

# **Beverly Hills Unified School District Minutes**

## **Regular Board of Education Meeting**

March 26, 2019, 5:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION - Administrative Building  
255 South Lasky Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90212

OPEN SESSION - STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School  
241 Moreno Drive Beverly Hills, CA

134 North Carson Road  
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

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### **Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:**

#### **Present:**

**Isabel Hacker**

**Rachelle Marcus**

**Noah Margo**

**Mel Spitz**

**Sean Toobi**

**Tristen Walker Shuman**

### **I. OPEN SESSION-3:00 P.M.**

### **II. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD-PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **Minutes:**

**Katy Carter addressed the Board during Public Comment.**

### **III. CLOSED SESSION-3:00 P.M.**

**III.A. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-  
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Government Code section 54956.9(e)(1): One Case.  
Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the District but which the  
District believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and  
circumstances need not be disclosed.**

**III.B. Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation pursuant to subdivisions  
(d)(1) and (g) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Case name unspecified as  
disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations)**

**III.C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) & (d)(2) of Section 54956.9:  
(3 Cases)**

**III.D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)): Beverly Hills Unified School District v. Federal  
Transit Administration; et al. (Case No. 2:18-cv-0716)**

**III.E. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Gov. Code 54957)**

**III.F. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: Agency Designated Representative(s): Michael Bregy: Unrepresented Employee Ex. Director Human Resources, Noah Margo, Board President: Unrepresented Employee Superintendent**

**IV. OPEN SESSION-CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE-5:00 P.M.**

**Minutes:**

**Board President Noah Margo called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. and asked Daren Grilley to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mrs. Hacker joined the Closed Session and Open Session via telephone.**

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Agenda minus item XIV. A. Passed with a motion by Rachelle Marcus and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.**

**Yes Isabel Hacker**

**Yes Rachelle Marcus**

**Yes Noah Margo**

**Yes Mel Spitz**

**Yes Tristen Walker Shuman**

**VI. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

**Minutes:**

**There was no Closed Session action to report.**

**VII. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

**VII.A. Recognize-Dani Elitzur on being selected the 2019 Senior Scholarship Award Winner**

**Minutes:**

**This is a letter written by Coach Ryan Franks.**

**Dear SCA Committee,**

**I write this letter to nominate Danielle Elitzur, a member of the Class of 2019 at Beverly Hills High School, for the "Best Ever Senior" award given to the best all-around senior.**

**Since her arrival at Beverly Hills High over three years ago, Dani has been an integral member of our soccer program, and one of the best female soccer players to have ever played at our school. She has overcome considerable hardship during her lifetime, but has steadfastly overcome all of these hurdles to become a top-notch student and winning athlete.**

**Dani's mother, Lisa, was herself a scholar-athlete and cherished teacher at Beverly Hills High School until she tragically lost her life due to cancer when Dani was only six years old. Since then, Dani has worked tirelessly toward improving herself, using her mother's spirit as motivation to excel in all aspects of her life. In the classroom, while taking honors and advanced placement courses, she has maintained an overall GPA of 4.6. She plans to continue her academic career at an Ivy League school majoring in Psychology.**

On the soccer field she is a 4 time All-League recipient, plus two-time All-SCA and 1st Team All-CIF in this, her senior season. She ends her career here at Beverly with the school's 3rd highest point total, with 41 goals and 38 assists.

This season, Dani was voted Most Valuable Player by the coaches of the Ocean League, and led the Normans to their first league title since 2011-2012. Thanks in large part to her efforts, the Normans qualified for the CIF D4 Quarter Finals for the first time in school history.

Furthermore, Dani joined with her grandmother in the planning of our annual charity soccer match, with proceeds going towards cancer research via the Tower Cancer Foundation. Their combined efforts along with that of the committee involved raised \$16,000 for this noble endeavor.

Dani Elitzur is a true champion in every sense of the word and is everything that the CIF embodies in their student athletes. "Pursuing Victory with Honor" that has always and will always define who Dani is.

I strongly recommend Dani Elitzur for this award, and invite you to contact me if you would like additional information.

Respectfully,

Ryan Franks  
BHHS Head Girls Soccer Coach

## VIII. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD-PUBLIC COMMENT

### Minutes:

There was no Public Comment.

