Beverly Hills Unified School District Minutes

Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 10, 2020, 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,

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Present:
Isabel Hacker
Rachelle Marcus
Noah Margo
Mr. Thomas Recupero
Mel Spitz
Tristen Walker Shuman

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

II. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD-PUBLIC COMMENT

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

III.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) & (d)(2) of Section 54956.9: (4 Cases)

III.B. 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.C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: Agency Designated Representative(s): Luke Pavone, Executive Director Human Resources; Employee Organization: BHEA

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

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

Minutes:
Board President Isabel Hacker called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and asked Dr. Galen to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Agenda. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

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

VI. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Minutes:
In Closed Session the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Third Permit to Enter Property with MTA.
The Board voted 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 2019-2020-018 regarding release and reassignment of employee #NF5565884.

VII. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD-PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes:
The following people addressed the Board:

The following people did not wish to speak but wished to go on record:
Ramtin Abayahoudaian, Chazz Rugiero, Nima Pirian, Skyler Hodes, Lior Navon, Galit Bar, Kevin Manavi, Ethan Stone, Nicholas Colins, Donya Noubaharestan, Eliyahu Shofet, Y-Thien Lam, George Nebieridze, and Georgina Glave.

The following people sent in letters to the Board:
Jennifer Li, Silvia Diaz, Nicholas Colins, Eliyahu Shofet, Lauren Min, and George Nebieridze.

Mrs. Hacker asked that the following letter be entered into the minutes:
Dear members of the Board of Education and the district office staff-

Tonight a discussion about value will transpire among you for a variety of topics on the agenda. First, you will place value on spirit image- otherwise known as Branding. You will either grant or deny the spending nearly $33,000 on consulting and design for some comic drawn mascot and exact color options for each school. You will discuss the value of fixing and replacing various items at each school site via the reconstruction projects. You will discuss the value of parking for BV middle school staff, and you will discuss reducing teachers in this district.

Value typically can be expressed in either time or money. In a school district though, value can also be counted in learned ideas, concepts and educational achievements. Tonight you have to decide which version of "Value" that you stand for as a Board of Education member. Do you value things like a comic strip letterhead or do you place value in a student's achievement where without a teacher or staff alongside that student, the achievement would not have been possible.

I value student achievements. I value the teachers time. I value the classroom teacher's knowledge in a subject area that I do not have. I value the role models that our teachers are for my daughters. I value our teachers for their everyday work and loyalty to our children. We all know that BHUSD has a very large annual budget. Tonight you can choose to show where you place value.
A classroom can be set up with 29 students and one teacher. A teacher can be asked to teach 5 different preps because they have multiple credentials. A teacher can be asked to travel to two different schools each day. A school district can be run strictly by the numbers and then have excess money to show in the rainy day Fund 17. That's a choice.

OR

A classroom can be set up where teacher and students can thrive and engage in learning with small student to teacher ratios. Valuable classroom might actually look different, because every student learns in a different way- so why would we assume that each classroom can be run the same? Stating that we are overstaffed, places all the emphasis on traditional education standards- I thought we were LEADING THE WAY to a REIMAGINED EDUCATION?

There's nothing 'Reimagined' about cutting teachers and programs as a way deliver cost effective education. That is as standard as it gets. It is basic, old school and out dated educational theory. You were not elected to oversee and continue with basic outdated education practices for Beverly Hills students.

I know that more educators for every child in this school district is valuable. I know that providing more diverse learning strategies is valuable. I know that more engaging classroom environments that support various learning deficiencies is valuable. All of these things require innovative, loyal engaging teachers- Not another expensive committee to determine what cartoon drawing will be the next logo of BV middle school. Your votes tonight clearly show this community where you place value.

Thank you
Coleen Davenport, Parent of Reina and Maya Paysinger

VIII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

VIII.A. School Spirit Update-Rebecca Starkins

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR*

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar minus items H., M. & O. 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

IX.A. Approval Board Meeting Minutes

IX.A.1. Regular Board Meeting-2-25-2020

IX.B. Personnel Reports

IX.B.1. Certificated Personnel Report
IX.B.2. Classified Personnel Report

IX.C. BHHS Out-of-County Trip: BHHS Skills USA California State Championship and Leadership Conference; April 16-19, 2020; Ontario, CA
IX.D. Approval-Mutual Termination and Release Agreement Power School (Schoology)

IX.E. Approval of BrightBytes, Inc.'s Sales Order # S-15574 for BHUSD Digital Privacy, Safety & Security and Technology & Learning

IX.F. Approval of DLT Solutions LLC's Quote # 4806496 for BHUSD KACE Systems Management Renewal

IX.G. Approval of Shi Quote # 18510336 for BHUSD Barracuda Cloud Archiving Service subscription license

IX.H. Approval of Agreement for Vendor Services-Huntoon & Co.

