

Beverly Hills Unified School District Minutes

Regular Board of Education Meeting

August 25, 2015, 7:00 PM
STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall
Beverly Hills High School
Beverly Hills, California 90212

1355 17th Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20036

CLOSED SESSION - Administrative Building

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

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present:

Shawn Ahdout
Dr. Brian Goldberg
Howard Goldstein
Lewis Hall
Noah Margo

Absent:

Lisa Korbatov

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

III.a. Settlement Agreement Student Number 14339

III.b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (3
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 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.f. 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.g. 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.h. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

III.i. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

III.j. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

III.j.1. Certificated Personnel Report - Revised

III.j.2. Classified Personnel Report

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

Minutes:

Board President Dr. Goldberg called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked Telly Tse 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 Howard Goldstein.

Yes Shawn Ahdout

Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg

Yes Howard Goldstein

Absent Lewis Hall

Absent Lisa Korbatov

Yes Noah Margo

VI. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Minutes:

There was no report from Closed Session.

VII. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD/ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Minutes:

The following people addressed the Board:

Shahram, Matthew Klein, Niloofar Khalili and Mikhal Bick.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR*

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar minus items b.1., g., o., p. and r. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Lewis Hall.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

VIII.a. Approval Board Meeting Minutes

VIII.a.1. Regular Board Meeting-8-11-2015

VIII.b. Personnel Reports

VIII.b.1. Certificated Personnel Report - Revised

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion.

**A motion was made to approve the Certificated Personnel Report - Revised.
Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Howard Goldstein.**

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

VIII.b.2. Classified Personnel Report

VIII.c. Approval of student agreement/occupational therapy with California State University Dominguez Hills

VIII.d. Approval-Professional Services Agreement- David Finnigan - Speech/Debate Coach

VIII.e. Approval of Services Agreement with Los Angeles County Office of Education to provide EL Professional Development Services to teachers and administrators

VIII.f. Approval of Beverly Hills High School AP Art History Textbook

VIII.g. Approval of Renaissance Learning STAR 360 program for all BHUSD schools

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion by Mr. Margo.

A motion was made for Approval of Renaissance Learning STAR 360 program for all BHUSD schools. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Howard Goldstein.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

VIII.h. Approval of Service Agreement with STAR Education INC. to provide instructional program to students in the District's GATE program

VIII.i. Approval of Beverly Vista School 2015-16 Out-of-County Activities for Middle School

VIII.j. Approval of El Rodeo School 2015-16 Out-of-County Activities for Middle School

VIII.k. Approval of Hawthorne School 2015-16 Out-of-County Activities for Middle School

VIII.l. Approval of Horace Mann School 2015-16 Out-of-County Activities for Middle School

VIII.m. BHHS Out-of-County Activity: Annual Rehearsal Retreat for Madrigals; September 11-12, 2015; Idyllwild, CA

VIII.n. BHHS Out-of- County Activity: Highlights Newspaper and Watchtower Yearbook to attend the Fall National High School Journalism Convention; Nov 12-15, 2015; Orlando, FL

VIII.o. Approval to Renew the Property and Casualty Claims Administration Services Agreement with Keenan & Associates

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion by Mr. Goldstein. A motion was made for Approval to Renew the Property and Casualty Claims Administration Services Agreement with Keenan & Associates. Passed with a motion by Howard Goldstein and a second by Noah Margo.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

VIII.p. Approval of Agreement for Special Services - Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion. A motion was made for Approval of Agreement with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo. A roll call vote was taken. Passed with a motion by Howard Goldstein and a second by Lewis Hall.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

VIII.q. Approval of Professional Service Agreement with La Trice Harris for Accounting and Financial Services

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

Motion Passed: This item was pulled for further discussion by Mr. Goldstein. He is going to recuse himself from the vote because his name is listed in the donations. A motion was made for Approval/Acceptance of Donations Listed Pursuant to Board Policy 3290. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Lewis Hall.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
No vote Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

VIII.s. Ratification of Purchase Order #4 for 2015/2016

VIII.t. Cash Collection Report #4 for 2015/2016

VIII.u. Approval Civic Center Rental - Princeton Review - Los Angeles, CA

IX. REPORTS

IX.a. BHEF Report

Minutes:

BHEF President Monique Gibbons gave the Board an update on BHEF.

