

Beverly Hills Unified School District Minutes

Regular Board of Education Meeting

February 19, 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,

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:

The following people addressed the Board before Closed Session:

Rita Azizi and Deena Wachtel.

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

III.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54957

**III.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code section 54956.9(e)(2): (1 case). Facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, a transactional occurrence that might result in litigation against the District and that are known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and circumstances shall be publicly stated on the agenda or announced.**

**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)

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

Minutes:

Board President Noah Margo called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. and asked Don Rosen to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Passed: Mr. Margo asked to move agenda item VIII before item VII and to move item XIV.B. Discussion-Theatre 40 immediately following Public Comment. A motion was made to approve the Agenda with the changes. 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**

VI. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Minutes:

Dr. Bregy reported that in closed session the board voted 5-0 to take action to issue notices of non-reelection to probationary certificated employees, identified by employee #'s XT9481162, WQ2383604 pursuant to Education Code Section 44929.2(b), effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, and direct the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices.

Also in closed session, the Board voted 5-0 to take action to issue written contract nonrenewal to administrative employee Identification No. CC6364789 pursuant to Education Code Section 35031, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, and directed that the legal notice be sent to the administrative employees.

VII. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD-PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes:

The following people addressed the Board:

Ethan Smith, David Hunt Stafford, Myra Lurie, Rusti Banagas, Stella Sarraf, Ph.D., Alma Ordaz, Arya Yektafar, Benjamin Reiss, Kimberly Reiss, Diana Gordon, Andrea Kune, Paxton Clark, Rita Azizi and Steven Weinglass.

The following people were not in attendance but wish to go on record:

Dear Honorable School Board Members,

As an alumna of Beverly Vista school and a proud advocate for our schools, I urge you to please not rename Beverly Vista.

It makes perfect sense to honor its heritage, retain its name and call it Beverly Vista Middle School.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lili

Lili Bosse, 2 x Mayor. Council Member, City of Beverly Hills

Dear Superintendent Bregy, President Spitz and School Board Members,

I cannot attend this evening's meeting, but would like this to be read into the record if possible.

I have lived in Beverly Hills for the past 37 years and have been an active member of the school and civic community having served as PTA President at Beverly Vista and Beverly Hills High School. I also served for two terms on the School Board. During this tenure I was often faced with decisions regarding our buildings and our curriculum. A guiding principle was always to balance maintaining the importance of preserving historical edifices and programs while building for the future needs of our students and the community.

Two issues are before you this evening which test these values. The first is changing the name of Beverly Vista School and the second is ending the 54 year relationship with Theater 40. The idea that you can "rebrand " a school by unnecessarily changing its name is absurd. You can best" rebrand" the school by improving the curriculum and programming in order to provide our students, staff and faculty with a quality education and workplace. There is no need to change the name of an almost 100 year old school in any way other than by adding the word "Middle" to its name. Please do not dishonor all the students, faculty and staff by changing this legacy.

Speaking of legacies, Theater 40 has been an institution in our community for 54 years. While it is not part of the multimillion dollar JPA agreement, it represents a wonderful partnership with a well-loved city institution and should not be so easily cast aside. The number of students at the High School is substantially less than in years past. It's hard to believe there is now inadequate space for them to continue to thrive in an out of the way part of the building.

We strive to make history relevant to our students. One way to do that is to honor the past in ways that do not hinder growth in the future. Keeping the name of Beverly Vista and allowing Theatre 40 to stay at the High School do just that.

**Sincerely,
Alissa Roston**

VIII. ACCOMMODATIONS AND RECOGNITION

VIII.A. Recognition of BHUSD Science and Engineering Fair Student Winners and Organizing Team

VIII.B. Recognition of outgoing Citizens' Oversight Committee Members: Bradley Gibbons, Don Rosen and John Dohm

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR*

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar minus items C. & K.) Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

Yes Isabel Hacker

Yes Rachelle Marcus

Yes Noah Margo

Absent Mel Spitz

Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

IX.A. Approval Board Meeting Minutes

IX.A.1. Regular Board Meeting-01-26-2019

IX.A.2. Special Board Meeting-2-6-2019

IX.B. Personnel Reports

IX.B.1. Certificated Personnel Report

IX.B.2. Classified Personnel Report

IX.C. Approval of 2018-2019 Safe School Plans

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

A motion was made for Approval of the 2018-2019 Safe School Plans. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Isabel Hacker.

Yes Isabel Hacker

Yes Rachelle Marcus

Yes Noah Margo

Absent Mel Spitz

Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

IX.D. Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) 2018-2019

IX.E. Approval of 2017-2018 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)

IX.F. Approval of PRISM Institute LGBTQ Affirmative training program to BHUSD staff

IX.G. Approval to apply for the Low Performing Students Block Grant

IX.H. Approval-Professional Services Agreement - Damien Diaz

IX.I. Approval of the revised dates & new location for Beverly Vista School 2018-2019 Out-of-County Activities for 8th Graders

IX.J. Approval of Amendment to Professional Services Agreement-Romi Azevedo

IX.K. Approval of Professional Services Agreement-Gimol Serfaty

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

A motion was made to table this item. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Rachelle Marcus.

