

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

**Board of Education**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 15, 2020**

**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 5:00 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; c) Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9, Number of Cases: 2 (2 cases); d) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, significant exposure to litigation under Government Code §54956.9(d)(2); e) Conference With Labor Negotiator Tom Adams, Regarding Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent; f) Conference with Labor Negotiator, John Bowes, Regarding Unrepresented Employees: Deputy Superintendent and Associate Superintendents and g) Public Employee Evaluation: Superintendent.

**Closed Session**

**Open Session**

**Patriotic  
Observance**

**III. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**III-a.** The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:40 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.

**Roll Call**

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

**III-c.** Board Trustees present: Joe DiNunzio, President  
Tom Adams  
Alan Fernandes

**Roll Call  
(continued)**

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  
Marcia Bernard, Director of Instructional Technology Services

Student Representatives, Evan Lee and Mariana Ortega-Nuñez  
Dianna Stommel, DTA President  
Monica Roque, Board Recorder  
Jeff Hudson, Enterprise Reporter  
Other interested citizens

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

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

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

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

**Approval of the  
Agenda**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

IV-b. DTA President Dianna Stommel addressed the Board.

IV-c. CSEA President Sande Royval submitted written comments read by Superintendent Bowes.

IV-d. Board Trustees shared announcements of events and meetings.

IV-e. Student Board Representatives Evan Lee and Mariana Ortega-Nuñez addressed the Board.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

V-a. President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djUSD.net](mailto:boe@djUSD.net). Superintendent Bowes read one public comment email.

**Superintendent's  
Communication**

**DTA  
Communications**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**CSEA  
Communications**

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

**Announcements  
from Board  
Members/Board  
Liaisons**

A listing of approved Consent Calendar items follows:

**Student Board  
Representative**

- a) **Approve Certificated Personnel Report No. 09-21**
- b) **Approve Classified Personnel Report No. 09-21**
- c) **Approve Meeting Minutes of 09-17-21**
- d) **Adopt the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the North Davis Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room Project.**
- e) **Adopt the Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room Project**
- f) **Approval of Purchase Order Reports**
- g) **Approval of Commercial Warrant Reports**

**Public Comment**

**Consent  
Calendar**

- h) **Approval and Ratification of Bond Program and Facility Agreements**
- i) **Approval and Ratification of Contracts**

**VII. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**VII-a.**

Deputy Health Officer Dr. Mary Ann Limbos from the Yolo County Department of Public Health provided updates on COVID-19 cases and the State’s Tier System were presented. As of the meeting date, Yolo County remained in the Red Tier.

Staff provided an update on the initial implementation of Phase 2 of our Return to Campus Plan to safely bring students with the most urgent needs to campus first and the development of plans for Phase 3- a hybrid model that will include on- and off-campus instruction for all students.

Director Perez provided an update on how the District is addressing the needs of English Language Learners and how families are being affected by COVID-19 and challenges as a result of this.

**Steps to Return to Campus**

A review of how the District is preparing campuses and classrooms for return of students was presented including that parents will be provided with information about daily health assessments of students at home before entering campus and protocol for students who may exhibit signs of illness while at school.

President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djUSD.net](mailto:boe@djUSD.net) to do so. Superintendent Bowes read two public comment emails received.

Trustees discussed how COVID-19 has affected homeless/foster youth and what outreach efforts were being made to help students who are struggling.

No action was required for this item.

**VII-b.**

Associate Superintendent Juanitas provided an enrollment updated based on current information as of meeting date. Enrollment in the District is declining and a probable cause is related to COVID-19. Surveyed families leaving the District have reported enrollment in private schools, charter schools or moving out of the attendance area.

**Enrollment Update for the 2020-21 School Year for Elementary and Secondary**

President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djUSD.net](mailto:boe@djUSD.net) to do so; however, there was none.

Trustees discussed how average daily attendance and the decrease in enrollment affects funding and how interdistrict transfers positively increase average daily attendance when enrollment of in District students decline.

No action was required for this item.

**VII-c.**

Associate Superintendent Boonchouy provided an update on the development of an Ethnic Studies program for the District. A timeline of a plan was shared with an implementation of a program by the Fall of 2022 that will be student centered and teacher-guided as well as research based.

**DJUSD Ethnic**

**Studies Plan  
Update**

President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djUSD.net](mailto:boe@djUSD.net) to do so. Superintendent Bowes read one public comment email received.

Trustees discussed how the plan will be launched and if the plan was a phased approach.

No action was required for this item.

**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 November 5, 2020. 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](mailto: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](http://www.djUSD.tv).

**Update on  
Tentative Board  
Calendar**

The meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 10:23 p.m.

The Voard reconvened in Open Session at 10:46 p.m.

The Board took action to provide direction to staff regarding a Special Education matter by roll call vote:

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

Ayes: Adams, Fernandes and DiNunzio

Noes: None

Abstain: None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

10:47 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:* \_\_\_\_\_