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion. A motion was made to for Approval of Agreement for Vendor Services-Huntoon & Co. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

IX.I. Approval-Professional Services Agreement-Thirtieth Street Architects, Inc.

IX.J. Approval-Professional Services Agreement - Helene Kunkel

IX.K. Approval-Professional Services Agreement - Diana Hurst

IX.L. Approval of Engagement Letter with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP to provide audit services for FY 2019-2020 district and bond financial audits for Measure E and BH for 2019-2020.

IX.M. Approval Property Use Agreement between the First Church of Christ Scientist and BHUSD

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion. A motion was made for Approval Property Use Agreement between the First Church of Christ Scientist and BHUSD. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Isabel Hacker.

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

IX.N. Cash Collection Report #14 for 2019-2020

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion. A motion was made to approve the Cash Collection Report #14 for 2019-2020. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Isabel Hacker.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
IX.O. Ratification of Purchase Order Report #15 for 2019-2020

IX.P. Approval of Warrant Report #9 for 2019-2020

X. REPORTS

X.A. Superintendent's Report

X.A.1. COVID-19 Update

Minutes:
Dr. Bregy updated the Board on the District's fight against COVID-19.

X.B. Student Board Member Report

Minutes:
Student Board Member Thomas Recupero updated the Board on various activities going on at the high school.
He was happy to be part of two focus groups and is happy that students are being asked to participate.

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

XI.A. Approval of Resolution 2019-2020-017 To Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Service

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of Resolution 2019-2020-017 To Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Service. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XII. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

XII.A. Approval of Proposal - Communication Strategies
Motion Passed: A motion was made to table items A. Approval of Proposal - Communication Strategies and C. Approval of the Award of Bid No. 1920-PUR006 for Network Infrastructure Equipment. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman
XII.B. Approval of the Award of RFP No. 1920-PUR005 for High Speed Internet Service Provider

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of the Award of RFP No. 1920-PUR005 for High Speed Internet Service Provider. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Isabel Hacker.

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

XII.C. Approval of the Award of Bid No. 1920-PUR006 for Network Infrastructure Equipment

Motion Passed: A motion was made to table items A. Approval of Proposal - Communication Strategies and C. Approval of the Award of Bid No. 1920-PUR006 for Network Infrastructure Equipment. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XII.D. Approval of the 2019/2020 Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of the 2019/2020 Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Rachelle Marcus.

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

XIII. PLANNING AND FACILITIES

XIII.A. Authorization to Proceed with the Purchase of Instrument Storage Cabinetry from Wenger by Utilizing OMNIA Partners (Formerly Known as National IPA) Piggyback Contract No. R191204 for Beverly Vista Middle School

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Authorization to Proceed with the Purchase of Instrument Storage Cabinetry from Wenger by Utilizing OMNIA Partners (Formerly Known as National IPA) Piggyback Contract No. R191204 for Beverly Vista Middle School. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Isabel Hacker.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Absent Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman
XIII.B. Authorization to Proceed with the Purchase of Flooring and Installation Materials from KYA Services by Utilizing Wiseburn Unified School District Piggyback #1 for Beverly Hills High School

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Authorization to Proceed with the Purchase of Flooring and Installation Materials from KYA Services by Utilizing Wiseburn Unified School District Piggyback #1 for Beverly Hills High School. Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Mel Spitz.

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

XIII.C. Approval of an Agreement with Edgar Garza Construction to Perform Electrical and Network Modifications Necessary to Remove Modular Buildings in Order to Investigate the Source and Impact of Drilling Fluids at Beverly Hills High School

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of an Agreement with Edgar Garza Construction to Perform Electrical and Network Modifications Necessary to Remove Modular Buildings in Order to Investigate the Source and Impact of Drilling Fluids at Beverly Hills High School. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XIV. BOARD POLICIES

XIV.A. First Reading BP 5131.62 Tobacco/Nicotine Products

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the First Reading BP 5131.62 Tobacco/Nicotine Products. Mr. Margo made an amendment to his original motion to waive the first reading and approve the 2nd reading of BP 5131.62 Tobacco/Nicotine Products. Mrs. Walker Shuman accepted the new amendment. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XIV.B. Discussion of Board Policy AR 6146.11-Alternative Credits for Graduation

Minutes:
Board Direction: staff will bring back some new suggested language on how this policy
effects Special Education students and students with 504's. Mr. Spitz suggested adding the following language "for high school graduation" at the end of the first paragraph.

XV. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

XV.A. Discussion of Social Media Policies

Minutes:
Board Direction: staff was directed to bring back a CSBA policy regarding Social Media and set up a Study Session to review the Board Governance Handbook that was started in October 2019 at CSBA workshop.

XVI. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

XVI.A. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, March 24, 2020-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School

XVI.B. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, April 14, 2020-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
Mrs. Hacker adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.