

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

Board of Education
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
January 19, 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 6:00 p.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 6:34 p.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. Superintendent Bowes 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
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.

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 and students.

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

**Steps to Return
to Campus**

Staff provided next steps which include 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@djUSD.net. Fifteen public comments were read by staff.

A motion was made by Trustee Adams:

(1) Develop immediately and implement as soon as practical a plan for students to have in-person experiences outdoors (or in safe covered spaces) and on-campus in advance of deployment of a Hybrid Model. This plan shall accommodate extracurricular activities (for example, sports, non-curriculum-aligned student club activities), co-curricular activities (such as student government curriculum-aligned club activities), and curricular activities (including but not limited to physical education and outdoor education) and shall be guided by teachers and staff who are available and willing and community volunteers who are available and appropriate.

(2) Set conditions for returning to the classroom in a Hybrid Model by (a) establishing operational conditions (meaning those under DJUSD control) that include the following: asymptomatic testing in place on or near each campus; classrooms set up for 6-foot or greater distancing for students, teachers, and staff and equipped with MERV-13 filters and air purifiers; safety protocols in place in place per Cal OSHA COVID-19 requirements; and processes for notification, quarantine, and contact tracing; and (b) meeting the following external conditions (meaning those outside of DJUSD control) of Yolo County in the Red classification (or lower) and teachers and staff who are being asked to

return to have had access to and been given (if they desire) both doses of an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine.

(3) Develop and prepare immediately and implement (when conditions are met) a Hybrid Model that includes the primary and secondary grade levels, in-person and distance learning students, transition plans for current programs, transition plans of returning to distance learning if conditions require, and a deadline for when distance learning remains until the end of the school year.

Trustees asked staff questions regarding current status of vaccination rollout in Yolo County, implications of the current positivity rates, status update on preparations by the District for a return to school in either a hybrid setting or full return.

Trustees discussed edits to the proposed motion.

Trustee Adams moved to break up the motion by bullet points and vote individually on each item. Trustee Asmundson seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

Trustee Hyder made a motion:

Set conditions for returning to the classroom in a Hybrid Model by (a) establishing operational conditions (meaning those under DJUSD control) that include the following: asymptomatic testing in place on or near each campus; classrooms set up for 6-foot or greater distancing for students, teachers, and staff and equipped with MERV-13 filters and air purifiers; safety protocols in place in place per Cal OSHA COVID-19 requirements; and processes for notification, quarantine, and contact tracing; and (b) meeting the following external conditions (meaning those outside of DJUSD control) of Yolo County in the Red tier classification (or lower) for two weeks. No second to the motion. The motion did not pass.

Steps to Return to Campus (cont.)

A motion was made by Trustee Asmundson:

In accordance with state and county guidelines, set conditions for returning to the classroom in a Hybrid Model by (a) establishing operational conditions (meaning those under DJUSD control) that include the following: asymptomatic testing in place on or near each campus; classrooms set up for 6-foot or greater distancing for students, teachers, and staff and equipped with MERV-13 filters and air purifiers; safety protocols in place per Cal OSHA COVID-19 requirements; and processes for notification, quarantine, and contact tracing; and (b) meeting the following external conditions (meaning those outside of DJUSD control) of Yolo County in the Red Tier for two weeks (or a lower tier), and teachers and staff who are being asked to return have had access to both doses of an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, and are provided with up to two weeks following the second vaccine.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Adams.

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

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Hyder:

In alignment with our six guiding principles, develop immediately and implement as soon as practical a plan for students to have in-person experiences outdoors (or in safe covered spaces) and on-campus in advance of deployment of a Hybrid Model. This plan shall accommodate extracurricular activities (for example, sports, non-curriculum-aligned student club activities), co-curricular activities (such as student government and curriculum-aligned club activities), and curricular activities (including but not limited to physical education and outdoor education) and shall be guided by teachers and staff who are available and willing and community volunteers who are available and appropriate.

Steps to Return to Campus (cont.)

The motion was seconded by Trustee Adams.

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

The motion passed.

General consensus was made by Trustees to table the third part of Trustee Adams’ motion since it is aligned with the January 21 presentation.

Trustee Darrah moved to table item 3 of presented motion to the January 21, 2021 Board Meeting. Trustee Asmundson seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

VIII. UPDATE ON TENTATIVE BOARD CALENDAR

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

Update on Tentative Board Calendar

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

The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 21, 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 5:00 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@djUSD.net. The meeting will be available for viewing live on cable television on DJUSD Education Channel 17 or stream the meeting at www.djUSD.tv.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Scheduled Meeting

X. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Joe DiNunzio, President

John A. Bowes, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Board meeting on: _____