

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
April 10, 2019

Vice President Beatriz Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:50pm.

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 Alper, item 12.6 was pulled from consent and moved to Action; item 17 to precede item 16.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 5-0

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Leyva-Cutler reported out on closed session held on April 7, 2019, reporting that the Board met to select candidates to interview and to set conditions for the interviews as part of the superintendent search.

Vice President Leyva-Cutler reported out on tonight’s closed session:

Public Employee Appointment (Government Code Section 54957)

Vice Principal, King Middle School

Motion to approve the appointment of Gabriel Fredman as Vice Principal of King Middle School:

Alper/Brown and approved 4-0.

Principal, Emerson Elementary

Motion to approve appointment of Jana Holmes as Principal of Emerson Elementary:

Leyva-Cutler/Sinai and approved 4-0.

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

BCCE

BFT

UBA

The Board heard an update on collective bargaining and gave direction to staff. No action was taken.

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

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

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

Superintendent

The Board did not discuss this matter.

SNAPSHOT OF OUR SCHOOLS

Cragmont Elementary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 13 people addressed the Board:

Five comments advocating for adequate teacher compensation

One comment on the middle school rezoning proposal.

Three comments in support of sports coach stipends.

One comment on behalf of the carpenters union and in support of workforce housing.

One comment on complaint process.

One comment requesting additional supports for Longfellow.

One comment in support of employee housing.

UNION COMMENTS

One comment on behalf of BCCE President Linnette Robinson urging the Board to implement increase in compensation.

One comment on behalf of BFT urging the Board to increase teacher compensation.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

PTA Council President Mara Kolesas voiced the committees' support of the proposal for middle school rezoning. She noted the importance of creating an educational environment reflective of our values.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Brown thanked the students and fellow educators who came out tonight. She congratulated the newly appointed Emerson Principal and MLK Middle Vice Principal.

Director Sinai thanked the teachers and students who came out tonight. She also thanked Cragmont for a great presentation. She shared that she and Leyva-Cutler met with Mayor Arreguin to address how BUSD and the City can coordinate to better serve our homeless families. On April 23 the City will introduce its 1000 People Plan to address homelessness on the streets of Berkeley. She encouraged folks to attend this City Council meeting and speak on behalf of BUSD families who are affected.

Vice President Leyva-Cutler announced her appointment of Andrea Morales Mendoza to the Youth Commission. She shared that she is proud of the submissions received so far as part of the annual Chavez-Huerta essay contest and looks forward to sharing submissions with the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approval of Resolution 19-027 for the Refunding of 2011 and 2013 General Obligation Refunding Bonds -- Action

Motion to approve Resolution 19-027 for the refunding of 2011 and 2013
General Obligation Refunding Bonds:
Alper/Brown and approved 5-0.

Decisions on Ongoing and One-Time Budget Proposals for 2019-20 from Base Grant (Unrestricted General Funding) -- Action

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 10 min

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Follansbee and Associate Superintendent Scuderi presented list of proposed ongoing expenditures totaling \$123,500 and proposed one-time expenditures totaling \$255,000. Leyva-Cutler directed the Board to go over each proposed item and state their level of support or pose any clarifying questions. There was consensus among the Board for all proposed ongoing and one-time expenditures for 2019-20.

Motion to approve ongoing and one-time budget proposals for 2019-20:
Hariri/Sinai and approved 5-0.

Workforce Housing -- Action

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 33 min

Executive Director of Facilities John Calise presented an update on employee housing efforts undertaken so far. He reported that additional funding has been identified and are currently in the process of exploring further. Staff recommends the removal of the BHS staff parking areas and the maintenance facility as possible sites for building, narrowing options down to the Adult School and West Campus. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve staff recommendation:
Alper/Sinai and unanimously approved 5-0.

Initial Discussion About Possible Middle School Rezoning -- Discussion

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 22 min

Associate Superintendent Scuderi and Admissions Manager Francisco Martinez presented proposed plans to rezone middle schools, which included a timeline that would place the rising sixth grade class of 2020 under new model. Questions and discussion followed. There was consensus among the Board that staff explore this new model further.

Public Hearing for REALM Charter School's Request for Material Revision - TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 PM - Discussion

Time allotted: 10 min

Actual time: 10 min.

Leyva-Cutler opened public hearing at 9:52pm:

Two people came forward to comment in support of REALM's request for a material revision.

Leyva-Cutler closed public hearing closed at 9:57pm

Leyva-Cutler reopened public hearing at 9:59pm

One comment in support REALM's request for a material revision.

Public hearing closed at 10:02pm

Approval of Notice of Intent to Revoke REALM's Charter -- Action

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 13 min

Assistant Superintendent Follansbee and Legal Counsel John Yeh explained that BUSD approved issuance of notice of intent to revoke REALM's charter back in February. Staff is now recommending approval of notice of intent to revoke REALM's charter. Should the Board approve Notice of Intent to revoke, there would be a public hearing for this matter on May 8 when the Board would take action on whether or not to revoke REALM's charter. Concurrently, REALM's is requesting approval of material revision as a remedy that would result in merger between REALM and Compass. Approval of the material revision would halt the revocation process. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve Notice Of Intent to revoke charter:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and approved on a 3-0-2:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – Yes

Ty Alper, Director/Clerk – Yes

Ka'Dijah Brown, Director – *Abstained*

Julie Sinai, Director -- Yes

Arvin Hariri, Student Director, BHS – *Abstained*

Public Hearing for and Approval of Resolution 19-026 to Enter Into Energy Service Contract with Clear Blue Energy Corporation for Lighting Projects Covered Under Proposition 39 - TIME CERTAIN: 9:45PM - Action

Allotted time: 5 min

Actual time: 2 min

Public hearing opened and closed at 10:16pm

Motion to approve staff's recommendation:

Alper/Brown and approved 5-0

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

One comment on public comment process

Two comments in opposition to the revocation of REALM's charter

EXTENDED BOARDCOMMENT

Leyva-Cutler explained public comment process for the purpose of transparency.

ADJOURNMENT

10:28pm