

# **Beverly Hills Unified School District Minutes**

## **Regular Board of Education Meeting**

March 08, 2016, 5:00 PM  
STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall  
Beverly Hills High School  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

CLOSED SESSION - Administrative Building

OPEN SESSION - STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall at Beverly Hills High School

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### **Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:**

#### **Present:**

**Shawn Ahdout**  
**Howard Goldstein**  
**Isabel Hacker**  
**Lisa Korbatov**  
**Noah Margo**  
**Mel Spitz**

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

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **Minutes:**

**The following people spoke on the topic of Dr. Vincent:**

**Chris Vickers-Rynecki, Alex Smith, Owen Lloyd, Marcia Vickers, Jim Friedberg, Susan Friedberg, Marylyne Raske, Charlotte Scheide, Taylor Lueckenotte, Solomon Margo, Nicole Neighbors, Caroline German, Joshua Coone, Charles Boissavy, Ryan Barrera-Law, Austin Friedberg, Daniel Kohanbash, Oliver Hakim, Daniel Breslavsky, John Hogan, Maximilian Isensee, Chole Malik, Gabriella Johnson, Rinesa Kabashi, Jonathan Prince, Stacey Kikkawa and Brad Vincent.**

**The following people did not wish to speak, but wish to go on record about Dr. Vincent:**

**Kylie Krueger, Ian Lathan, Julia Marshall, Sarina Langer, Jessica Sater, Kate Froemmling, Alexandra Smith, Chris Lloyd and Michael Libow.**

### **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: (1 Case)**

#### **III.b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

**(Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9): Amy Golden v. The Beverly Hills Unified School District, a public school district, Brian Goldberg, an individual; Lisa Korbatov, an individual (Case No. BC573853)**

**III.c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9): Beverly Hills Unified School District v. Los Angeles  
County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LASC Case No. BS 137606)**

**III.d. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

**III.e. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

**III.f. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**

**III.f.1. Certificated Personnel Report-Revised**

**III.f.2. Classified Personnel Report**

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

**Minutes:**

**Board President Howard Goldstein called the meeting to order. Mr. Goldstein asked Superintendent Kessler to give his report of Closed Session Action. Ethan Smith was asked to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Agenda. Mr. Margo has asked that item XIII. a. be moved up after the Consent Calendar. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Lisa Korbatov.**

**Yes Shawn Ahdout**

**Yes Howard Goldstein**

**Yes Isabel Hacker**

**Yes Lisa Korbatov**

**Yes Noah Margo**

**Yes Mel Spitz**

**VI. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

**Minutes:**

**Superintendent Kessler reported out of Closed Session that the Board took action to issue a notice of non-reelection from Probationary Certificated Employee identified by #KN3107494 (.3 Full Time Assignment)pursuit to Ed. Code section 44929.21b effective at the end 2015/16 school year and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices.**

**In Closed Session the Board took action to notify temporary certificated employees identified by #HP7699151, #FJ2270600, #UY7886265 and #WA3511568 that the employees will be released from the temporary contracts effective by the end of the 2015/16 school year and not reelected for the 2016/17 school year and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices by a 5-0 vote.**

**In Closed Session the Board to action to issue a notice of non-reelection to probationary certificated employee identified by #VK4253793 and #DT4382252 pursuit to Ed. Code section 44929.21b effective at the end 2015/16 school year and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out the appropriate legal notices.**

**By a vote of 5-0 it was voted to extend employee #KN3107494 Medical Benefit's at \$8000 per year for a period of three (3) years.**

The Board did approve Resolutions #2015-2016-19, #2015-2016-20 and #2015-2016-21.

## VII. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD/ADDRESSING THE BOARD

### Minutes:

The following people addressed the Board:

Brad Smith, Scott Trost, Noelle Trost, Michael Federman, Sharon Eshaghoff, Kimberly Combs, Luca Viola, Sharon DeMayo, Catie Hazany, Telly Tse, Dan Moroaica, Victoria Unzon, Brian Benjamin, Bennett Gershwin, Arian Tibibian, Leor Massachi, Daniela Cohen, Dylan Fussman, Austin Fuhrman, Jon Benjamin, Benjamin Cohan, Joe Safier, Coleen Davenport, Cindy Dubin, Emily Ross and Romeo Carey.

The following people did not wish to speak, but wish to go on record about supporting KBEV; Attika Harit, Molly Hersh, Sam Cohen, Tiffany Mirshokri and Matthew Sater.

The following people did not wish to speak, but wish to go on record about not supporting an increase in class size:

Tammy Golan, Robin Strug, Debbie Farajolazade, Tamara Deverell, Gabrielle Heyman, Romi Azevedo, Adam Deverell, Jennifer Pedersen, Celina & Gabriel Serrano and Misty & Rick Johnson.

## VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR\*

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar minus items a., c., d., e., f., g., n. and p. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Isabel Hacker.

