

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702
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Official Minutes
August 25, 2021

President Ty Alper called the meeting to order at 7pm. He reported that the Board convened to Closed Session at 6pm.

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

Anjuna Mascarenhas-Swan, Student Director, BHS – 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

Lyz Chairez, Recorder

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda:

Vasudeo/Brown and unanimously approved 6-0.

REPORT CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Brown reported out on closed session:

Superintendent Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board heard an update and provided direction. No action was taken.

Conference with Legal Counsel--Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))

OAH Case No. 2021050473

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Sinai/Brown and approved unanimously 5-0.

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

The board heard an update; no action was taken.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (One case)

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PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of five people addressed the Board:

One comment on use of COVID relief funds.

One comment on the middle school rezoning process.

One comment on change to enrollment policy.

One comment on the need for additional staff to help keep students supervised and safe.

One comment in concern of adequate air filtration in the classrooms.

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Members of the Board and Superintendent Stephens provided individual comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Sinai/Mascarenhas-Swan and approved unanimously 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Updates for the Start of the 2021-2022 School Year (30 min)

Superintendent Stephens, Associate Superintendent Aurelio and Trish MacDermott provided an update following the first full week of the 2021-22 school year.

Discussion of Mandatory Vaccinations for Student Athletics and Extracurricular Activities (30 min)

Superintendent Stephens presented proposed updates to BP 5141.3, Health Examinations, to require full COVID-19 vaccination for student athletes and other extracurricular activities at the high school level.

Update on the Fall 2021 Community Engagement Process for BUSD's Middle School Assignment Plan (30 min)

Superintendent Stephens and consultant Satcey Smith provided a progress update on the community engagement process for the middle school assignment plan.

ACTION ITEMS

Vote to Waive Need for a Second Reading of Board Policy 4219.43 on Universal Precautions (3 min)

Motion to waive a second reading of the policy change:
Alper/Brown and unanimously approved 6-0.

Approval of Updated Board Policy 4219.43 on Universal Precautions (3 min)

Motion to approve updated policy 4219.43, requiring that staff be vaccinated or test weekly:
Alper/Brown and approved 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing for BUSD's 2021-2022 Budget for 2021-22 at 8:30pm (Note: This means that the hearing will begin no earlier than 8:30PM but may begin later than this time.

Public Hearing on the 2021-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) at 8:35pm. (Note: This means that the hearing will begin no earlier than 8:35 PM but may begin later than this time.)

No one addressed the Board during either Public Hearing.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

One person addressed the Board:

One comment asking the Board to hold off on mandating vaccinations for staff and students until vaccines are FDA approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

10:48 PM