

*Governing Board*  
Cindy Pickett, President  
Joe DiNunzio, Vice-President/Clerk  
Tom Adams  
Alan Fernandes  
Bob Poppenga

**Board of Education**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 6, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Cindy Pickett called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Davis Joint Unified School District to order at 5:00 p.m. in the South Conference Room at the Susan B. Anthony Administration Building at 526 B Street, Davis, California.

**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 DTA and CSEA; and c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, One (1) Case Government Code Section 54956.9.

**Closed Session**

**III. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**III-a.** The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Chambers at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California.

**Open Session**

**III-b.** Board Member Pickett led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Patriotic  
Observance**

**III-c.** Board Members present:      Cindy Pickett, President  
  Tom Adams  
  Joe DiNunzio  
  Alan Fernandes  
  Bob Poppenga

**Roll Call**

Others present:      John A. Bowes, Superintendent  
  Matt Best, Deputy Superintendent  
  Bruce Colby, Chief Business and Operations Officer  
  Rody Boonchouy, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services

**Roll Call  
(continued)**

Laura Juanitas, Director of Student Support Services  
 Maria Clayton, Public Information Officer  
 Student Representative, Cory Kodira  
 Victor Lagunes, DTA President  
 Nick Mariano, CSEA Representative  
 Monica Roque Board Recorder  
 Jeff Hudson, Enterprise Reporter  
 Other interested citizens

**III-d.** President Pickett announced that the Board took the following two actions in Closed Session.

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

The Board took action to approve two settlement agreements related to Special Education matter by two separate roll call votes:

Ayes: Adams, DiNunzio, Fernandes, Pickett, Poppenga  
 Noes: None  
 Abstain: None

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

Ayes: Adams, DiNunzio, Fernandes, Pickett, Poppenga  
 Noes: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Student Representative Preferential Vote:

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Superintendent's Communication**

**IV-a.** Superintendent Bowes reported on various activities throughout the District.

**DTA Communications**

**IV-b.** DTA President Victor Lagunes addressed the Board.

**CSEA Communications**

**IV-c.** CSEA Representative Nick Mariano addressed the Board.

**IV-d.** Board Members shared announcements of events and meetings.

**Announcements from Board Members/Board Liaisons**

**IV-e.** Student Board Representative Kodira addressed the Board.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Student Board Representative**

**V-a.** President Pickett invited anyone interested in addressing the Board to do so at this time. Several members of the public addressed the Board.

**Public Comment**

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar was presented for approval. Member Adams moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Member DiNunzio seconded the motion.

**Consent  
Calendar**

Ayes: Adams, DiNunzio, Fernandes, Pickett, Poppenga

Noes: None

Abstain: None

A listing of approved Consent Calendar items follows:

- a) **Approve Certificated Personnel Report No. 11-20**
- b) **Approve Classified Personnel Report No. 11-20**
- c) **Approve Meeting Minutes**
- d) **Approve Resolution 45-20-Support of Proposition 13: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 Assembly Bill 48 (O'Donnell, Glazer)**
- e) **Appointment of Four Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Members to Three Year Terms**
- f) **Annual Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report**
- g) **Approve and Ratify Bond Program Agreements**
- h) **Ratification of Contracts and Agreements**

## **VII. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

### **VII-a.**

Presentation given by CBOO Colby Jennifer Hall, Seniorr. Manager from the District's audit firm Crowe LLC. This marks the final reporting for last year's actuals. School districts are required to submit an independent external audit in accordance with State and Federal audit guidelines as the final step of closing out the fiscal year. Additionally, Measure M, which was a 55% bond measure, is required to have separate annual independent performance and financial audits. Jennifer Hall, Senior Manager presented the 2018-19 District Audit Reports.

**Acceptance of  
District Audit  
Reports**

President Pickett invited anyone interested in addressing the Board to do so at this time; however, there was none.

Trustees had questions on the ADA finding and the over reporting of attendance and how that affects districts.

Jennifer Hall, Senior Manager from the District's audit firm Crow LLC, presented the Measure M Bond financial Audit Reports. She discussed the balance and income statements that had no findings and that spending was aligned with the plan.