Yes Shawn Ahdout  
Yes Howard Goldstein  
Yes Isabel Hacker  
Yes Lisa Korbatov  
Yes Noah Margo  
Yes Mel Spitz

### VIII.a. Approval Board Meeting Minutes

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Yes Shawn Ahdout  
Yes Howard Goldstein  
Yes Isabel Hacker  
Yes Lisa Korbatov  
Yes Noah Margo  
Yes Mel Spitz

#### VIII.a.1. Regular Board Meeting-2-23-2016

### VIII.b. Personnel Reports

#### **VIII.b.1. Certificated Personnel Report-Revised**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Revised Certificated Personnel Report. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Lisa Korbatov.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

#### **VIII.b.2. Classified Personnel Report**

#### **VIII.c. Approval-Professional Services Agreement - Janan Al-Henaid**

**Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.**

**A motion was made to approve items c., d., e. and f. on the Consent Calendar. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

#### **VIII.d. Approval-Professional Services Agreement - Hana Al-Henaid**

**Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.**

**A motion was made to approve items c., d., e. and f. on the Consent Calendar. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

#### **VIII.e. Approval-Professional Services Agreement - Ji Sun Lee**

**Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.**

**A motion was made to approve items c., d., e. and f. on the Consent Calendar. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**VIII.f. Approval-Professional Services Agreement - Jill Myers**

**Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.**

**A motion was made to approve items c., d., e. and f. on the Consent Calendar. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**VIII.g. Approval-Professional Services Agreement with Renaissance Learning Inc.**

**Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.**

**A motion was made for Approval-Professional Services Agreement with Renaissance Learning Inc. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**No** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**VIII.h. Approval-Professional Services Agreement with Greg Tang Creative Smarts Inc.**

**VIII.i. BHHS Out-of-County Trip: BHHS Cheerleaders Trip to USA Spirit Nationals; Anaheim, CA; March 18-20, 2016**

**VIII.j. BHHS Out-of-County Trip: BHHS Senior Grad Nite at Disneyland, Anaheim, CA; May 25-26, 2016**

**VIII.k. Approval of Beverly Hills High School Beginning Journalism Textbook Adoption**

**VIII.l. Approval of an Additional Master Contract for a Non-public Agency for the 2015-2016 School Year-Specialized Therapy Services**

**VIII.m. Approval/Acceptance of Donations Listed Pursuant to Board Policy 3290**

**VIII.n. Ratification of Purchase Order #15 for 2015/2016**

**Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.**

**There was some discussion about Invoice #34241-computer batteries and Invoice #34321-CFS.**

**A motion was made to approve the Ratification of Purchase Order #15 for 2015/2016. A friendly amendment was made to limit the CFS Purchase Order to \$20,000. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein

**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**VIII.o. Cash Collection Report #15 for 2015/2016**

**VIII.p. Approval of Warrant Report #10 for 2015/2016**

**Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.**

**A motion was made for Approval of Warrant Report #10 for 2015/2016 by Mr. Margo and seconded by Mr. Spitz. The motion was withdrawn.**

**A new motion was made for Approval of Warrant Report #10 for 2015/2016 minus Warrant #22779407. Passed with a motion by Isabel Hacker and a second by Noah Margo.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve Warrant #22779407. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Lisa Korbatov.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**No** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Yes** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**IX. REPORTS**

**IX.a. Superintendent's Report**

**Minutes:**

**Superintendent Kessler gave the following report:**

**It is with great pleasure that I along with the Board of Education recognize with the wonderful accomplishments of Shawn Ahdout, our esteemed student representative to the Board of Education. Shawn is a natural leader who represents the best and brightest that BHHS has to offer. Shawn is currently the State President and the Director of Government Affairs for the California Association of Student Councils and has been a dedicated member of CASC since the beginning of his sophomore year. He has held various leadership positions including class president of his ASB, chairperson of a city-run Teen Advisory Committee and many others.**

**As if that is not enough, Shawn has been selected as a candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. He is one of approximately 4,000 candidates that have been identified across the nation based on having scored exceptionally well on the SAT or ACT tests. This is an incredible honor for Shawn, his family and for the BHUSD. Only**

.06% of graduating senior is even invited to apply. The program was established in 1964 to recognize some of the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. Annually, up to 161 students are selected to become a Presidential Scholar. Those selected receive a trip to Washington D.C., which includes the Medal Ceremony, a Gala at the Kennedy Center, and other events. It's an amazing experience and well deserved.

Shawn has already received acceptance letters from Stanford, Princeton and USC. He is still waiting to hear from some of the other top universities in the country included Harvard University. With us tonight are Shawn's parents so they can also be recognized for the role they have played in Shawn's life.

On behalf of the Board of Education we present to Shawn and his family this Board of Education certificate of recognition as a small token of appreciation for all your accomplishments thus far in your young life. We can't wait to see all the other wonderful accomplishments to come in your future.

