

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

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Official Minutes

October 10, 2018

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:03pm.

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 -- Excused

Arvin Hariri, Student Director, BHS – Present

Oneida Abrams, Student Director, BTA -- Excused

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

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of Appel and Daniels, item 12.4 was pulled altogether and item 14 was moved to precede item 13.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Appel/Leyva-Cutler and approved without objection 4-0.

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

President Daniels reported out on closed session:

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board discussed. No action

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)) – One (1) Potential Case

The Board discussed. No action.

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

Amy F. v BUSD (OAH Case No. 2018070634)

Leyva-Cutler/Appel and approved without objection on a 4-0 vote.

Student A v. BUSD (Case No. DSC1503595)

This item was not discussed_

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 discussed this item; no action was taken.

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

Motion to ratify a settlement agreement with and separation from classified employee #4871:

Hemphill/Daniels approved without objection on a 4-0 vote.

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

Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE)

The Board received an update; no action was taken.

Local 21

The Board received an update; no action was taken.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 12 people addressed the Board:

Eight comments advocating for additional time for students to eat lunch.

One comment in support of the sustainability plan as presented tonight.

Three comments around paly structure at King CDC.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Leyva-Cutler thanked the parents who came out tonight to address the Board. She shared that she visited the new CTE spaces and was very impressed.

Director Hariri thanked his peers for coming out to address the Board tonight.

Vice President Appel shared that she visited MX and had the opportunity to observe lunch time; she thanked the parents who are working with site administration to come up with a solution.

Director Hemphill will hold office hours this Saturday at Café Leila at 10:30AM. She announced that the kick off for the annual celebration of the BHS African American studies department will be on October 20.

President Daniels stated that for the last couple of Board meetings he has talked about his experience as a new BUSD parent. He recalled his son expressing his excitement of animals and predators as he brought home his first book to read. Daniels shared that this was indicative of the wonderful way in which his son is experiencing school. He added that this makes him very happy as a product Berkeley schools himself. He closed his comments by remarking that “there is no class like the class of 1999.”

Superintendent Evans shared that he is convening with MX administration to work towards a solution for MX’s lunch period. He went on to report that all staff attended professional development on implicit bias on Monday. He also announced the upcoming Superintendent’s speaker series.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended:
Hariri/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a 4-0 vote

Update on Possibilities for Financing Educator Housing and Information on City of Berkeley Measure O – Discussion

Time allotted: 30 min
Actual time: 33 min

President Daniels framed this item, stating that discussion on this effort initiated back in March of 2017. In the summer of that same year, staff

conducted a survey around the need for affordable housing which proved to be a significant need among BUSD renters.

City of Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguín added that the information being presented tonight is a result of the many years of discussion at the City level around employee housing. The biggest challenge results from decreasing state resources amid increasing housing needs. Measure O is on the November ballot and calls for the provision of funds to rehabilitate and acquire affordable housing for the homeless, seniors, veterans and working families, including teachers. Funds generated by Measure O would create affordable housing by making funding available via nonprofit developers. The Measure will require 2/3 of the vote in order to be adopted by City Council. Questions and discussion followed.

Update on the African American Success Project – Discussion

ime allotted: 45 min

Actual time: 34 min

Kamar O’Guinn walked the Board through a design process centered on intentional relationship building that is leading his approach and effort to address the needs of our students. Questions and discussion followed.

Approval of Agreement with the City of Berkeley for Use of the Board Room Chambers – Action (15 min)

Vice President Appel shared that this agreement is the culmination of years of negotiating with the COB around the shared use of BUSD’s Board Room chambers.

Motion to approve agreement with COB for the use of BUSD's Board Room Chambers:

Appel/Hemphill and approved on a 4-1:

Josh Daniels, President – *No*

Judy Appel, Vice President – *Yes*

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

Karen Hemphill, Director – *Yes*

Ty Alper, Director -- *Excused*

Arvin Hariri, Student Director - *Yes*

ADJOURNMENT 10:07PM