

Beverly Hills Unified School District Minutes

Regular Board of Education Meeting

July 14, 2015, 7:00 PM

STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall
Beverly Hills High School
Beverly Hills, California 90212

Good Company
65 Centennial Loop, Suite B
Eugene, Oregon 97401

CLOSED SESSION will take place at the Administrative Building

OPEN SESSION will take place in the STC/Jon

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present:

Dr. Brian Goldberg
Lewis Hall
Lisa Korbatov
Noah Margo

Absent:

Shawn Ahdout
Howard Goldstein

I. OPEN SESSION-5:00 P.M.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CLOSED SESSION-5:00 P.M.

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

III.b. 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.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 LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9): Karen Christiansen v. Beverly Hills Unified School District Case No. BC 420456 Claim of Strategic Concepts and Karen Christiansen**

**III.e. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9): Jeff Fisher v. Beverly Hills Unified School District, et al., (Case No. SC121947)**

**III.f. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) 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.g. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

III.h. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

III.i. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

III.i.1. Certificated Personnel Report

III.i.2. Classified Personnel Report

IV. OPEN SESSION-CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE-7:00 P.M.

Minutes:

Board President Brian Goldberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked several students from the audience to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goldstein is on vacation and will not be attending the meeting.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Agenda and move up the Communication From Board Members after the Agenda Hearing Period. Passed with a motion by Lewis Hall and a second by Lisa Korbatov.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

No Noah Margo

VI. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Minutes:

There was no action to report from Closed Session.

VII. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD/ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Minutes:

The following people addressed the Board:

Niloofar Khalili, Jeremy Levin, Michaela Hassid, Jessica Naghi, Jason Tonley, David Galst, Jamie Halimi, Gabriel Serrano, Sarah Vanek, Cheryl Winiarz, Joe Patel, Kimberly Combs, Russell Gewirtz, Oshrit Dorian, Ron Levin, Amy Galst, Bryan Barber, Hagit Granitz, Pantea Naghi, Meisedeh Halavi, Azita Abgin, Natasha Imani, Mina Hakakian and Nathan Naghi.

The following people do not wish to speak, but wish to go on record:

Phillip Arriaga, Janet Nabatian, Caren Esmaeilzadeh and Kiamoush Homayouni.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR*

VIII.a. Approval Board Meeting Minutes

VIII.a.1. Regular Board Meeting-6.30.15

VIII.b. Personnel Reports

VIII.b.1. Certificated Personnel Report

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

A motion was made to approve the Certificated Personnel Report with the addition of the following people:

Dave Jackson, Interim Principal Beverly Hills High School, Ena Lavan, Interim Principal Hawthorne School and David Foldvary, Assistant Principal Horace Mann School. They are all effective as of 7/15/15. Passed with a motion by Dr. Brian Goldberg and a second by Lisa Korbatov.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

VIII.b.2. Classified Personnel Report

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

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

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

**VIII.c. Approval-Professional Services Agreement-Beverly Hills High School
Professional Development on College Essays - Alexandra Dumas Rhodes**

VIII.d. Ratification of Purchase Order #1 for 2015/2016

VIII.e. Cash Collection Report #1 for 2015/2016

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

**A motion was made to approve the Revised Cash Collection Report #1 2015/2016.
Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Lewis Hall.**

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

VIII.f. Approval of Warrant Report #1 for 2015/2016

VIII.g. Approval of BHEF Donor Recognition Plaque

VIII.h. Acceptance of Donations from The Beverly Hills Education Foundation

**VIII.i. Extension of Pupil Transportation Contract for Field Trips and Athletic Events
2015-2015 School Year**

VIII.j. Approval of Disposal of Obsolete Pianos

**VIII.k. Appointment of District Representative to California Interscholastic Federation
(CIF)**

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

**A motion was made to approve the Appointment of District Representative to California
Interscholastic Federation (CIF) (Wanda Szeremeta and Kevin Brown). Passed with a
motion by Dr. Brian Goldberg and a second by Lisa Korbatov.**

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

IX. REPORTS

IX.a. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

I would like to recognize both Dr. Tedford and Deb Joseph for their outstanding efforts to secure a matching grant of \$18,100 through the Arts for All Advancement program. This program directly supports our VAPA professional development plan for the District and most importantly offers financial support to help out District provide quality arts education to all of our students.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Dave Jackson who I know will be an extremely valuable asset as Principal of BHHS. His wealth of experience and knowledge will greatly add to the administrative team at Beverly, as well as our school district.

Also, I am exceedingly pleased that Ms. Ena Lavan will be joining our administrative team as the next Principal of Hawthorne School. She also brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position. I know she will be a wonderful leader of an already wonderful school.