#### **IX.b. Student Board Member Report**

##### **Minutes:**

Student Board Member Shaun Ahdout reported on various activities going on at the high school.

#### **X. HUMAN RESOURCES**

##### **X.a. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made to approve Resolution #2015-2016-018-Resoltuion to Discontinue Particular Kinds of Service in Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Isabel Hacker.

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made to approve Resolution #2015-2016-022 Resolution to Discontinue Particular Kinds of Service. Passed with a motion by Isabel Hacker and a second by Mel Spitz.

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**No** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

## **XI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

### **XI.a. Approval of the 2015/2016 Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made for Approval of the 2015/2016 Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification. Passed with a motion by Isabel Hacker and a second by Mel Spitz.

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

### **XI.b. Approval of the Supplemental Early Retirement Program (SERP)**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made for Approval of the Supplemental Early Retirement Program (SERP). Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Isabel Hacker.

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

## **XII. PLANNING AND FACILITIES**

### **XII.a. Approval to Implement the Phase 1 Option Presented to the Board at the Board Study Session on February 23, 2016**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made for Approval to Implement the Phase 1 Option Presented to the Board at the Board Study Session on February 23, 2016. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Isabel Hacker.

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz



**XII.b. Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with DLR Group for Additional Design Services to Prepare Construction Documents for Hawthorne School, "Auditorium Only" Design**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with DLR Group for Additional Design Services to Prepare Construction Documents for Hawthorne School, "Auditorium Only" Design. Passed with a motion by Isabel Hacker and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**XII.c. Approval to Authorize an Agreement with Leighton Consulting, Inc., to Provide for Geotechnical and Materials Testing at Beverly Hills High School Interim Housing Site Development Project**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to Authorize an Agreement with Leighton Consulting, Inc., to Provide for Geotechnical and Materials Testing at Beverly Hills High School Interim Housing Site Development Project. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Lisa Korbatov.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**Motion Passed: At 10:24 p.m. a motion was made to extend the meeting to 10:45 p.m. Passed with a motion by Lisa Korbatov and a second by Isabel Hacker.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**XII.d. Approval to Authorize an Agreement Amendment with Knowland Construction Services to Provide for DSA Project Inspection at El Rodeo School as Part of the Interim Housing Site Development Project**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to Authorize an Agreement Amendment with Knowland Construction Services to Provide for DSA Project Inspection at El Rodeo School as Part of the Interim Housing Site Development Project. Passed with a motion by Isabel Hacker and a second by Lisa Korbatov.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**XII.e. Approval to Begin the Advertisement, Pre-Qualification and Bid Process for the Expansion Joint and Upper Plaza Deck Repairs at Beverly Vista School**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to Begin the Advertisement, Pre-Qualification and Bid Process for the Expansion Joint and Upper Plaza Deck Repairs at Beverly Vista School. Passed with a motion by Isabel Hacker and a second by Mel Spitz.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**XII.f. Approval to Award a Construction Contract to Edgar Garza Construction for the Courtyard Drainage Corrections Project at Beverly Vista School**

**Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to Award a Construction Contract to Edgar Garza Construction for the Courtyard Drainage Corrections Project at Beverly Vista School. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Isabel Hacker.**

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**XII.g. Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with DLR Group for Additional Theatre Design Consultant as Part of the Services of Buildings B3/B4 at Beverly Hills High School**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with DLR Group for Additional Theatre Design Consultant as Part of the Services of Buildings B3/B4 at Beverly Hills High School. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Lisa Korbatov.

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**XII.h. Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with WLC Architects for Extra Services During Construction at Horace Mann-Building B**

**Motion Passed:** A motion was made for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with WLC Architects for Extra Services During Construction at Horace Mann-Building B. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Lisa Korbatov.

**Yes** Shawn Ahdout  
**Yes** Howard Goldstein  
**Yes** Isabel Hacker  
**Yes** Lisa Korbatov  
**Absent** Noah Margo  
**Yes** Mel Spitz

**XIII. BOARD POLICIES**

**XIII.a. First Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy: Class Size**

**Minutes:**

**Direction:** staff will alter the language in the second reading so that class size does not exceed 24 students in any K-3 class.

**XIV. PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**XIV.a. Discussion & Direction-Draft Proposal-Academy of Arts in China**

**Minutes:**

A presentation was given to the Board by Cedric Chou on the possibility of having a Beverly Hills Academy of Performing Arts in China and/or a Beverly Hills International School in China. The Board would like more details on these programs and a revenue plan. This might be something BHEF would like to get involved in.

Mr. Chou will come back in April with more details.

**XV. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS**

## **XVI. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

**XVI.a. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, March 29, 2016-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney  
Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School**

**XVI.b. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, April 12, 2016-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney  
Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School**

## **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Minutes:**

**Mr. Goldstein announced the Future Board meetings and adjourned the meeting at 10:42 p.m.**