A motion was made by Member DiNunzio to approve the District Audit Reports. Member Adams seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, DiNunzio, Fernandes, Pickett, Poppenga

Noes: None  
Abstain: None

Motion passes.

**VII-b.**

Chief Business and Operations Officer Colby presented the January Governor’s Budget Report.

**January  
Governor's  
Budget Update**

President Pickett invited anyone interested in addressing the Board to do so at this time. One member of the public addressed the Board.

The Board discussed pension increases, operating deficits, reserves, compensation gap, and supplemental funding.

No action was required for this item.

**Facilities Bond  
Project and  
Financing  
Update**

**VII-c.**

Deputy Superintendent Matt Best and Facilities, Maintenance and Operations Director David Burke provided an update on bond projects and the status of current projects. An update was also give on the status of the Solar Master Plan progress and Bond financing.

President Pickett invited anyone interested in addressing the Board to do so at this time. One member of the public addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Member Poppenga to approve the professional services contract between ARC Alternatives and DJUSD for Solar Master Planning Services. Member DiNunzio seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, DiNunzio, Fernandes, Pickett, Poppenga  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

This item will be brought back in March for discussion.

**VII-d.**

A discussion was had by Members regarding Legislative Priorities for DJUSD. Items presented for support were:

1. Support or sponsor legislation that would support full and fair funding for DJUSD and California schools. As such, continue our support of the California School Boards Association efforts to raise school funding to the national average.
2. Clarify California statutes in Education Code that school district parcel taxes may be placed on the ballot by registered voter signature, following the same process as city or county measures, and pursuant to the California Supreme Court’s recent City of Upland court case that clarified the voting threshold for such measures are a majority vote and/or support a Constitutional Amendment to lower the vote threshold for school parcel taxes.
3. Support or sponsor legislation that would improve the attendance system to lower

**Utilizing the  
Legislative  
Process to  
Provide  
Avenues to  
Enhance  
Revenue and**

expenditures and add funding to DJUSD and/or adopt a pilot program for attendance calculation through a waiver allowing for an independent study program process to provide for increased average daily attendance (ADA).

**Advance Other Legislative Priorities for the Davis Joint Unified School District**

4. Support or sponsor legislation that would advocate for additional funding, above Proposition 98 funding, for special education services for DJUSD which could include adding special education services to the definition of unduplicated students. As such, support any budget proposal on special education appropriations and work on budget bill language that would benefit special education services in DJUSD and/or support or sponsor Federal Legislation to advocate for additional funding for DJUSD, which could include but is not limited to fully funding special education.

5. Raise the legal minimum of budget reserves for districts with less than 10,000 students to allow for at least one month of operating costs.

6. Support or sponsor legislation that would provide full funding for universal preschool, full-day Kindergarten programs, and Transitional Kindergarten programs.

7. Support or sponsor legislation or initiatives that would provide for capital improvements and/or other facilities funding. As such, support Proposition 13: Public Preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, which will provide \$15 billion for facilities at the state’s preschools, K-12 schools, community colleges, and four-year colleges and universities.

8. Support or sponsor legislation to promote participation in the 2020 Census consistent with Assembly Bill 1666, which requires the California Complete Count – Census 2020 Office to partner with local education agencies to make information about the 2020 Census available to students and parents.

9. Explore and support affordable options for two and four-year post K-12 career and college options.

President Pickett invited anyone interested in addressing the Board to do so at this time; however, there was none.

A motion was made by Member DiNunzio to approve and provide direction for the District’s Legislative Representative to advance the development and legislative support and sponsorship of any or all of the items described as discussed and presented this evening. Seconded by Member Poppenga.

Ayes: Adams, DiNunzio, Fernandes, Pickett, Poppenga

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Motion passes.

**VIII. UPDATE ON TENTATIVE BOARD CALENDAR**

**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 February 20, 2020. The Board will convene at 5:00 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Administration Building at 526 B Street, Davis, for the purpose of immediately adjourning into Closed Session after any public input about items that will be considered in Closed Session. The Board will reconvene in Open Session at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Community Chambers, located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California.

**Date, Time,  
and Place of  
Next Scheduled  
Meeting**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 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:* \_\_\_\_\_