

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
May 29, 2024

President Ana Vasudeo called the meeting to order at 7:27pm. She reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 5:30pm.

Roll Call

Board of Education:

- Ana Vasudeo, President – Present
- Ka’Dijah Brown, Vice President – Present
- Jennifer Shanoski, Director/Clerk – Present
- Laura Babitt, Director – Excused
- Mike Chang, Director -- Present
- Katelyn Liao, Student Director, BHS – Excused

Administration:

- Enikia Ford Morthel, Superintendent
- Jill Hoogendyk, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
- Pauline Follansbee, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
- Samantha Tobias-Espinosa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
- John Calise. Assistant Superintendent. Facilities Divisoin
- Lyz Chairez, Executive Assistant/Recorder

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

At the request of Staff item 17.2 (Approval of Plan for Oxford Surplus) was pulled and will be addressed at a subsequent meeting.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Brown/Shanoski and unanimously approved 4-0.

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Brown reported out on closed session:

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| 3.1 | Collective Bargaining - Government Code Section 54957.6(a) (District Negotiator: Samantha Tobias-Espinosa). |
| | The Board heard an update and provided direction. |

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| 3.2 | Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8) |
| | 3.2.1. Property: 2515 Ninth Street, Berkeley, CA, 94710: Agency Negotiators: John Calise, Executive Director, Facilities Division Negotiating Parties: TSA Real Estate LLC Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment Motion to approve staff recommendation: Brown/Chang. Motion carried unanimously 4-0. (Director Babitt in absentia) |
| 3.3 | Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956 (a)) |
| | 3.3.1 BUSD Case No. 202324-13 Motion to approve staff recommendation: Shanoski/Vasudevo and unanimously approved 4-0 |
| | 3.3.2 Student A v. BUSD This matter was table to a future meeting. |
| 3.4 | Superintendent's Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957) The Board heard an update and provided direction. No action was taken |
| 3.5 | Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (One potential case) The board heard an update and provided direction. No action was taken |
| 3.6 | Public Employee Appointment (Government Code Section 54957) |
| | 3.6.1 Vice Principal, Willard Middle School Motion to approve staff recommendation: Shanoski/Chang and unanimously approved 4-0 |
| | 3.6.2 Vice Principal, King Middle School Motion to approve staff recommendation:Brown/Shanoski and unanimously approved 4-0 |
| | 3.6.3 Vice Principal, King Middle School Motion to approve staff recommendation: Chang/Brown and unanimously approved 4-0 Moved by Director Chang. Seconded by Vice-President Brown. . |
| 3.7 | Public Employee Employment (Government Code Section 54957) This item was tabled to a future meeting. |
| | 3.7.1 Contract Renewal for Associate Superintendent, Educational Services |
| | 3.7.2 Contract Renewal for Assistant Superintendent, Business Services |
| | 3.7.3 Contract Renewal for Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources |

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| | 3.7.4 - Contract Renewal for Executive Director, Facilities and Operations |
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SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Ford Morthel provided her remarks for the evening.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of 24 people addressed the Board:

Seven student comments in support of a BHS teacher

Five student comments in support of ceasefire

Two student comment son sustainability effort in BUSD

Three comment in support of Aaron Grayson

One comment in support of contract negotiations that ensure recruitment and retention of quality educators

One comment requesting a robust community engagement process for the budget development process

One comment on Longfellow construction

Two comment in support of Jewish Heritage resolution

Two comments in support of liberated ethnic studies in BUSD

One comment in gratitude for Berkeley residents' support of the BSEP Measure.

UNION COMMENTS

BFT and BCCE leadership addressed the Board

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Representatives to the Ethnic Studies Advisory and GESHAC Committees addressed the Board respectively.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Board Directors made individual remarks.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Chang/Brown and unanimously approved 4-0.

DISCUSSION:

Special Education Update

Executive Director of Special Ed Shawn Mansager and Associate Superintendent Hoogendyk provided an update highlighting disaggregated data on demographics for students served, as well as efforts to date relative to cost containment and initiatives to improve service.

Public Hearing (Time Certain: 9pm)

2024-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

President Vasudeo opened the public hearing for this item at 9:03pm. No one came forward.

President Vasudeo closed the public hearing at 9:03pm.

Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25

President Vasudeo opened the public hearing for this item at 9:05pm. No one came forward.

President Vasudeo closed the public hearing at 9:05pm.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update

Associate Superintendent Hoogendyk provided an update on actions taken to date relative to the LCAP. These efforts included community engagement with families and other community partners whose feedback will be used to inform implementation of LCAP goals.

ACTION

Approval of Proposed Budget Reductions

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Pauline Follansbee presented a review of a \$6.9 million budget balancing proposal.

Motion to approve staff recommendation:
Shanoski/Brown and Unanimously approved 4-0

ADJOURNMENT:

10:07PM