board for its support in these areas. She asked the Board to consider its investment for the support of mental health.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Co-chair to the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) shared with the Board some of the concerns expressed during the last PAC meeting.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Vice President Appel reported that a decision will soon be reached regarding negotiations between BUSD and COB for the use of the Board Room.

Director Alper thanked Student Director Nagarajan-Swenson for her service to the District and its students. He added that her colleageality has been a true asset and congratulated her on her next chapter.

Director Leyva-Cutler also thanked and congratulated Student Director Nagarajan-Swenson. She referred to the safety plans listed under the consent calendar, saying that it is critical that they explicitly lay out a clear plan on how we respond to an emergency. Next office hours will be on Aug. 20.

Director Hemphill thanked Student Director Nagarajan-Swenson for her service. She congratulated all of the BTA and BHS graduates. She highlighted the new CTE courses listed on consent, and reported that at least one out of every three students in BHS is now enrolled in a CTE course. She added that this is proof of the good work we are doing on expanding opportunities for our students.

Superintendent Evans congratulated all graduating seniors and expressed how proud he is of Student Director Nagarajan-Swenson in the way that she has represented her peers on the Board. He looks forward to hearing about her future success.

President Daniels thanked Student Director Nagarajan-Swenson for her service. He added that her ability to run an entire meeting in such an efficient manner is a unique skill that will take her far. He presented her with a plaque on behalf of the Board.

Director Nagarjan-Swenson shared that her experience serving on the School Board has widened her perspective. She thanked the Board members for welcoming her and supporting her along the way.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended:
Nagarajan-Swenson/Alper and unanimously approved 6-0.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Public Hearing (8PM) – Discussion

Time allotted: 30 min

Actual time: 55 min

Director of Programs and Special Projects Dr. Saddler presented the LCAP plan for 2018-19. She provided an overview of recommendations for new actions and services which include a .4FTE U9 math coordinator and a restorative practices coordinator, both of which have been approved. Additional proposed services include two additional school welfare and attendance specialist positions in middle and high school and an additional .6FTE at Longfellow for math support, both of which are pending approval. She shared stakeholder feedback relative to the allocation of resources and provided AVID demographics data to illustrate the direct impact of allocated resources to unduplicated students.

President Daniels opened public hearing for this item at 9:04pm.

One comment in support.

Public hearing closed at 9:05pm

Questions and discussion followed.

A majority of the Board expressed support of the proposed new positions. There was concern expressed by President Daniels over whether AVID was directly serving a sufficient number of unduplicated students.

This item will come back for approval at the June 27 Board meeting.

Public Hearing (8:30PM) for Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 – Discussion

Time allotted: 30 min

Actual time: 23 min

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Pauline Follansbee presented the preliminary budget for 2018-19 reflective of the Governor's May revise. She presented budget projections through 2020-21.

President Daniels opened public hearing for this item a 9:32PM.

There were no comments

Public hearing closed at 9:32pm

Daniels recommended looking into establishing thresholds for reductions of up to \$2 million. All Board members except for Director Hemphill expressed support.

A timeline and more explicit language around the direction for SBAC will be presented at the next meeting.

Adoption of Phonics/Phonemic Awareness Program for Grades K-3 – Discussion

Time allotted: 30 min

Actual time: 26 min

Director of K-8 Schools Maggie Riddle presented an overview of the process whereby a Phonics/Phonemic Awareness program was selected to be recommended for adoption in alignment with the District's goal to have all children reading proficiently by the end of third grade. The adoption process began with a review of eight programs by principals, classroom teachers, sped staff, TSAs and district administrators. Three programs were selected to be piloted by 33 classroom teachers. The piloting period was followed by a debriefing and a survey conducted among piloting and observing teachers. Ultimately, the Fast Track Phonics program is being recommended. If approved, PD will begin in the summer. Questions and discussion followed.

Appel expressed her appreciation that this moves forward.

This item will come back for action at the June 27 Board meeting.

Bond and Special Tax Planning Update – Discussion

Time allotted: 15 min

Actual time: 10 min

Interim Director of Facilities Lew Jones presented a timeline for the special tax planning. He reported that a Superintendent's planning group created in

consultation with Executive Cabinet will begin to convene at the end of June. Questions and discussion followed.

**Items 12.4 and 12.5 Facilities Plan Modifications: Approve
Recommendation to Adjust Line Item Budgets in Measures AA and I**

Hemphill requested that the vote on these two items be held until CTE is discussed. She is not comfortable moving forward with approving projects that involve use of CTE funds without first discussing it in the context of the facilities sub-committee. Jones suggested approving everything in this proposal to ensure compliance with timeline, and hold off on the CTE piece only. Staff agreed to bring back the theatre budgets for approval at the June 27 Board meeting.

Approval of 2018-19 Single Plans for Student Achievement – Action

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Single Plans for Student Achievement: Alper/Nagarajan-Swenson and unanimously approved 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

11PM