

# BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education  
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Official Minutes  
May 29, 2019

Student Director Arvin Hariri chaired this meeting and called it to order at 7:28pm. 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 – Excused  
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 Director Alper, Item13: Approval of Facilities Needs Assessment as a part of the Master Plan, was moved from action to discussion.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Alper/Sinai and unanimously approved 4-0.

### REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Leyva-Cutler reported out on closed session:

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

OAH Case No. 2019030496

Motion to approve settlement in this matter:  
Alper/Leyva-Cutler and approved 3-0.

Claim No. EMP1401173

Motion to approve settlement in this matter:  
Sinai/Alper and approved 3-0.

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

Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT)  
Union of Berkeley Administrators (UBA)

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

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

Coordinator, Early Childhood Education

Motion to appoint Josh Reed as the new Coordinator of Early Childhood Education:  
Alper/Sinai and approved 3-0.

SNAPSHOT OF OUR SCHOOLS

Berkeley Arts Magnet

Principal Rene Molina presented BAM's ambassador program, a student led conflict resolution program that provides 5<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to facilitate mediations.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of nine people addressed the Board:

Three comments requesting a clear process and policy development regarding transportation fees for after school programs.

One comment about animal abuse prevention.

Three comments in support of REALM Charter's revocation and against its request of a material revision.

One comment regarding the EL master plan.

One comment in support of REALM

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Citizens Bond and Oversight Committee Chair Karla Schneiderman provided a committee update.

DELAC representative Rene Salinas shared that the committee has been inspired by a roadmap in support of EL education developed by neighboring school districts, and requested that the board draft a resolution in support of the California Board of Education English Learner roadmap and Proposition 5, calling for all school districts in California to ensure that English learners attain high levels of English proficiency.

## BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Director Sinai thanked all who came out for public comment. She remarked how great it was to hear from students during the School Snapshot. In response to the public comment regarding after school bussing fees, she stated that the plan is to develop a clear policy and a set formula to determine fees. She reported that her office hours are canceled until August

Director Alper thanked all who came out tonight. He shared that he looks forward to working in partnership with DELAC. He also thanked the Construction Bond Oversight Committee for all of its work and for its report to the Board.

Vice President Leyva-Cutler thanked DELAC for their comments and expressed looking forward to working with the committee. Her next office hours have been moved to June 10 at 6pm at Casa Latina

Director Hariri thanked the Board for the opportunity to chair tonight's meeting.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:  
Sinai/Alper, 4-0.

Approval of Facilities Needs Assessment as a Part of the Master Plan – *Discussion*

*Time Allotted: 30 min*

*Actual time: 24 min*

HY Architects Consultant Marcus Hibser and Executive Director of Facilities John Calise presented an update on the steps taken to date towards the completion of a facilities master plan. Their presentation provided an overview of the process whereby campus by campus analysis was conducted. They noted that the facilities needs assessment is only one part of the overall facilities master plan and will be used as a tool for discussion around prioritizing projects. They reported that as part of the facilities infrastructure assessment they have conducted walk-throughs of all buildings not already assessed; as part of the operational assessment they have engaged various district departments to identify their respective

department goals in order to best address needs unique to each site. Questions and discussion followed.

*Update on Special Education Advisory Committee – Discussion*

*Allotted time: 25 min*

*Actual time: 25 min*

Director of Special Education Dr. Jan Hamilton presented an update on initiatives planned for implementation in 2019-20. She noted that tonight's proposed initiatives were a result of the convening of the Special Education Task Force that looked at professional development opportunities and strategies to build capacity within BUSD, reviewed continuum of services, and strategized around stakeholder enrichment. Among the various initiatives is a plan to establish a centralized legal team in an effort to more effectively support sites and monitor cost containment. Additionally, staff is also requesting that the existing behavior intervention specialist positions be reclassified in order to reduce BUSD's need to contract with outside non public agencies. Questions and discussion followed.

*Proposal for Transportation Department – Discussion*

*Allotted time: 25 min*

*Actual time: 5 min*

Vice-President Leyva-Cutler recused herself from this discussion.

Superintendent Evans apologized for BUSD's miscommunication to the community regarding transportation fees.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Follansbee explained that the plan to impose transportation fees resulted from the budget reduction process. She stated that developing an equitable fee structure proved to be more complex than anticipated. The plan now is to work closely with the transportation department and the various stakeholders to develop a comprehensive policy and establish administrative guidelines in order to effectively implement an equitable fee structure in 2021. Questions and discussion followed.

*Governor's May Revise - Discussion*

*Allotted time: 15 min*

*Actual time: 20 mins*

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Pauline Follansbee explained that BUSD's adopted budget for 19-20 will be reflective of the Governor's May budget revise. Her presentation highlighted current trends in the economy, noting a forecasted slow down. She added that the May revision also includes an additional \$1.2 billion deposit into the Rainy Day Fund. She also noted that California currently ranks 32<sup>nd</sup> at \$8,961 per pupil funding. Her

presentation went on to provide overview of 2019-20 LCFF funding factors and changes to the LCAP. Questions and discussion followed.

Public Hearing on Notice of Intent to Revoke REALM's Charter – Time Certain: 10PM

*–Discussion*

*Allotted time: 10 min*

*Actual time: 3 mins*

Student Director Hariri opened public hearing at 10pm.

There was one comment in support of REALM.

Student Director Hariri closed public hearing closed at 10:02PM

ADJOURNMENT 10:03PM