

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

**Board of Education**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 28, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Joe DiNunzio called the special 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) 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 6:39 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  
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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  
Marcia Bernard, Director of Instructional Technology Services  
Dianna Stommel, DTA President  
Monica Roque, Board Recorder

**Roll Call  
(continued)**

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

**Announcement**

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

**of Any Action  
Taken in Closed  
Session**

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

**Approval of the  
Agenda**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Superintendent's  
Communication**

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

**DTA Communications**

IV-c. CSEA President Sande Royval was not present to address the Board.

**CSEA  
Communications**

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

**Announcements  
from Board  
Members/Board  
Liaisons**

IV-e. Student Board Representatives were not present to address the Board.

**Student Board  
Representative**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

V-a. President DiNunzio announced that a special meeting shall 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**

**VI. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**V-a.**

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. On March 24, the County continued to move to the Orange Tier. With the County's continued trend downward in COVID-19 cases, the possibility of a move to the yellow tier could happen by April 12, staff has focused on lessening disruptions to students.

**Steps to Return  
to Campus**

Associate Superintendent Juanitas provided an update from the CDC and CDPH on social distancing in schools that maximized space between students to no less than three feet between students and maintained six feet of social distancing between staff and students, mitigating layers of ventilation, mask wearing and health screening. Detailed guidance on graduation ceremonies will be released in the coming week.

An overview on the phase return to campus history was provided. With the County's move to the Orange Tier and possible move to Yellow by April 12, Associate Superintendent Boonchouy presented a Phase-4 model for In-Person Hybrid Learning for students' return on April 12. Staff sought guidance from the Board for the April 1 meeting where approval of the models will be requested. The model presented has students returning five days a week for Preschool, Elementary and Secondary students.

Instructional Services staff provided details on the differences between the five-day models and the previously approved two-day in-person models. Staff also outlined the stakeholder outreach to

administration, staff and parents for a revised model for the April 1 Board meeting.

A discussion by Trustees was had to address the many voicemail public comments received on this item. The Board limited public comment playback to 20 minutes.

President DiNunzio invited staff to play any public comment voicemails received. There were many public comments.

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

Trustees asked questions of staff regarding Social Emotional Learning outreach with the new models, discussed equity and access, social distancing, cleaning protocols and the availability of the vaccine for staff. The Board discussed a 4-day model vs. a 5-day model and requested that revised models include a 4-day model to consider on April 1. Trustees also requested a narrative of the school day experience for students in both the in-person and distance-learning models.

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

The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 1, 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. The public comment phone line will be open at noon on the day of the Board meeting. Dial (530) 757-5344 and follow the prompts to record your comment for a particular agenda item or for an item not on the agenda. The message will be played at the appropriate time during the meeting, within the allotted public comment period. This new public comment voicemail system will be in use until we can return to in-person Board meetings. 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**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 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:* \_\_\_\_\_