

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
April 21, 2021

President Ty Alper called the meeting to order at 7pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:30pm.

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

Miles Miller, Student Director, BHS – 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

At the request of Director Babitt consent item 11.3, Approval of BFT Middle School & High School MOUs, was pulled for action and item 11.12, Approval of 19-20 LCAP Annual Update, including the 20-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Update, was pulled altogether.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Sinai/Babitt and unanimously approved 6-0.

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Brown reported out on closed session:

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation – Regarding costs of services provided to student - Ed. Code § 54956.9, subd. (e)(2)

BUSD Case No. 202021-21

Motion to approve staff recommendation:
Babitt/Alper and unanimously approved 5-0

Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

Associate Superintendent

Motion to approve the appointment of Ruben Aurelio as the new Associate Superintendent:

Alper/Vasudeo and approved 4-1-0:

Ty Alper, President – *Yes*

Ka'Dijah Brown, Vice President – *Yes*

Julie Sinai, Director/Clerk – *Yes*

Laura Babitt, Director – *Abstained*

Ana Vasudeo, Director -- *Yes*

Collective Bargaining - Government Code Section 54957.6(a) (District Negotiator: Samantha Tobias-Espinosa)

Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT)

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

Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE)

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

Union of Berkeley Administrators (UBA)

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

Local 21

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

Superintendent Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The board heard an update and provided direction.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of nine people addressed the Board:

- One comment in support of proposed funds for Longfellow
- One comment on preliminary labor negotiations, asking that staff be required to vaccinate
- Two comments asking that star testing requirements be made optional.
- One comment on instructional time for middle and high school
- Two comments in support of full time reopening.
- One comment on safety at Oxford elementary school.

- One comment in support of PUENTE

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The District's Audit Committee gave a report to the Board.

Erin Holland provided comments on behalf of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Members of the Board and Superintendent Stephens provided individual comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:
Brown/Miller and approved unanimously 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BUSD's Phased Plan for School Reopening

Superintendent Stephens provided an update on BUSD school reopening plans featuring plans for Berkeley High School extra-curricular activities, in-person graduation events, state academic testing, and the current athletics season at BHS. Questions and discussion followed.

Re-Imagining of Policing on BUSD Campuses

Dr. Phillip Shelley presented recommendations from the Superintendent's Steering Committee around the role of the School Resource Officer at BHS, and BUSD's partnership with the city of Berkeley and its police department. Questions and discussion followed.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP): Data and Goals

Superintendent Stephnes and Dr. Rhinehard provided an overview of the goals, actions and metrics included in the previous LCAP; and proposed revisions to be made for the following three-year LCAP fro 2021-24. Questions and discussion followed.

Independent Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

The District's Audit Committee provided a brief fiscal update which highlighted zero findings and determined the district is in good financial standing.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of COVID Relief Fund Expenses, 2021-22

Motion to approve staff recommendation:
Babitt/Sinai and unanimously approved 6-0.

Approve Recommendation for Expenditure of BSEP Funds in 2021-22 for High Quality Instruction (PD, BREA, ECO, Classroom Support), Essentials for Excellence (Libraries,

Music/VAPA, and Instructional Technology), and Effective Student Support (Achievement Strategies and Counseling) (30 min)

Director Natasha Beery presented proposed allotments for the support of high quality instruction as prescribed by Measure E of 2016.

Motion to approve proposed expenditures:
Babitt/Brown and unanimously approved 6-0.

Public Hearing for Initial Proposals for Successor Agreement Between the District and the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT) - Action (5 min) Time Certain: 9:30PM

*Motion to extend open session to 11:25pm:
Alper/Sinai and unanimously approved 6-0.*

President Alper opened the public hearing at 11pm. No one came forward. President Alper closed the public hearing at 11pm.

Motion to approve the Successor Agreement between BUSD and BFT:
Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 6-0.

Approval of BFT Middle School & High School MOUs

Director Babitt explained that she pulled this item to note that the majority of this focuses on the high school and asked about the status of the contract relative to the middle schools.

Superesonded Stephens responded BUSD is scheduled to meet with BFT to finalize details around middle schools. t

Motion to approve staff recommendation::
Alper/Sinai and unanimously approved 6-0.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Three people addressed the Board:

- One comment expressing thanks for the approved 7th period for Longfellow.
- Two comments in support of reopening schools.

ADJOURNMENT -11:23pm