

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

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Official Minutes

March 27, 2019

Vice President Beatriz Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6pm.

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 by phone

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

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:

Alper/Brown and unanimously approve 4-0.

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Leyva-Cutler reported out on closed session:

Consideration of Student Expulsion (Ed Code Section 48918(c))

Motion to impose a one-day suspension, suspend the enforced expulsion order, and expunge expulsion record:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-0.

Consideration of Student Expulsion (Ed Code Section 48918(c))

Motion to approve agreement and defer expulsion proceedings:
Alper/Brown and approved 4-0.

Parent/Student Challenge to Content of Pupil Records (Ed Code Section 49070 (c))

This matter was tabled for a future meeting.

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

Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE)

Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT)

Union of Berkeley Administrators (UBA)

The Board heard an update on all three unions and gave direction; no action was taken.

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Superintendent

The Board did not discuss this item.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

One person addressed the Board:

One comment in support of a long-term plan for RV parking location for BUSD families.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Campbell ceded her time to BFT member who shared the financial and housing challenges teachers currently face as a result of inadequate compensation.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Vice President Leyva-Cutler congratulated staff and students for a successful Black History Oratorical Fest. She will hold office hours on Monday, April 8. She reminded teachers that the deadline for submissions for the Chavez-Huerta essay contest is April 1.

Director Brown shared that it was an honor to participate as a judge at the oratorical fest and was impressed by the brilliance of our students.

Superintendent Evans congratulated all the students who participated in the oratorical fest.

Director Sinai also expressed feeling impressed by the talented BUSD student participants. She announced that she will be cancelling April office hours.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 4-0.

Approve Revisions to E 0460 – Parent Advisory Committee Bylaws – Action (5 min)

Director Alper explained that the proposed revision adjusts the quorum role and makes it consistent with current practices. This is being presented for action at first reading:

Motion to approve revisions to E 0460:

Alper/Sinai and n approved 4-0.

Update on BUSD's Summer School – Discussion

Allotted time: 30min

Actual time: 32 min

After School Program Supervisor Aaron Jorgensen presented plans for summer school 2019. He reported that since the creation of the extended learning taskforce in February of 2018, the program has received additional consultant support. As a result, a Summer School Design team comprised by teachers, instructional aids, office of family engagement and equity liaisons, and BEARS staff was formed. His presentation provided an overview of the progress that has been made to date. Moving forward, the plan is to evaluate staff, students and teachers, and to continue working towards improving coordination with the special education department. Questions and discussion followed.

Overnight Stays for BUSD Families Living in Recreational Vehicles on BUSD Property – Discussion

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 8 min

Superintendent Evans explained that the purpose of this discussion is to get direction from the Board relative to how to proceed with exploring ways to support BUSD families living in recreational vehicles (RV) while addressing the associated logistical, safety, legal and operational implications. Questions and discussion followed.

There was consensus among the Board to partner with the City to arrive at a solution.

Public Hearing for Initial Proposals for Successor Agreement Between the District and Union of Berkeley Administrators (UBA) – Action

Allotted time: 5 min

Actual time: 1 min

Vice President Leyva-Cutler opened public hearing at 8:40PM; no one came forward. Leyva-Cutler closed public hearing at 8:40PM.

Motion to approve initial proposals for successor agreement between BUSD and UBA :
Alper/Brown and approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

8:40PM