## IX. PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICIAL BUSINESS

### IX.A. Consider and Approve or Reject City of Beverly Hills

**Amendment No. 1 To Cost Sharing Agreement For Abandoning And Plugging Oil Wells at Beverly Hills High School**

**Motion Failed: A motion was made to Approve the City of Beverly Hills Amendment No. 1 To Cost Sharing Agreement For Abandoning And Plugging Oil Wells at Beverly Hills High School. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Toobi abstained. Failed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Isabel Hacker.**

**No Isabel Hacker**  
**No Rachelle Marcus**  
**No Noah Margo**  
**No Mel Spitz**  
**No Tristen Walker Shuman**

## **X. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**X.A. Presentation- Tim Ellis and the Athletic Working Team to present on needs for the Middle School Athletics program**

## **XI. CONSENT CALENDAR\***

**Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar. Passed with a motion by Rachelle Marcus and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes Isabel Hacker**  
**Yes Rachelle Marcus**  
**Yes Noah Margo**  
**Yes Mel Spitz**  
**Yes Tristen Walker Shuman**

**XI.A. Approval Board Meeting Minutes**

**XI.A.1. Regular Board Meeting-3.12.2019**

**XI.B. Personnel Reports**

**XI.B.1. Certificated Personnel Report**

**XI.B.2. Classified Personnel Report-Revised**

**XI.C. Resolution number 2018-2019-017 Proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month**

**XI.D. Approval-AB 922 Los Angeles County Plan for Expelled Students 2018**

**XI.E. Approval of First Amendment to the Property and Casualty Claims Administration Services Agreement with Keenan & Associates**

**XI.F. Approval/Acceptance of Donations Listed Pursuant to Board Policy 3290**

**XI.G. Cash Collection Report #17 for 2018-2019**

**XI.H. Ratification of Purchase Order #17 2018/2019**

## **XII. REPORTS**

**XII.A. Superintendent's Report**

**Minutes:**

**The first part of the Superintendent's Report was an update from Don Blake on Measure BH.**

**Dr. Bregy made the following remarks:**

**This week marks Public Schools Week which is a national opportunity to celebrate our entire school community. I am proud of the fact we are a progressive school district and we are a diverse group of students, parents, staff and community members in the middle of a transformational change for our current and next generation of students in Beverly Hills. We truly reflect a variety of cultures, backgrounds, generations and experiences. In order to ensure that each person in our organization is confidently contributing fully to our mission each day, it is critical that we maintain an environment that not only welcomes, but celebrates differences.**

**First and foremost, we have a moral responsibility to make sure each person is treated with dignity and respect. In order to succeed in education and in the world, we must maintain a culture that encourages every one of us to apply our unique skills and perspectives.**

**Our day-to-day and year-to-year work is tough, fast-changing, and competitive, so we cannot afford to allow good ideas to go unnoticed or unheard. The bottom line is that we achieve the best results when people are involved, working collaboratively and cooperatively toward common goals. Defamation, disrespect, prejudice, intimidation and other forms of negative behavior all get in the way of results.**

**At BHUSD we walk the walk and the strength of character this District is built on is not something we carry lightly. Between our anti-bullying programs, inclusion policies and expectation of exemplary, honest behavior we cannot be hypocritical when it comes to outright attacks on anyone in our community.**

**From the playground to the press (media), BHUSD will not condone fostering a culture of untruths, malicious allegations and cheap fodder. There comes a time when a community must stand up for what is right, what is true and what is just. At our core we, the District, place education first, we should never allow such despicable behavior to continue in our Schools (and Community) and we cannot stand by any longer.**

**I feel a great responsibility as the leader of this exceptional District. I have the privilege of leading us into an unprecedented change in the history of Beverly Hills. I am excited for this next chapter. The changes range from a new Middle School, to innovative curriculum and state-of-the-art physical buildings. But the most important changes cannot be seen, they are found in the moral fiber that weaves this community together. It is imperative that we do not lose focus on what really matters. Educating the students of today to be ready for the future of tomorrow must be our number one priority.**

**I am confident that we will successfully navigate our way through our challenges, in part because I see us creating and maintaining a school community that honors the value of respect and the inherent uniqueness of every member of our organization.**

**We have many new initiatives and programs in our District but nothing will be as important as the individual behavior of each and every person that is required to positively influence the work environment we share. While we have limited control over many outside influences that affect us, we can control the internal distractions that prevent us from putting our energy into being more productive, more interactive members of our District. Where we are today, where we are going and how we bring people together are a real testament to our teamwork. I am honored to be a part of an outstanding District, to be a part of a team which has seen so many ideas come to fruition over the past two years. I am thrilled to see the direction we are going in and I am excited for the future of BHUSD.**

