

Beverly Hills Unified School District Minutes

Regular Board of Education Meeting

February 23, 2016, 6:00 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

Attendance Taken at 6:55 PM:

Present:

Howard Goldstein

Isabel Hacker

Lisa Korbatov

Noah Margo

Mel Spitz

Absent:

Shawn Ahdout

I. OPEN SESSION-2:00 P.M.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CLOSED SESSION-2:00 P.M.

**III.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (1 case)-
OAH Case Number 2015090492**

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

**III.c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Beverly
Hills Unified School District v. Federal Transit Administration, et al., USDC Case No.
CV 12-9861-GW(SS)**

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

III.f. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

III.g. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

III.g.1. Certificated Personnel Report

III.g.2. Classified Personnel Report

III.h. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (subdivision (a) of Govt. Code Section 54957)

IV. ADJOURN TO STUDY SESSION

V. OPEN SESSION-CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE-6:00 P.M.

Minutes:

Board President Howard Goldstein called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. and asked Mrs. Spitz to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. 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.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

Absent Isabel Hacker

Absent Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Yes Mel Spitz

VII. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Minutes:

Superintendent Kessler reported from closed Session that the Board reached a student settlement agreement for student #OA2015090492.

VIII. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD/ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Minutes:

No one addressed the Board.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR*

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar minus items e. and g. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

Yes Isabel Hacker

Absent Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Yes Mel Spitz

IX.a. Approval Board Meeting Minutes

IX.a.1. Regular Board Meeting-2.9.2016

IX.b. Personnel Reports

IX.b.1. Certificated Personnel Report

IX.b.2. Classified Personnel Report

IX.c. BHHS Out-of-County Trip: BHHS Academic Decathlon California State Finals; Sacramento, CA; March 15-20, 2016

IX.d. BHHS Out-of-County Trip: BHHS Speech and Debate Annual State Champions; San Jose, CA; April 14 18, 2016

IX.e. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Clare Foundation

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

A motion was made to approve e. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Clare Foundation and g. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with BrightBytes, Inc. pending the completion of the Conflict of Interest form. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

Yes Isabel Hacker

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Yes Mel Spitz

IX.f. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Visionaries, LLC

Minutes:

Mrs. Hacker wanted to go on record that she can't support this item.

IX.g. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with BrightBytes, Inc.

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

A motion was made to approve e. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Clare Foundation and g. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with BrightBytes, Inc. pending the completion of the Conflict of Interest form. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

Yes Isabel Hacker

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Yes Mel Spitz

IX.h. Approval of Amendment to the Master Contract

IX.i. Ratification of Purchase Order #14 for 2015/2016

IX.j. Cash Collection Report #14 for 2015/2016

IX.k. Approval of Safe School Plans 2015-16

X. REPORTS

X.a. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Kessler gave the following report:

As promised I wanted to report out to the Board regarding the topic of homework. I have had positive discussions with the BHEA leadership regarding this issue. I want to publicly thank the BHEA leadership for engaging in a positive discussion regarding homework. I strongly feel that the recommended amounts of homework as described in our Board policy is appropriate and based on research.

After my discussions with BHEA, I have directed our principals to make sure that the teachers at their school sites are following the Board of Education recommended guidelines for homework. I will also make homework a part of our principal's and vice principal's evaluation. Additionally, our discussion also dealt with the amount of tests our students are taking on a certain day. Due to the fact that in our middle schools our students are scheduled with only students in their specific grade level, the amount of tests on one day is manageable. However, at the high school where students are scheduled with students from different grade levels the challenge is greater. The use of a visual test schedule in each class where the teacher and students can see what test/quizzes loom ahead will be immediately enforced. This is not a perfect system but one which will begin a hard look at ways to insure our students are not overwhelmed with homework and tests.

In regards to the graduation requirement at BHHS, staff will be reporting out to the Board at our next meeting on March 8th. We have listened carefully to the input given by the Board as well as community members. We are currently developing incentives to achieve the A-G requirement along with incorporating the input given to us into a comprehensive plan. We look forward to a robust discussion of this important topic at our next meeting.

