

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

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Official Minutes

December 12, 2018

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:06PM.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

Judy Appel, President – Present,

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – Present

Ty Alper, Director/Clerk – Present

Ka'Dijah Brown, Director – Present

Julie Sinai, Director – Present

Arvin Hariri, Student Director, BHS – Excused

Oneida Abrams, Student Director, BTA -- Absent

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:

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

Case No. 2018080591

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and unanimously approved 5-0.

Case No. 2018080649

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Sinai/ Brown and approved 4-0:

Judy Appel, President – Yes

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – Yes

Ty Alper, Director/Clerk – *Recused*
Ka'Dijah Brown, Director – Yes
Julie Sinai, Director – Yes

(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

There were no updates to report.

Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board finalized tool for the Superintendent's evaluation.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:

Sinai/Brown and unanimously 5-0

Swearing in of Board Trustees

Newly elected Trustees Ka'Dijah Brown and Julie Sinai, and reelected Trustee Ty Alper were sworn in by City Clerk Mark Numainville.

Newly elected trustees were given an opportunity to share a few words.

Yearly Organizational Requirements

Appointment of Officers

Director Alper moved to appoint Director Appel as President and Director Leyva-Cutler as Vice President; motion was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously on a 5-0 vote.

President Appel moved to appoint Director Alper as Clerk; Vice President Leyva-Cutler seconded and motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Approval of Board Meeting Calendar for 2019

Alper moved to approve meeting calendar; motion seconded by Leyva-Cutler and approved unanimously 5-0.

Approval of Committee and School Assignments

This item will come back for approval.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of seven people addressed the Board:

Two comments in support of teacher workforce housing

One comment requesting an anti-bullying policy for personnel

One comment about secret files

Two comments on the need for increased compensation

One comment on the need to use resources to close achievement gap

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Cathy Campbell congratulated newly elected Board members. She commented on the ongoing testimonies of teachers who continue to advocate for increase in compensation and urged that BUSD makes this a priority and takes the opportunity to negotiate in a creative and significant way.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mimi Pullich provided an update to the Board on behalf of the PAC.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Vice President Leyva-Cutler welcomed new members. She shared that she looks forward to working with BUSD to draft a response to the new rule making around Title IX. She also looks forward to collaborating with the City and other stakeholders around workforce housing. As part of the wellness policy in development, she would like to include restorative justice for staff as this culture should be district wide and not just be limited to students.

Superintendent Evans welcomed new Board members and said he looks forward to working with them.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 5-0

Update on the 2020 Vision Collective Impact – Discussion

Allotted time: 50 min

Actual time: 52 min

Dr. Pat Saddler, Ruben Lizardo, and Nina Goldman presented an update on the Berkeley Promise. They noted that there is increased participation and strengthened commitment from community partners to carry out the mission and objective of the Berkeley Promise. They reported that the second cohort of Berkeley Promise scholars has graduated and students are in their first year of college where they are being mentored and given financial support. The goal is to continue working to improve systems to better support all students' success, refine approaches, strengthen community contracts, and develop strategies for family and community engagement. Questions and discussion followed.

Public Hearing for the Notice of Revocation for REALM Charter (Time Certain: 9PM)

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 15 min

President Appel opened public hearing for this item at 9:40.

REALM Charter Director Victor Diaz stated that construction delay challenges were unforeseen. He reported that a permit has finally been issued as REALM has secured a Berkeley site

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Pauline Follansbee clarified that as part of the revocation process, the Board is to hold a public hearing. BUSD has 30 days to issue revocation and an option to extend those 30 days by an additional 30 days. The change in location now requires a material revision, which BUSD has 30 days to respond to. Should REALM Charter be able to move into its original site within Alameda County at any point before the 30 days (or 60 days should BUSD opt for the 30-day extension), the revocation proceedings can then cease.

Director Alper further clarified that the existing revocation process is solely based on whether or not the school is housed within Alameda County. He noted that legally, the school must be housed at the exact address indicated in the material revision. Any change in location requires a separate material revision

The Board expressed a unanimous desire to extend revocation process by another 30 days.

Update on Status of BUSD California Dashboard – Discussion

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 41 min

Director of Programs and Special Projects Pat Saddler reported that BUSD has successfully met local indicators and there have been efforts to supply families with the information. She displayed the new interface and indicator scorecards and walked the Board and viewing audience through the information. Dr. Saddler noted that this tool is in its preliminary stages and in the process of becoming fully developed. It is expected to improve over time. Questions and discussion followed.

Approval of First Interim Budget Report - Action

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 22 min

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Pauline presented BUSD's first interim budget report. She highlighted that BUSD met its 3% reserve and will be able to meet its financial responsibilities this year. She also highlighted changes since adoption noting a COLA increase and a reduction in unduplicated student count. Work will continue towards identifying up to \$2 million in cuts. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve the first interim budget report :
Alper/Appel and unanimously approved 5-0/

ADJOURNMENT

11pm