

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
June 9, 2021

President Ty Alper called the meeting to order at 7pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:00pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

Ty Alper, President – Present

Ka'Dijah Brown, Vice President – Present

Julie Sinai, Director/Clerk – Present

Laura Babitt, Director – Present

Ana Vasudeo, Director -- Present

Administration:

Brent Stephens, Ed., D, Superintendent

Baje Thiara, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

Pauline Follansbee, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Samantha Tobias-Espinosa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Lyz Chairez, Recorder

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda

Brown/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0.

Student Presentation: Vote 16

Students provided an update on progress of Measure Y1.

Recognition

Teacher Gloria Munoz recognized the 217 student recipients of the Seal of Biliteracy from the state.

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Brown reported out on closed session:

Superintendent Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The board received update and provided direction; no action was taken.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of seven people addressed the Board:

One comment in support of funding recommendations made by Latinos Unidos de Berkeley

Two comments requesting that BUSD engage all stakeholders in schedule development process

One comment on assessment and case load included in BFT contract

One comment in support of funding OFEE positions.

Two comments in gratitude of the Latinx resolution adopted at the June 2 meeting.

UNION COMMENTS

BCCE President Frank Hernandez addressed the Board on behalf of classified staff for a fair and safe school reopening plan.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mimi Pulich addressed the Board on behalf of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Superintendent and members of the Board provided individual comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Sinai/Brown and unanimously approved 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of Draft Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Three Year Plan (1 hour)

Superintendent Stephens presented the LCAP draft and provided an overview of stakeholder and community engagement, advisory committees' feedback and key elements of the 3-year plan. The LCAP will come before the Board for approval at its June 23 meeting.

Discussion of 2021-2022 Budget (1 hour)

Superintendent Stephens and Assistant Superintendent Pauline Follansbee provided an update on the 2021-22 General Fund budget priorities.

ACTION ITEMS

Public Hearing for Initial Proposals for Successor Agreement Between the District and the Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE) - Action (5 min) ***No earlier than 9:00 PM***

President Alper opened the Public Hearing at 9:35pm; no one came forward.

Motion to approve the Initial Proposals for Successor Agreement between BUSD and BCCE:

Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 5-0.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

A total of 8 people addressed the Board:

One comment on the support listed for Special Ed LCAP program goals being insufficient

One comment advocating for use of funds for OFEE positions to support mental health.

One comment in appreciation of robust discussion related to OFEE.

One comment recommending creation of a math task force to tackle challenges at the elementary schools.

Two comments in appreciation of the LCAP presentation format

One comment in support of recommendations made tonight

One comment on large class size issues not aligning with the BSEP measure of 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

10:41pm