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**Governing Board**

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Lea Darrah  
Betsy Hyder

**Board of Education**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 4, 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 5:00 p.m. Consistent with the Shelter in Place orders from the Governor and Yolo County, this meeting was 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) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code § 54957) and d) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case) – Interfund Borrowing.

**Closed Session**

**III. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**III-a.** The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:46 p.m. Consistent with the Shelter in Place orders from the Governor and Yolo County, this meeting was 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.** Student Trustee Lee 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  
Betsy Hyder

**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  
Marcia Bernard, Director of Instructional Technology Services  
Evan Lee and Mariana Ortega-Nuñez Student Representatives  
Dianna Stommel, DTA President

**Roll Call  
(continued)**

Monica Roque, Board Recorder

**III-d.** President DiNunzio announced that there was one public comment ready by staff for Closed Session and the Board took the following two actions in closed session:

Approve Resolution 45-21 by a roll call vote related to a personnel matter.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

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

Approve recommendation made by staff by roll call vote related a personnel matter.

**Approval of the  
Agenda**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: Darrah

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

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

**Superintendent's  
Communication**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**DTA  
Communications**

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

**CSEA  
Communications**

**IV-c.** CSEA President Sande Royval provided written comments, read by Superintendent Bowes, to address the Board.

**Announcements  
from Board  
Members/Board  
Liaisons**

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

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

**Student Board  
Representative**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V-a.** President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to boe@djUSD.net to do so; however, there was none.

**Public Comment**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Consent  
Calendar**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

A listing of approved Consent Calendar items follows:

- a) **Approve Certificated Personnel Report No. 17-21**
- b) **Approve Classified Personnel Report No. 17-21**
- c) **Approve Meeting Minutes**
- d) **Resolution No. 46-21: Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**
- e) **School-Connected Organizations Authorization**
- f) **Approval and Ratification of Contracts**

**Consent Calendar  
(cont.)**

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

### **VII-a.**

Superintendent Bowes began the evening's presentation with updates on the bargaining agreements reached with association partners, Davis Teachers Association and California School Employees Association Chapter 572. Superintendent Bowes also recognized the partnerships with Healthy Davis Together, Davis Schools Foundation and the Parent Teacher Associations.

Associate Superintendent Juanitas provided an update on a staff survey being administered weekly to determine how many district staff had access to the vaccine, Yolo County's current status in the State Tiered monitoring system, and Health Indicators. The County continues to remain in the red tier with the first possibility of moving to the Orange Tier on March 22. An overview of the partnership with Healthy Davis Together and the work to increase the number of testing sites on school campuses and incentives for student athletes to get tested was given. An update was also given about the upcoming on-campus, in-person activities. Nursing staff created a health and safety webinar, and volunteers continue to go through the fingerprint process.

**Steps to Return  
to Campus**

The work of the District's Mental Health Collaborative team, which includes focusing on targeted interventions and identifying gaps related to mental health, continues.

Associate Superintendent Boonchouy provided an overview on DJUSD's preschool, elementary, and secondary hybrid models. He also shared information families will receive in the Family Guide, information about the return to campuses, and, importantly, a survey that asks families to choose their preferred option (in-person hybrid or Distance Learning) for each student, as well as other important information the District needs to prepare student supports for the upcoming Phase 3 Hybrid return to campus.

Associate Superintendent Watkins provided federal and state legislative updates.

Deputy Superintendent Best provided an update on the work completed throughout the District to prepare for a hybrid reopening, including ventilation improvement, in-person services, assessments and cohorts. Staff has been hard at work preparing for a safe, orderly, effective and successful launch, including furniture removal, classroom set-up to meet the mandate of 6 feet of social distancing, and the set-up of asymptomatic testing throughout the District.

Superintendent Bowes announced DJUSD plan to launch the Phase 3 Hybrid Model for the remainder

of the 2020-21 school year the week of April 12, with welcome back to school activities occurring at school sites the week of April 5, and that staff will take any and all steps needed to prepare for summer school and the opening of the 2020-21 school year.

President DiNunzio announced that the Board would limit public comment to a total of 20 minutes. President DiNunzio asked staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djusd.net](mailto:boe@djusd.net); however, there was none.

Trustees asked questions of staff related to outdoor learning spaces and vaccine availability for staff, nursing staffing at school sites as students return to hybrid learning and summer school.

Discussions included messaging to families regarding preference of Distance Learning or In Person instructional options in the Phase 3 Hybrid Model for the remainder of the school year.

Trustees thanked staff for their hard work during the last year and readying campuses for students' hybrid return.

Staff presented the following motion to the Board for approval.

**Steps to Return  
to Campus (cont.)**

DJUSD launch the Phase 3 Hybrid Model for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year the week of April 12, with welcome back to school activities occurring at school sites the week of April 5, and that staff is directed to take any and all steps needed to prepare for summer school and the opening of the 2021-22 school year.

Trustees discussed the proposed motion.

Trustee Asmundson moved to approve the staff recommended motion. Trustee Adams seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion passed.

The Board recessed at 9:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:35 p.m.

**VII-b.**

Associate Superintendent Watkins and Scott Torlucci from Davis Demographics gave the annual presentation on enrollment trends and projections for the District. Overall trends for the District show a decline in enrollment due to declining birth rate and new housing for families within the City limits.

**Davis  
Demographics &  
Planning, Inc.,  
Enrollment  
Projection  
Update**

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

Trustees asked questions of staff about how the pandemic has affected enrollment.

The Board recessed at 10:44 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:50 p.m.

A motion was made at 10:50 p.m. by Trustee Adams to extend the meeting to 11:59 p.m. Trustee Asmundson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion passed.

**VII-c.**

Deputy Superintendent Best provided an update on the Districts current Bond Program Projects. An overview on the Bond program and timeline was given. Updates were also given on projects unrelated to the Bond: Career Tech Education projects funded by facility grants, technology infrastructure, tree master plan and solar master plan.

**DJUSD Bond  
Program Project  
Update**

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

No action was required for this item.

**VII-d.**

Director Marcia Bernard provided a demonstration on the new voicemail line for public comment.

President DiNunzio asked staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djUSD.net](mailto:boe@djUSD.net). Three public comment emails were read by staff.

**New Public  
Comment  
Process  
Demonstration**

Trustees asked questions of staff on methods of messaging the new public comment process to the public, screening of voicemails for inappropriate language and if staff will still continue to read emails during meetings that are received for public comment.

Trustees also discussed Board Bylaw 9323 as related to public comment. The Board received a recommendation from the Board Policy Subcommittee to alter language for flexibility in the number of minutes for Trustees to receive public comment.

A motion was made at 11:56 p.m. by Trustee Darrah to extend the meeting to 12:14 a.m. Trustee Adams seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Darrah to update BB 9323 with following amendments (strike-through and italics):

5. A person wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the president and shall then proceed to comment as briefly as the subject permits.

Individual speakers ~~shall~~ **may** be allowed **up to** three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or nonagenda item. The Board may limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the Board president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. The president may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add.

**New Public  
Comment  
Process  
Demonstration  
(cont.)**

Trustee Adams seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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 March 18, 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**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.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:* \_\_\_\_\_