

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

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Official Minutes

April 24, 2019

Vice President Beatriz Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:30pm.

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 Siniai, 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 Sinai item 13.14 was pulled for action.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Brown/Sinai and unanimously approved 5-0

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Leyva-Cutler reported out on closed session:

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

Motion to approve staff recommendation o expunge student record:
Sinai/Alper and approved 4-0.

Public Employee Appointment (Government Code Section 54957)

Principal, John Muir

Motion to approve the appointment of Marco Taylor as Principal of John Muir
Elementary:

Leyva-Cutler/Alper and approved 3-0:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – *Yes*

Ty Alper, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Ka’Dijah Brown, Director – *Absent*

Julie Siniai, Director -- *Yes*

Principal, Rosa Parks

Motion to approve the appointment of Vanessa Flynn as Principal of Rosa Parks
Elementary:

Alper/Sinai and approved 3-0:

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – *Yes*

Ty Alper, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Ka’Dijah Brown, Director – *Absent*

Julie Siniai, Director -- *Yes*

**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 collective bargaining and gave direction; no action
taken.

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

OAH Case No. 2019029288

The Board received update on this matter; no action taken.

Claim No. 16-087898

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-0.

Claim No. 130100099

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Alper/Sinai and approved 4-0.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(c)) – Two (2) Potential Cases

The board received an update on two potential cases; no action taken.

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

Superintendent

The Board discussed this item; no action taken.

Snapshot of Our Schools – Jefferson Elementary

Jefferson elementary showed a video highlighting its students and teachers.

WE CARE Awards

Assistant Superintendent Follansbee presented WE CARE Awards to the 2019 award recipients:

- Jimmy Hoang
- Victoria Teicher
- Joseph Oduah
- Joseph Olison
- Benjamin Zohar
- Steven Thysell

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of seven people addressed the Board:

- One comment requesting reimbursement for purchase of adaptive equipment.
- Five comments in advocacy of increased compensation.
- One comment on LCAP supplemental funds spending.

UNION COMMENTS

Cathy Campbell, BFT President asked the Superintendent and Board to authorize teacher participation at a rally in Sacramento to advocate for increased funding for public education. She went on to comment on some of the priorities for the Board to consider in its discussion on use of LCAP carryover funds. She expressed BFT's support of the African American Student Support program, restorative practices, and the implementation of the green dot program.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

PAC rep Laura Babbit spoke on behalf of committee with respect to LCAP supplemental funds and voiced priorities identified by the committee.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Sinai thanked the teachers who have come out night after night to address the Board. She said that she looks forward to joining them in Sacramento. She also thanked Jefferson Elementary for a great presentation. She reported that the School Board is working jointly with the city to address homelessness. The Thousand People plan will be presented at the next City Council meeting which she encouraged the public to attend. At that same meeting, the Mayor will present a proposal for the funding of employee housing. She disclosed that she will recuse herself from voting on consent 13.14 due to her role with the organization involved.

Director Brown congratulated the newly appointed principals. She announced that the BHS will hold a banquet on May 18 at 6:30pm as part of the 50th anniversary of its AFRAM studies department. She will hold her office hours on May 15.

Vice-President Leyva-Cutler acknowledged the Berkeley Fire Department and the parents who have been partnering with the schools for emergency preparedness.

Superintendent Evans congratulated newly appointed principals and WE CARE award recipients.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Lifelong Medical and Rosa Parks

ALper/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-0:
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – *Yes*
Ty Alper, Director/Clerk – *Yes*
Ka'Dijah Brown, Director – *Yes*
Julie Siniai, Director – *Recused*
Arvin Hariri, Student Director *Yes*

Approval of Resolution 19-029 to Implement Prequalification of Construction Contractors Under PCC Section 20111.6 for Lease-Leaseback

Motion to approve Resolution 19-029:
Alper/Sinai and approved 5-0.

Approval of Resolution 19-028 to Approve Request for Proposals for Lease-Leaseback Projects

Motion to approve Resolution 19-028:
Brown/Alper and approved 5-0.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Plan for Supplemental Budget in 2019-20 – Discussion

Allotted time: 50 min

Actual time: 65 min

Associate Superintendent Scuderi presented proposed reductions for each of the three LCAP goals. Highlighted reductions included a .4FTE BHS math coordinator move from LCAP, efforts for the attraction and retention of teachers of color, and classified employee teacher pathway. This item will return for Board approval on May 8. Questions and discussion followed.

Annual Declaration of Need for Fully-Qualified Educators – Action

Allotted time: 5 min

Actual time: 1 min

Motion to approve annual declaration of need for fully-qualified educators: Leyva-Cutler/Alper and approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

10pm