

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
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Official Minutes
September 8, 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

At the request of President Alper, items 11.21 and 11.22 were pulled from the agenda; and item 11.4 was moved to action.

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Brown/Vasudeo 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. 2021060234

Motion to approve staff recommendation:
Sinai/Vasudeo and approved unanimously 5-0.

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

Berkeley Council of Classified Employees (BCCE)

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A total of seven people addressed the Board:

One comment in recognition of Latinx heritage month

One comment asking that student field trips be resumed.

Three comments sharing a student experience with sexual harm.

One comment expressing urgent need for green dot training

One comment asking why the City of Berkeley is not responsible to take on contact tracing for BUSD

UNION COMMENTS

BFT President Matt Meyer addressed the Board on behalf of BFT members

BOARD MEMBER AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Members of the Board and Superintendent Stephens provided individual comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Opening update (30 min)

Superintendent Stephens, Associate Superintendent Aurelio and Liza Estupin provided an update on enrollment, health and safety, successes, challenges and other observations since the reopening of schools.

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.

ACTION ITEMS

[Item 11.4] Approval of Contracts/Purchase Orders for Services

Motion to approve item 11.4:

Alper/Brown and approved 5-0-1:

Ty Alper, President – *Yes*

Ka'Dijah Brown, Vice President – *Yes*

Julie Sinai, Director/Clerk – *Recused*

Laura Babitt, Director – *Yes*

Ana Vasudeo, Director -- *Yes*

Anjuna Mascarenhas-Swan, Student Director, BHS – *Yes*

Approve 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals and Gann Limit Resolution 21-004 (30 min)

Motion to approve 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals and Gann Limit Resolution 21-004:

Babitt/Sinai and approved 6-0.

Approve One-Time Transfer from Fund 20 for COVID Response Expenses (30 min)

Staff presented a proposal to transfer funds from a special reserved fund to cover expenses incurred from the pandemic and increased need for services.

Motion to approve staff recommendation:

Alper/Vasudeo and approved 6-0.

Approve the 2021-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Motion to approve the 2021-24 LCAP Plan:

Brown/Sinai and approved 6-0.

Approve BUSD's 2021-2022 Budget

Motion to approve BUSD;s budget for 2021-22:

Brown Vasudeo

ADJOURNMENT:

9:18 PM