IX.b. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Kessler reported the following:

Mr. Jackson, our wonderful BHHS Principal has asked our high school teachers to write one email a week to the parents of a student saying something positive about that student in their class. I received this very touching letter from Mr. Jackson and our history teacher, Ms. Roh and would like to share it with all of you:

I just wanted to give you a reason to celebrate your daughters this week. Your children were so gracious and patient in working with a special needs student in our class. They so kindly included this student in their group and made sure to include her every step of the way. White they could have easily moved on to work more speedily on their own, they chose to deliberately include her in this group assignment. It so warmed my heart to see this. It is not often that I come across students with such compassion and character. I can only hope that my own kids grow up to have the compassion and character that your girls demonstrate in class. I look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night which is September 10.

**Best,
Alice Roh**

**History Teacher
Beverly Hills High School**

I would also like to introduce to the Beverly Hills Community our new Director of Technology, Ms. Bernadette Lucas. Ms. Lucas has an extensive background in educational technology and will be invaluable as she leads our district in implementing effective technology into our classrooms.

IX.c. Student Board Member Report

Minutes:

Student Board Member Shawn Adhout gave the following report:

Good evening all.

On campus, ASB has been doing a lot in the first few weeks of school to create a positive environment for the students. We have our first pep rally this Friday in honor of our first football game which will take place later that night. Additionally, we have been planning our annual Club Day where club presidents present their clubs to the students and students can sign up for those clubs. This year, we have nearly 80 clubs on campus which really serves to exemplify our school's commitment to allowing every student to find their passion. Nearly every interest is represented through our clubs.

Another issue which has pervaded our class discussions has been the parking situation of the second semester of this year and moving forward. After the last meeting, I delivered news to our class that parking would not be available beginning second semester and for the next two and a half years. Many students were appalled by this information, never having heard anything about this. Parking is not only an important issue for the students on campus, but also serves as a primary source of revenue for our ASB. Every year, we receive a huge bulk of our income in parking dues and that source of income will be eliminated for the next two and a half years making it much more difficult for ASB to pay for all of the events that students partake in which include sports tournament entry fees, sports referees, and many other activities for our students. It is important that we find some way to help make up for this loss of income, but even more important is ensuring that students have somewhere to park for the second semester. I'd like to commend Mr. Jackson for his current efforts to help alleviate this problem, working with BHPD to loosen restrictions on parking around campus on the streets, but more has to be done. For some students, the only way they can get to school is if they drive themselves and this situation would make it much harder for them to come to school. There has been a huge lack of transparency on this issue and it has left many feeling like they were in the dark. While most administrators and teachers were aware of this issue for months, nearly every student was unaware of this issue and those students are now left scrambling to figure out what they will do for next semester. As a Board, we must make it a priority to ensure that parking is available for students when the construction takes place because otherwise some will be left without a way to get to school.

Finally, I'd like to announce a new project that I have been working on with Superintendent Kessler and Board President Goldberg: creating an Outstanding Achievement Award to honor a student for outstanding achievement in an extracurricular activity. Many students in this district do amazing things outside of school that go unnoticed due to their extracurricular nature. Some students are outstanding athletes who qualify for Olympic trials; others are doing amazing scientific

