

**Governing Board**  
Joe DiNunzio, President  
Tom Adams, Vice-President/Clerk  
Vigdis Asmundson  
Lea Darrah  
Betsy Hyder

**Board of Education**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**January 16, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Joe DiNunzio called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Davis Joint Unified School District to order at 9:00 a.m. Consistent with the Shelter in Place orders from the Governor and Yolo County, this meeting is compliant with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act.

**Call to Order**

**II. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened in Closed Session for the following purposes: a) Discussion and possible action on personnel listed on the Consent Calendar for personnel employment/status actions; b) Conference with agency negotiator, Matt Best, regarding collective bargaining with ALT, DTA and CSEA.

**Closed Session**

**III. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**III-a.** The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:32 a.m. Consistent with the Shelter in Place orders from the Governor and Yolo County, this meeting is compliant with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act.

**Open Session**

**III-b.** Board Trustee DiNunzio led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Patriotic  
Observance**

**III-c.** Board Trustee present: Joe DiNunzio, President  
Tom Adams, Vice-President/Clerk  
Vigdis Asmundson  
Lea Darrah  
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**Roll Call**

Others present: John A. Bowes, Superintendent  
Matt Best, Deputy Superintendent  
Rody Boonchouy, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services  
Laura Juanitas, Associate Superintendent of Student Support Services  
Amari Watkins, Associate Superintendent of Business Services  
Maria Clayton, Public Information Officer  
Marcia Bernard, Director of Instructional Technology Services  
Evan Lee and Mariana Ortega-Nuñez Student Representatives  
Monica Roque, Board Recorder

**Roll Call  
(continued)**

**III-d.** President DiNunzio announced that no decisions were made in Closed Session.

**Announcement  
of Any Action  
Taken in Closed  
Session**

**III-e.** The agenda was presented for approval. Trustee Darrah moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Adams seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

**Approval of the  
Agenda**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**IV-a.** President DiNunzio announced that special meetings provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the meeting before or during consideration of that item. As such, there was not an opportunity for public comment on items not on the agenda.

**Public Comment**

**V. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**VII-a.**

**Board Bylaw  
9323 Meeting  
Conduct**

Public Information Officer Maria Clayton provided current practice of receiving public comment and options for receiving public comment in the future during virtual board meetings. Attorney Eve Fichtner was present to assist with any legal or policy matters and to answer Trustee questions.

Options for receiving public comment included current practice of receiving email to boe@djud.net and read by staff, webinar format with public joining meeting live for three minutes, webinar format with "raise hand function" to provide a queue for live audio and/or video for public to speak for three minutes, audio recording through voice mail which would then be played during public comment and call back for public comment.

President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to boe@djud.net to do so; however, there was none.

Trustees discussed the pros and cons of each option and asked Attorney Fichtner clarifying questions related to the Brown Act and regulations for public comment of the options proposed.

A motion was made by Trustee Darrah to utilize public comment method 4 which would include receiving public comment by audio recording and playback of voicemail during public comment. Trustee Asmundson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio  
Noes: Adams, Hyder  
Abstain: None

The motion passed.

**VII-b.**

**Steps to Return  
to Campus**

Associate Superintendent Juanitas provided an update with the Yolo County's number of new COVID-19 cases and positive tests in the County and the Sacramento Region continues to remain in the State of California's Purple Tier. An overview was provided of active COVID-19 cases in staff

**Steps to Return**

and students.

to Campus (cont.)

Deputy Superintendent Best provided an overview of the Fall Family and Staff surveys on factors for re-opening.

Staff provided next steps which include continued discussion on conditions required to reopen schools at the January 19, 2021 Special Board meeting and a presentation of recommended elementary and hybrid models at the January 21, 2021 Regular Board meeting.

President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djud.net](mailto:boe@djud.net). Ten public comments were read by staff.

Trustees discussed solutions to address the academic and social emotional needs of staff students and parents that may not be present in a hybrid or distance learning model. Trustees also discussed the DJUSD infection rate data provided.

The Board recessed at 12:57 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Trustees continued discussions to address the needs of students and next steps.

No action was required for this item.

Update on Tentative Board Calendar

**VIII. UPDATE ON TENTATIVE BOARD CALENDAR**

**VIII-a.** A Tentative Board Calendar was presented for consideration.

**IX. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 19, 2021. Consistent with the Shelter in Place orders from the Governor and Yolo County, this meeting is compliant with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. The Board will convene in Open Session, and immediately thereafter adjourn to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. The Board will reconvene in Open Session at approximately 6:30 p.m. In person attendance will not be permitted. Please email public comment to [boe@djud.net](mailto:boe@djud.net). The meeting will be available for viewing via Zoom.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Scheduled Meeting

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Adjournment

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Joe DiNunzio, President

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John A. Bowes, Secretary

*These minutes were approved at the Board meeting on:* \_\_\_\_\_