**So, as we celebrate Public Schools Week, I am asking you, what role do you play in our District? Whether you are a current or past student, parent, staff member or board member, or even a participant of the wider community, I challenge you to choose the road less traveled, to walk with dignity and to share kindness with everyone you encounter.**

## **XII.B. Student Board Member Report**

### **Minutes:**

Student Board Member Sean Toobi reported on various activities going on at the high school. He thanked all the professionals that participated in Career Day, the high school was having a fashion show in Salter Theatre and the Spring blood drive is Thursday, March 28. All community members are invited to participate. Mr. Toobi congratulated the Robotics team for receiving the Chairman's Award. They will be going to the 2019 FIRST Championship in Houston, Texas in April.

## **XIII. HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **XIII.A. Approval of Agreement for Employment of Superintendent**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made for Approval of Agreement for Employment of Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Toobi cast a provisional vote of Yes. Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Rachelle Marcus.

**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Rachelle Marcus  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz  
**Yes** Tristen Walker Shuman

### **XIII.B. Approval of Agreement for Employment of Executive Director, Human Resources**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made for Approval of Agreement for Employment of Executive Director, Human Resources. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Toobi cast a provisional vote of Yes. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Rachelle Marcus.

**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Rachelle Marcus  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz  
**Yes** Tristen Walker Shuman

## **XIV. PLANNING AND FACILITIES**

### **XIV.A. Board Discussion-Keygent- Measure BH Bonds**

#### **Minutes:**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

### **XIV.B. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Multivista, Inc. to Provide Documentation Services for the Beverly Hills High School Buildings B3 and B4 Modernization Project.**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made for approval of B. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Multivista, Inc. to Provide Documentation Services for the Beverly Hills High School Buildings B3 and B4 Modernization Project and C. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Multivista, Inc. to Provide Documentation Services for the El Rodeo School Modernization Project. Passed with a motion by Mel

**Spitz and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.**

**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Rachelle Marcus  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz  
**Yes** Tristen Walker Shuman

**XIV.C. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Multivista, Inc. to Provide Documentation Services for the El Rodeo School Modernization Project.**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made for approval of B. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Multivista, Inc. to Provide Documentation Services for the Beverly Hills High School Buildings B3 and B4 Modernization Project and C. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Multivista, Inc. to Provide Documentation Services for the El Rodeo School Modernization Project. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.**

**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Rachelle Marcus  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz  
**Yes** Tristen Walker Shuman

**XIV.D. Approval of Rental Agreement with Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts' Bram Goldsmith Theater**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of Rental Agreement with Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts' Bram Goldsmith Theater. Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Isabel Hacker.**

**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Rachelle Marcus  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz  
**Yes** Tristen Walker Shuman

**XIV.E. Ratification of Agreement with SVA Architects To Provide Drawings and Specifications for Miscellaneous Reconfiguration Upgrades at Beverly Vista School.**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Ratification of Agreement with SVA Architects To Provide Drawings and Specifications for Miscellaneous Reconfiguration Upgrades at Beverly Vista School. Passed with a motion by Rachelle Marcus and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.**

**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Rachelle Marcus  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz  
**Yes** Tristen Walker Shuman

**XIV.F. Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Zebala & Partners for Protection during Construction and Restoration of the Kaufman Mural at Beverly Hills High School Building B3.**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Zebala & Partners for Protection during Construction and Restoration of the Kaufman Mural at Beverly Hills High School Building B3. Passed with a motion by Rachelle Marcus and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.**

**Yes Isabel Hacker**  
**Yes Rachelle Marcus**  
**Yes Noah Margo**  
**Yes Mel Spitz**  
**Yes Tristen Walker Shuman**

**XV. BOARD POLICIES**

**XV.A. First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3311**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3311. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Rachelle Marcus.**

**Yes Isabel Hacker**  
**Yes Rachelle Marcus**  
**Yes Noah Margo**  
**Yes Mel Spitz**  
**Yes Tristen Walker Shuman**

**XVI. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS**

**XVII. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

**XVII.A. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, April 9, 2019-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney  
Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School**

**XVII.B. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, April 23, 2019-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney  
Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School**

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes:**

**Mr. Margo adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.**