I, along with my staff am looking to attending the California School Board Association meeting to be held in Anaheim on March 4th and 5th. The topics to be discussed will include foundations of effective governance, setting direction, human resources and collective bargaining. We look forward to bringing back to the Board a great deal of knowledge and guidelines for the Board to consider as we move in the future.

X.b. Student Board Member Report

Minutes:

There was no Student Board report.

XI. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XI.a. Discussion and Approval of Middle School Math Summer programs

Motion Passed: A motion was made for approval of the two middle school math summer courses. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Noah Margo.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

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

XII. PLANNING AND FACILITIES

XII.a. Validation of Agreement with Veolia for Chilled Water to Beverly Hills High School

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Validation of Agreement with Veolia for Chilled Water to Beverly Hills High School. Mr. Aharoni is going to ask the architects not to start designing and have a third party look at the Veolia figures. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Noah Margo.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

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

XII.b. Approval to Authorize HMC Architect's Recommendations for the Modernization of Historical Features of Cornices, Cut Stone, Dome Tile and Dome at El Rodeo School

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to Authorize HMC Architect's Recommendations for the Modernization of Historical Features of Cornices, Cut Stone, Dome Tile and Dome at El Rodeo School. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Noah Margo.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

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

XII.c. Approval to Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with DLR Group for Architectural/Engineering Design Services to Prepare a Study of Perimeter Fencing at Beverly Hills High School

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with DLR Group for Architectural/Engineering Design Services to Prepare a Study of Perimeter Fencing at Beverly Hills High School. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

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

XII.d. Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with Blackman & Holberton, Inc., for Move Planning Services at Beverly Hills High School

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with Blackman & Holberton, Inc., for Move Planning Services at Beverly Hills High School. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

Yes Isabel Hacker

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Yes Mel Spitz

XII.e. Approval to Negotiate and Execute the Purchase of Furnishings for Horace Mann School Building B

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to Negotiate and Execute the Purchase of Furnishings for Horace Mann School Building B. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

Yes Isabel Hacker

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Yes Mel Spitz

XII.f. Approval of ProWest Constructors Change Order no. 29 at Horace Mann School Building B

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of ProWest Constructors Change Order no. 29 at Horace Mann School Building B. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Isabel Hacker.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

Yes Isabel Hacker

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Yes Mel Spitz

XII.g. Authorization to Add Two Additional Portable Classroom Buildings at El Rodeo School

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Authorization to Add Two Additional Portable Classroom Buildings at El Rodeo School. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Howard Goldstein

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

XIII. BOARD POLICIES

XIII.a. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Isabel Hacker.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

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

XIV. PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICIAL BUSINESS

XIV.a. Discussion and Direction: CSBA Update from Policy and Governance Workshop

Minutes:

Mrs. Hacker brought this to the Board. Per Bylaw 9400: The Board of Education shall annually conduct a self-evaluation in order to demonstrate accountability to the community and ensure that district governance effectively supports student achievement and the attainment of the district's vision and goals.

Mrs. Hacker proposed three things:

- 1. Agree to have a meeting lead by a CSBA facilitator before May**
- 2. During this meeting discuss how the Board can best fulfill its responsibilities**
- 3. Collaborate and agree on adopting a common document that will be used annually to evaluate the performance of the Board**

Direction:

Mrs. Hacker will work with Superintendent Kessler

XIV.b. Discussion and Direction: MEASURE E-Propose to have Totum/Staff to reorganize existing Measure E Financial Reporting Documents (i.e. Detailed Project Report, Budget- Expenditures- Cash Report) into two different reports:

- 1) Actual projects funded by "Measure E - PHASE I" vs.**
- 2) Proposed projects that will be funded with the anticipated "New Bond- PHASE II"**

Minutes:

Mrs. Hacker asked for this item to be put on the agenda. She would like to know if Totum can show the actual Measure E projects within capacity of the current bond Phase I and to differentiate from future projects that will be funded by the proposed new bond Phase II.

Totum will continue with the master approach with a subset of Phase 1. They will need some time to work out a better way.

XV. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

XVI. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

**XVI.a. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, March 8, 2016-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney
Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School**

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Mr. Goldstein announced the Future Board Meetings and he adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.