Lastly, it is with great pleasure to welcome back to the District Mr. David Foldvary as the new Assistant Principal of Horace Mann. Mr. Foldvary brings a great amount of institutional knowledge of Horace Mann and I know that he and Mrs. Oaxaca will make a fabulous administrative team who will lead the Husky Nation.

I am greatly excited about our administrative team and can't wait for the school year to begin.

X. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

X.a. Presentation and Approval of Beverly Hills High School PSAT Program

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Lewis Hall.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Minutes:

Mr. Kessler read the following statement from Student Board Member Shawn Ahdout:

I believe that this is an incredibly beneficial program for our students. We are constantly striving to make sure our students are prepared for college and this is a simple and effective way to do so. Through this program, students are able to gauge their score on the SAT and figure out what steps they need to take moving forward in order to be a competitive applicant for the schools they apply to. Additionally, this program identifies students for National Merit Scholarships based on their scores. Nearly every year, several Beverly Hills High School students qualify for this scholarship based on their performance on the PSAT and the fact that we offer this free of charge to all Juniors makes this possible. Last year, as a Junior, I had no real

intention to take the PSAT, but because it was offered for free on campus on a school day, I didn't have much of a choice. When the results came back, I was shocked to find out that my score put me on the border of qualifying for the National Merit scholarship (the official score cutoff comes out in September). The PSAT program at our school allows our students to both become better prepared for the application process ahead and become more competitive applicants through various scholarships and honors that the PSAT designates for high-scorers. Therefore, I believe it is imperative that we continue this program on campus in order for our school to continue to thrive.

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

XI.a. Discussion and Approval of K-12 Enrollment and Staffing Levels

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the hiring on one third grade teacher at Horace Mann, one fourth grade teacher at Horace Mann and one fourth grade teacher at Hawthorne, one 5th grade teacher for the District, .8 ELA and 1.4 Math teacher at the High School. Passed with a motion by Dr. Brian Goldberg and a second by Lewis Hall.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

Minutes:

Mr. Kessler read the following statement from Student Board Member Shawn Ahdout:

Through my years as a student, something I've seen as the most impactful on a student's success is the classroom size. When classes are too large, students who struggle often get overlooked, and this is especially true in Elementary School when the classes have such a wide range of academically performing students and the subjects are all integrated in one classroom. It is especially important that students in the younger grades have the individual attention they need because it has the power to impact them for the rest of their academic lives. How they learn and develop in third, fourth and fifth grade will continue to affect them in high school, college and beyond.

Additionally, I believe that forcing a student to switch schools can be detrimental to their emotional and academic well-being. Each student has already built relationships, and began to feel comfortable in his/her own school and forcing them out starts that whole process again and could cause them distress which could translate to poorer academic standing. If the Board decides not to add another 4th grade class at Hawthorne, I think it is necessary that the 6 Hawthorne students which are switched around are not forced out but choose to of their own free will.

I am aware that there are huge fiscal implications of adding classes, but I believe that decreasing class sizes is one of the best investments we can make to fostering a positive learning environment. Therefore, I believe we should add a 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade class and the necessary additional sections to the High School.

XII. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

XII.a. Facility Fee Approval - Wallis Annenberg Theater, Beverly Hills, CA

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Facility Fee Approval - Wallis Annenberg Theater, Beverly Hills, CA.

Staff was directed to take the costs from the Measure E Bond fund. Passed with a motion by Lewis Hall and a second by Noah Margo.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

XIII. PLANNING AND FACILITIES

XIII.a. Approval of Change Order No. 22 for ProWest Constructors at Horace Mann School New Building with Underground Parking

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of Change Order No. 22 for ProWest Constructors at Horace Mann School New Building with Underground Parking. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Lewis Hall.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

XIII.b. Approval to enter into an Agreement with JC Evans for Preparation of Termite Fumigation of Horace Mann School Building A and Horace Mann School Auditorium.

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to enter into an Agreement with JC Evans for Preparation of Termite Fumigation of Horace Mann School Building A and Horace Mann School Auditorium. Passed with a motion by Lewis Hall and a second by Noah Margo.

Absent Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Absent Howard Goldstein

Yes Lewis Hall

Yes Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

XIV. PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICIAL BUSINESS

XIV.a. Discussion-Filling vacancies on the Citizens' Oversight Committee

Minutes:

Direction: Staff was directed to post a new application on the website and send a press release to the local newspapers.

XV. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

XVI. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

**XVI.a. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, July 28, 2015-7:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney
Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School**

**XVI.b. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, August 11, 2015-7:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney
Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School**

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Dr. Goldberg announced the future Board Meetings and thanked the KBEV staff for working in the summer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.