

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 13, 2018

BUSD Offices –Technology Room 126
2020 Bonar Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

SBAC Committee Members Present:

Dan Lindheim	Audit Committee	Jessica Hilton	BHSDG
Frank Hernandez	BCCE	Rosa Luevano	BHSDG
Joseph Colton	BCCE	Nicole Chabot	P&O
Linh Le	BFT	Bruce Simon	P&O
Cathy Campbell	BFT	Eric Weaver	Superintendent Appt.
Matt Meyer	BFT	Robin Henke	Superintendent Appt.
Stephen Collins	Local 21	Becca Todd	UBA
Janine Waddell	BFT	Erin Schweng	UBA
Chanika Gunn	PTA	Mark McAnally	Local 21
Matt Meyer	BFT		

SBAC Committee Members Absent*:

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Mara Kolesas	PTA		
Mildred Scherer	BCCE		
Linette Robinson	BCCE		

Visitors, School Board Directors, and Guests:

BUSD Staff

Josh Daniels	BUSD School Board
Donald Evans	Superintendent
Pasquale Scuderi	Associate Superintendent
Pauline Follansbee	Assistant Superintendent
Natasha Beery	Director BSEP/ Community Relations

- 1. Opening and Roll Call (see members present above)**
- 2. Review minutes (minutes approved with amendments)**
- 3. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

4. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Evans introduced John Calise the new Facilities Director. Based on last year feedback, a facilitator was chosen to lead the SBAC meetings. That facilitator is Bruce Simon. Dr. Evans introduced his credentials stating that he bring lots of experience to our committee.

Pauline Follansbee review of the process on viewing documents in the google G drive and how to post

questions on the google doc's Q&A forum. The process was reviewed on how to access both the shared drive and the google groups. The members with Gmail accounts were unable to see the google group's icon to access the Q&A forum. The question sheets were passed out to everyone to use in the breakout session, or if they preferred not to use the Q&A forum. Memberships and affiliation were confirmed, no changes were noted.

Superintendent Evans provided context for the night's meeting. He presented brief review of the last meeting and moved toward setting up the context for the process moving forward. The group is charged to cut \$2M of reductions. Staff will come with recommendation on December 4th. Tonight Jan Hamilton will not present she is ill, she will present a Sped cost containment presentation at tomorrow night's board meeting.

Pauline Follansbee reiterated that the cuts will be done in buckets of \$500,000. Review of special education increasing budget. Viewed as an area of cost containment and not cost cutting.

1. Budget Overview

Associated Superintendent Pasqual Scuderi presented brief insight into several areas within sped department to contain cost. More in-depth presentation at public hearing at board meeting November 14. Josh Daniels presented methods/pieces to group on sped budgetary goals by focusing on;

- Budget reduction
- Not go over budget
- Cost containment

Presentation on other alameda county schools ADA, general fund budgets, amount of budget reductions. Superintendent Evans gathered this data and found other districts are cutting budgets.

Questions from last meeting were addressed in the presentation. (See documents on shared G Drive)

3. Next Steps

Break out groups were formed to brainstorm on cuts. Question sheets were collected. Next meeting scheduled December 4th for staff budget cut recommendations and other ideas.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm

The SBAC has 17 members, with representation from staff via bargaining units, from the BSEP P&O, community members. A description of the SBAC and prior documents are here: www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/business-services-division/berkeley-unified-budget/superintendents-budget-advisory-committee-sbac/

Last year the Board asked for \$2.1 million in budget reductions, and ended up with \$1.8 million; this year the Board has charged the Superintendent to come up with another \$2 million. The timeline requires getting recommendations to the Board in February.