

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

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Official Minutes

January 9, 2019

Vice-President Beatriz Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:45pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

Judy Appel, President – Excused

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 – Present

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

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of Director Alper, items 15 and 17 were pulled altogether. Item 16 will be discussed first to be followed by item 14 and then item 13. Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 5-0.

Before proceeding to report out on closed session, Director Leyva-Cutler stated that she will be chairing the Board meetings in the absence of President Appel who, along with her wife Alison, was involved in a serious accident. On behalf of the Board, she sent thoughts and prayers for their recovery and healing.

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Leyva-Cutler reported out on closed session:

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

Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE)/Local 21/Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT)

The Board heard an update on union bargaining; no action was taken.

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

OCR Case No. 09-15-1502

The Board heard an update on this matter; no action was taken.

Claim No. 15-081722

Motion to approve staff recommendation on this matter:

Alper/Sinai and unanimously approved 4-0.

Joseph O. v BUSD

The Board heard an update on this matter; no action was taken.

Superintendent's Contract (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board has accepted the Superintendent's retirement letter. Superintendent Evans will retire effective July 31, 2019, after six years of service to BUSD. In the coming days the Board will be discussing how to proceed and will communicate any information with the community as appropriate.

Snapshot of our Schools

District Library Coordinator Becca Todd provided an update on school libraries.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of seven people addressed the Board:

Four comments in support of Office of Equity and Family Engagement.

Two comment advocating for increased compensation.

One comment thanking the Board for its letter regarding Title IX changes.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

PTA Council representative commented on behalf of the PTA Council expressing opposition to proposed cuts to the Office of Equity and Family Engagement.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Sinai sent all the healing energy and love to Board President Appel and her wife. She will hold office hours on the second Sunday of the month at 1951 Coffee Company, 3:30-5PM. She went on to share that she attended a math meeting last night at BHS where ongoing challenges were discussed richly and dynamically.

Director Brown sent get-well wishes to President Appel and her wife Alison. She appreciated the planning committee who has been working towards making sure that the 50th Anniversary celebration is a success.

Director Hariri wished a speedy recovery for President Appel and her wife Alison.

Director Alper sent his get-well wishes to President Appel and her wife Alison. He went on to express what great loss the Superintendent's retirement represents to BUSD. He thanked Dr. Evans for his stable, consistent leadership while at the helm of the district.

Vice-President Beatriz Leyva-Cutler asked for the public's patience as she takes on the role of chairing the Board meetings. She expressed her gratitude for all of the support that has been extended to BUSD during this time. She will hold office hours this Monday at Casa Latina.

Superintendent Evans thanked the community for their love and support during this time. He shared that when he last spoke to President Appel, he'd shared with her his decision to retire after 32 years of service to public education. He noted that the last six years as Superintendent of Berkeley Schools have been the most challenging and rewarding years of his career. While there are seven months left before he goes off into retirement, he said there is still much work to do.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Sinai/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0.

Budget Development Calendar for 2019-20 Budget Adoption – Discussion

Time allotted: 20 min

Actual time: 17 min

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Pauline Follansbee presented the proposed budget development calendar for 2019-20. The Board reviewed and discussed proposed schedule. A calendar reflective of the Board's input will come back for approval at the Jan 23 meeting.

Update on California School Dashboard Data and County Technical Assistance –

Discussion (30 min)

Time allotted: 30 min

Actual time: 28 min

Associate Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi reported that a BUSD team attended its first meeting with the County's differentiated assistance team. His presentation covered how BUSD will address having been identified as needing additional assistance in the areas of college and career readiness and chronic absenteeism for homeless students in grades K-8. He noted that there is continued conversation around how BUSD will use year-to-year Dashboard data to inform what steps to take. This process will become more clear over time as patterns and trends in the data develop. Questions and discussion followed.

Update on New Prep Schedule and Programming in Grades 1 through 3 – Discussion

Time allotted: 30 min

Actual: 26

Director of K-8 Schools Maggie Riddle presented the new prep schedule programming in grades 1-3. The new schedule includes an additional two periods of physical education, one period of either music or science and one period to be determined by the school site leadership. Questions and discussion followed.

Extended public comment

One comment in gratitude to the letter BUSD sent in response to proposed title IX changes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:30PM