research projects or lobbying the state capitol for a more comprehensive education system. I believe that it is very important to honor these students for what they do and their positive representation of the school district abroad. I first started thinking about this as I was elected last year as student board member. Earlier in the summer, I had a meeting with Superintendent Kessler where we discussed the potential of this idea and he immediately expressed his support. Last week, I emailed Board President Goldberg about the idea and he also expressed his support. We worked out a few of the details and now I present the award to the Board and ask for Board action on the item. President Goldberg and I decided that there would be one student honored by the district each month. The student would be responsible for filling out a paper application which Mr. Kessler, Dr. Goldberg and I would review prior to the Board Meeting and we would decide on a student who we felt really represented the district positively through their accomplishments. The requirements would include a minimum GPA of 3.0 and good citizenship, and the award would be made available to any student throughout the school district. Through this award, I hope to improve the morale of the students of the district, encourage our students to aspire for greatness and recognize our students for their wonderful accomplishments. There are obvious benefits to this award and I hope the rest of the Board recognizes this and helps establish this award for our school district.

X. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

X.a. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-2016-001- Resolution to Amend Annual Motions

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of Resolution No. 2015-2016-001- Resolution to Amend Annual Motions. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Howard Goldstein.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

X.b. Approval of Resolution 2015-2016-002 Temporary Transfers From the School Pools Fund

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval of Resolution 2015-2016-002 Temporary Transfers From the School Pools Fund. Passed with a motion by Howard Goldstein and a second by Noah Margo.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

XI. PLANNING AND FACILITIES

XI.a. Approval for an Agreement Amendment with Phylmar, Inc., for the Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) at El Rodeo School

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval for an Agreement Amendment with Phylmar, Inc., for the Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) at El Rodeo School. Passed with a motion by Howard Goldstein and a second by Lewis Hall.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

XI.b. Approval for an Agreement with Cumming for Consulting Services for Development and Management of an RFP process to obtain a Solar Power Provider

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval for an Agreement with Cumming for Consulting Services for Development and Management of an RFP process to obtain a Solar Power Provider. Passed with a motion by Lewis Hall and a second by Howard Goldstein.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

XI.c. Approval to enter into an Agreement with Leighton Consulting, Inc., for Preparation of a Geotechnical Report for Hawthorne School Renovation Project

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to enter into an Agreement with Leighton Consulting, Inc., for Preparation of a Geotechnical Report for Hawthorne School Renovation Project. A roll call vote was taken. Passed with a motion by Lewis Hall and a second by Howard Goldstein.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
No Noah Margo

XI.d. Approval to enter into an Agreement Amendment with DLR Group for Architectural/Engineering Services for Beverly Hills High School Buildings B3 and B4

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to enter into an Agreement Amendment with DLR Group for Architectural/Engineering Services for Beverly Hills High School Buildings B3 and B4. Passed with a motion by Howard Goldstein and a

second by Lewis Hall.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

XI.e. Approval to enter into an Agreement Amendment with Leighton Consulting for additional SSMP Funding Related Testing at Horace Mann School-Building A

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to enter into an Agreement Amendment with Leighton Consulting for additional SSMP Funding Related Testing at Horace Mann School-Building A. A roll call vote was taken. Passed with a motion by Lewis Hall and a second by Howard Goldstein.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

XI.f. Approval to enter into an Amendment with SVA Architects for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for Beverly Vista School Renovation-Expansion of the Playfield

Motion Passed: A motion was made for Approval to enter into an Amendment with SVA Architects for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for Beverly Vista School Renovation-Expansion of the Playfield. Passed with a motion by Lewis Hall and a second by Noah Margo.

Yes Shawn Ahdout
Yes Dr. Brian Goldberg
Yes Howard Goldstein
Yes Lewis Hall
Absent Lisa Korbatov
Yes Noah Margo

XII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

XIII. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

XIII.a. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, September 8, 2015-7:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School

XIII.b. Special Board Meeting/DTSC Public Hearing-Thursday, September 17, 2015-7:00 PM-Administrative Office/Board Room, 255 South Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills, CA.

**XIII.c. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, September 29, 2015-7:00 PM-STC/Jon
Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School**

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Dr. Goldberg announced the future Board Meetings and adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.