

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

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Official Minutes

May 8, 2019

Vice President Beatriz Leyva-Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. 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 Alper, items 12.9 and 12.10 were moved to action; items 12.14 and 12.15 were pulled to be approved at the following Board meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended:

Alper/Brown and approved 5-0.

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Leyva-Cutler reported out on closed session:

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

Claim No. EMP1401173

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Alper/Leyva-Cutler and approved 4-0.

Claim No. DSC1503595

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

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

BCCE

BFT

UBA

The Board heard an update and gave direction; no action was taken.

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

The Board discussed this matter; no action was taken.

Public Employment Appointment (Government Code Section 54957)

Superintendent

Motion to appoint Dr. Brent Stephens as BUSD’s superintendent:

Brown/Sinai and approved 4-0.

Snapshot of Our Schools

Emerson Principal Susan Hodge, RTI and Literacy Intervention staff presented on the ways they have succeeded at coordinating their services to target the whole child.

Snapshot was followed by a special presentation by the Young, Black and Gifted (YBG) student group.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of people addressed the Board:

- One comment in support of resolution calling for climate change action.
- Three comments in support of green dot training.
- One comment in support of affordable housing for BUSD employees.
- One comment regarding complaint process.
- Two comments in support of funding the Young, Gifted and Black (YGB) program.

- One comment in support of increased employee compensation.
- Three comments in support of REALM.
- One comment advocating for more support for full inclusion.

UNION COMMENTS

BCCE member Mark Ramia read aloud a statement on behalf of BCCE President Linnette Robinson.

BFT President Cathy Campbell congratulated Dr. Stephens for his appointment. She encouraged the community to join BFT in Sacramento for a day of action dedicated to advocacy around increased funding to public education.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

PTA Council President Mara Kolesas wished a farewell to Dr. Evans and welcomed Dr. Stephens on behalf of the PTA council.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Brown thanked YGB for their presentation. She expressed how inspired she is by Board President Judy Appel and her wife's tenacity as they continue to recover. She shared that the BHS African American studies department will hold its last event as part of its 50th anniversary celebration on May 18. She wished all teachers a happy teachers' appreciation week.

Director Sinai welcomed Dr. Stephens and thanked YGB for an inspiring presentation. She reported that City Council has approved a \$150,000 grant for the purpose of moving forward with plans for employee housing. The City is set to further explore two BUSD properties with the goal of presenting a completed plan by fall of next year.

Director Hariri welcomed and congratulated Dr. Stephens on his appointment as superintendent. He shared that he will be attending Harvard in the fall.

Vice President Leyva-Cutler thanked all of the students who addressed the Board and presented tonight.

Superintendent Evans thanked YGB for its presentation and added that funding for YGB will continue. He shared feeling overjoyed to see President Judy Appel and her wife in the audience tonight.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approval of Superintendent's Employment Contract – Action

Time allotted: 15 min

Actual time: 2 min

Motion to approve Dr. Stephen's employment contract with an annual salary of \$239,000 including increase of \$1,600 after first year, \$3,350 after second year, and \$3,550 after third year.

Alper/Sinai and approved 5-0.

Second Public Hearing on REALM Charter School's Request for Material Revision—Time Certain: 9PM (will begin no earlier than 9PM) – Discussion

Allotted time: 70 min

Actual time: 115 min

Vice-President Leyva Cutler opened public hearing at 9:20PM.

A total of 8 people addressed the Board in support of REALM's request for Material revision.

BUSD's Legal Counsel John Yeh explained that REALM's request for material revision is happening parallel to BUSD's issuance of notice of intent to revoke REALM's charter. He provided context relative to REALM's history under the District's oversight, noting that REALM's material revision involves a proposed merger with Compass. Yeh highlighted some of the concerns that staff has identified relative to the Material Revision including great debt, the proposal for a non-classroom based program, and whether REALM's instructional minutes comply with ed code.

REALM Executive Director Victor Diaz and Compass Superintendent JJ Lewis presented their curricula and the academic plan set in place should the merger be approved. Their presentation provided responses to questions posed by BUSD concerning ed code compliance.

Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to extend the meeting until midnight:
Alper/Hariri and approved 5-0.

A total of 10 people spoke in support of REALM

Public Hearing closed at 11:15PM

REALM Charter School's Request for Approval of Material Revision – Action

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 5 min

There was consensus among the Board to not take action tonight.

Sinai moved to postpone voting on this item to the May 22 meeting; ; motion seconded by Brown, and carried on a 4-1-0 vote:

Judy Appel, President – *Excused*

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Vice President – *Yes*

Ty Alper, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Ka'Dijah Brown, Director – *Yes*

Julie Siniai, Director -- *Yes*

Arvin Hariri, Student Director, BHS – *No*

Public Hearing on Notice of Intent to Revoke REALM's Charter – Time Certain: 10PM (will begin no earlier than 10PM) – Discussion

Allotted time: 10 min

Actual time:

Mr. Diaz agreed to extending the public hearing on notice of intent to revoke charter by 30 days.

Public Hearing for and Approval of Resolution 19-032 to Enter into an Energy Service Contract with Schneider Electric for the Heating Controls Project at Three Sites as Covered Under Proposition 39

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 5-0.

Public Hearing for and approve of Resolution 19-033 to Enter into an Energy Service Contract with Schneider Electric for the Equipment Replacement at the BHS Jacket Pool as Covered Under Proposition 39

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 5-0.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Plan for Supplemental Budget for 2019-2020 – Action

Allotted time: 20 min

Actual time: 5 min

Associate Superintendent Scuderi recapped the proposed positions presented on April 24. They are now being presented for approval.

Motion to approve LCAP plan for supplemental 2019-20 budget:
Alper/Hariri and unanimously approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: 12AM