Yes Isabel Hacker

Yes Rachelle Marcus

Yes Noah Margo

Absent Mel Spitz

Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

IX.L. Approval of Professional Services Agreement-Debra Loob

IX.M. Approval of BrightBytes, Inc.'s Sales Orders for BHUSD Digital Privacy, Safety & Security and Technology & Learning Parent Data

IX.N. BHHS Out-of-County Trip: BHHS Academic Decathlon Competition; March 17-24, 2019; Sacramento, CA

IX.O. BHHS Out-of-County Trip: BHHS Performing Arts - Shakespeare Festival; April 27, 2019; Perris, CA

IX.P. Approval/Acceptance of Donations Listed Pursuant to Board Policy 3290

IX.Q. Cash Collection Report #14 for 2018-2019

IX.R. Approval of Warrant Report #8 for 2018-2019

IX.S. Ratification of Purchase Order #14 2018/2019

X. REPORTS

X.A. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

Dr. Bregy gave a Reconfiguration Update to the community.

X.A.1. Update: Brand Identity Transition Advisory Committee

Minutes:

Board Direction: staff was directed to disband the Brand Identity Transition Advisory Committee and to discontinue the mandate to review new Middle School name options as part of the Reconfiguration process.

X.B. Student Board Member Report

Minutes:

Student School Board Member Sean Toobi congratulated all of the winter sports teams at the high school. He reported that BHHS seniors were randomly selected to participate in the NAEP testing. These results will show how our country is doing academically. Mr. Toobi is very excited about Career Day on March 13. There will be many quality professionals coming to speak at our high school.

XI. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XI.A. Presentation - 2017-2018 school year in review

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent, Dustin Seemann gave an update on Educational Services.

XII. HUMAN RESOURCES

XII.A. Approval of Resolution 2018-2019-014 To Discontinue Particular Kinds of Service

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of Resolution 2018-2019-014 To Discontinue Particular Kinds of Service. Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Rachelle Marcus.

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

XIII. PLANNING AND FACILITIES

XIII.A. Approval of Resolution No. 2018-2019-012:Resolution of the Board Of Education for Use of School Fees for Construction or Reconstruction Related Development and Reconfiguration

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of Resolution No. 2018-2019-012:Resolution of the Board Of Education for Use of School Fees for Construction or Reconstruction Related Development and Reconfiguration. Passed with a motion by Isabel Hacker and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XIII.B. Delegation of Authority to Authorize Execution of CEQA Indemnification of Department of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR)

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Delegation of Authority to Authorize Execution of CEQA Indemnification of Department of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR). Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Rachelle Marcus.

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

XIII.C. Ratification of a Professional Services Agreement with Leighton Consulting, Inc. for Geotechnical Services for the Beverly Hills High School B3 Project.

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Ratification of a Professional Services Agreement with Leighton Consulting, Inc. for Geotechnical Services for the Beverly Hills High School B3 Project. Passed with a motion by Rachelle Marcus and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XIII.D. Ratification of a Professional Services Agreement with Logic Technology Consulting Group to Prepare Design Documents for the Beverly Vista School Low Voltage and Audio Visual Design Project.

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Ratification of a Professional Services Agreement with Logic Technology Consulting Group to Prepare Design Documents for the Beverly Vista School Low Voltage and Audio Visual Design Project. Passed with a motion by Rachelle Marcus and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XIII.E. Acceptance of the Completed Districtwide Copper Cabling Infrastructure Enhancement Project under Bid no. 17-18-002 and Authorization to File the NOC and Release of Retention

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Acceptance of the Completed Districtwide Copper Cabling Infrastructure Enhancement Project under Bid no. 17-18-002 and Authorization to File the NOC and Release of Retention. Passed with a motion by Rachelle Marcus and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XIV. PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICIAL BUSINESS

XIV.A. Selection of Candidates for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the following Delegates to serve a two year term on the CSBA Delegate Assembly:

Darryl R. Adams, Margie Garrett, Harunobu Ernie Nishii, Dora Sandoval, Christine Chacon Sullivan and Satra Zurita. Passed with a motion by Rachelle Marcus and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

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

XIV.B. Discussion-Theatre 40

Minutes:

Board Direction: Staff was directed to come back with a proposal that will work for everyone (students and Theatre 40). Our first priority should be to accommodate our students.

XV. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

XVI. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

XVI.A. Study Session-Budget-Tuesday, February 26, 2019-5:00 PM-Administrative Office/Board Room, 255 South Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills CA

XVI.B. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, March 5, 2019-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School

XVI.C. Study Session-Reconfiguration Update: A Report to the Board-Wednesday, March 6, 2019-5:00 PM-Administrative Office/Board Room, 255 South Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills CA

XVI.D. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, March 12, 2019-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School

XVI.E. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, March 26, 2019-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Mr. Margo adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.