

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702
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Official Minutes
December 15, 2021
The Board Meeting was held virtually.

President Ka'Dijah Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. She reported that the Board convened to closed session at 6:33 pm.

4. Roll Call

Board of Education:

Ka'Dijah Brown, President - Present

Laura Babitt, Vice President – Present

Ana Vasudeo, Director/Clerk – Present

Ty Alper, Director – Present

Julie Sinai, Director – Present

Anjuna Mascarenhas-Swan, Student Director – Present

Administration:

Brent Stephens, Ed., D, Superintendent

Ruben Aurelio, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

Pauline Follansbee, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Samantha Tobias-Espinosa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Rosalina Barrios, Recorder

OPEN SESSION

5. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:

Alper/Sinai and unanimously approved 6-0

6. REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Babbit reported out on closed session:

All school Board Directors were present.

Motion to approve the Closed Session items:

3.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9)

Apler/Vasudeo approved 5-0

7. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 2 people addressed the Board:

One Commenter followed up on a statement made at the last BOE meeting on the lack of outreach and staffing made to Latinx students in regards to the EL masterplan, CABA workshop, and PQUE.

One Commenter stated BUSD prior appointees have written to BUSD to not remove the Peace and Justice commission. It brings diversity, ideas, skills, and life experiences to the commission.

8. UNION COMMENTS

None

9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

10. BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Members of the Board and the Superintendent provided individual comments.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Alper/Mascarenhas-Swan and approved 6-0

Ka'Dijah Brown, President – Yes

Laura Babitt, Vice President - Yes

Ana Vasudeo, Director/Clerk - Yes

Ty Alper, Director - Yes

Julie Sinai - Director - Yes

Anjuna Mascarenhas-Swan, Student Director – Yes

12. ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Approval of 2022 School Board Committee Assignments

Motion to approve:

Sinai/Babbit unanimously approved 6-0

Ka'Dijah Brown, President – Yes

Laura Babitt, Vice President – Yes

Ana Vasudeo, Director/Clerk – Yes

Ty Alper, Director – Yes

Julie Sinai, Director – Yes

Anjuna Mascarenhas-Swan, Student Director – Yes

12.2 Approval of ACOE-Required Non-Binding Preliminary Budget Reductions for 22-23 School Year

Superintendent Dr. Stephens provided context on the preliminary non-binding list of reductions to Alameda County Office of Education to be submitted by December 15, 2021. BUSD is complying with ACOE recommendations.

Motion to approve:

Alper/Vasudeo approved 5-1

Ka'Dijah Brown, President – *Yes*

Laura Babitt, Vice President - *Abstain*

Ana Vasudeo, Director/Clerk - *Yes*

Ty Alper, Director - *Yes*

Julie Sinai - Director - *Yes*

Anjuna Mascarenhas-Swan, Student Director – *Yes*

14. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one came forward.

15. Extended Board Member and Superintendent Comments

No one came forward.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

7:41 PM