

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

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Official Minutes

May 22, 2019

Vice President Leyva-Cutler stated that tonight's meeting will be chaired by Student Director Arvin Hariri. Hariri called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 7:15pm.

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

Motion to approve agenda:

Alper/Brown and approved 5-0.

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 Federation of Teachers (BFT)

The Board discussed and gave direction. No action was taken.

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nion of Berkeley Administrators (UBA)

The Board did not complete its discussion on this matter and will recess back to closed session following open session.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 12 people addressed the Board:

11 comments in support of of REALM Charter's request for material revision.

One comment regarding change to after school transportation fee.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Sinai apologized to the school community about information that had prematurely gone out regarding changes to after school bussing. She stated that staff will draft a revised proposal that will be presented at the May 29 meeting. She went on to thank Associate Superintendent Scuderi and Director Riddle for meeting with Longfellow about the kind of support needed as we move forward with middle rezoning efforts. She closed by expressing feeling inspired after joining fellow board members, teachers and students in Sacramento to advocate for adequate funding.

Director Alper thanked Associate Superintendent and Superintendent for the work that went into planning for teachers' absences today while they participated in Sacramento.

Vice President Leyva-Cutler thanked all district staff who supported the schools today.

Superintendent Evans thanked the Board for participating in Sacramento and representing Berkeley. He also thanked staff and principals for their great work in covering classes. He closed by acknowledging all classified employees in honor of classified employee week.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Hariri/Sinai and approved 5-0

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP): Request Approval of Proposed One-Time Expenditures for 2019-2020 – Action

Allotted time: 10 min

Actual time: 7 min

Associate Superintendent presented proposed list of prioritized one-time expenditures from LCAP carryover funds for school year 2019-20 totaling \$327k in proposals. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve staff recommendation:
Alper/ Sinai and approved

Sustainability Plan Update – Discussion

Allotted time: 25 min

Actual time: 30 min

Stephen Collins provided an update on BUSD’s sustainability plan. He highlighted success in waste reduction and energy savings. Questions and discussion followed.

REALM Charter School’s Request for Material Revision Approval – Action

Allotted time: 30 min

Actual time: 62 min

BUSD legal Counsel John Yeh and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services explained that since its last presentation REALM and Compass have provided additional information. They noted that since then, BUSD has also learned that Fresno USD will not be renewing its charter with Compass. Yeh added that under the new agreement, should it become necessary, a public hearing for revocation would occur on May 29 with the goal of taking action on June 12. Questions and discussion followed.

A majority of the Board agreed to approve the material revision with a set of conditions including that REALM:

- Does not fully become an online only program
- Prioritize training for REALM teachers to be considered for online teaching opportunities
- Hold at least one of its Compass’ board meetings in Berkeley
- Includes a contingency plan in the event that enrollment projections don’t materialize
- Begins a budget reduction process
- Comes to Berkeley first before making any programmatic and operational decisions
- Maintains graduation rates above the county and state’s
- Prioritize diversity in independent study teacher pool
- Conducts monthly audit of material revision to ensure its conditions are being met.

- Keeps to no more than 5% of middle school and no more than 16% of high school enrollment in online classes.

A majority of the Board expressed feeling comfortable approving material revision with the aforementioned conditions.

Deadline for REALM to submit material revision inclusive of aforementioned conditions will be 12pm on May 31st.

Motion to extend meeting to 11:30pm;
Alper/Sinai and approved 5-0.

Approval of Amended Superintendent's Employment Contract – Action

Allotted time: 5 min

Actual time 2 min

Alper moved to approve amended contract for Dr. Stephens with annual salary of \$239,000, including an increase of \$1,600 after the first year and an increase of \$3,350 after the second. Motion was seconded by Brown and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Extended Public comment:

One comment in support of the sustainability plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

11:25pm