

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

**Board of Education**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 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) Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9, Number of Cases: 3 (3 cases); and d) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code § 54957).

**Closed Session**

**III. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**III-a.** The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:43 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.** Board Trustee Hyder 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  
Maria Clayton, Public Information Officer  
Marcia Bernard, Director of Instructional Technology Services  
Evan Lee and Mariana Ortega-Nuñez Student Representatives

**Roll Call  
(continued)**

Dianna Stommel, DTA President  
Monica Roque, Board Recorder

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

The Board took action to approve two (2) settlement agreements related to two (2) different Special Education matter by two (2) separate roll call votes:

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

**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.

**Approval of the  
Agenda**

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

**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 provided written comments, read by Superintendent Bowes, to address the Board.

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

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

**Superintendent's  
Communication**

**DTA  
Communications**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CSEA  
Communications**

**Announcements  
from Board  
Members/Board  
Liaisons**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Student Board  
Representative**

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

**Public Comment**

The motion passed.

A listing of approved Consent Calendar items follows:

**Consent**

**Calendar**

- a) **Approve Certificated Personnel Report No. 15-21**
- b) **Approve Classified Personnel Report No. 15-21**
- c) **Approve Meeting Minutes**
- d) **Classified Salary Schedule Update**
- e) **Yolo Solano Center for Teacher Credentialing Salary Schedule**
- f) **COVID Testing Staff Job Descriptions**
- g) **Public Information Office Updated Job Description**
- h) **Approve School Accountability Report Cards**
- i) **Approval and Ratification of Bond Program and Facility Agreements**
- j) **Approval and Ratification of Contracts**

**VII. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**VII-a.**

Associate Superintendent Amari Watkins presented the January Governor’s Budget. The overview of the proposal included revenue to fund the Local Control Funding Formula which funds: Employee Compensation, State Pension Cost Increases (STRS and PERS), Inflation/Cost Increases, K-3 Class Size regulations and local teacher staffing, Deficit Spending Reduction, and Services/Goals for Student Learning (LCAP) and possible impacts on the District.

**January  
Governor’s  
Budget Update**

The overview of the January Governor’s budget also included additional on-going and one-time funds for special education, COVID-19 relief, expanded learning, equity, student health and well-being, and early learning, as well as paying down two-thirds of on-going deferrals.

Trustees discussed the process for the adoption of the budget and reporting cycle, deferral effects on the current budget and if the implications would include future cuts for the District.

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

No action was required for this item.

**VII-b.**

Associate Superintendent Watkins and Jeff Jensen of audit firm Crow LLP presented the audited financial statements for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The District is 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. The final report of last year's actuals, and an audit of the financial statements was presented to the Board last October and presented to the Districts’ Budget subcommittee prior to the evening’s Board meeting.

**Acceptance of  
District's 2019-20  
Financial Audit  
Report**

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

A motion was made by Trustee Darrah to accept the District’s 2019-20 Financial Audit Report. Trustee Adams seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion passed.

**VII-c.**

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. New in the reporting of metrics is the saliva based testing. An overview was provided of active COVID-19 cases in staff and students and small cohort update.

Associate Superintendent Boonchouy provided an update on the work of the staff action team’s work and stakeholder review and evaluation since the January 21 Board meeting in developing a revised preschool and elementary hybrid re-opening plan as directed by the Board.

President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djUSD.net](mailto:boe@djUSD.net) to do so. Forty-one (41) public comments were read by staff.

Trustees discussed differences and comparisons of the revised hybrid models and the pros and cons of each version presented compared to the plan presented at the January 21 meeting.

A motion was made at 10:49 p.m. by Trustee Asmundson to extend the meeting to midnight. Trustee Hyder seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

**Steps to Return  
to Campus  
Update**

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve the staff recommended preschool hybrid model as presented. Trustee Darrah 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 Asmundson to approve the am/pm model previously presented at the January 21 Board of Education meeting. Trustee Darrah seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Asmundson,

Noes: Adams, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Abstain: None

The motion did not pass.

A motion was made by Trustee Hyder to approve the staff recommended Elementary Hybrid as presented. Trustee Adams seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: Asmundson

Abstain: None

The motion passed.

The Board recessed at 11:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:30 p.m.

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

Associate Superintendent Juanitas presented an update on extracurricular, co-curricular and curricular activities on school campuses.

President DiNunzio invited staff to read any public comment emailed to [boe@djud.net](mailto:boe@djud.net) to do so. Three public comments were read by staff.

A motion was made at 11:55 p.m. by Trustee Adams to extend the meeting to 12:30 a.m. Trustee Darrah seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion passed.

Staff presented a countdown calendar to assist in framing a continued discussion to the January 19 meeting in which a motion was tabled regarding a District deadline in which Distance Learning would remain the primary instructional model for the remainder of the school year, with a recommendation of reopen the approved hybrid model no later than the week of May 3-7 so long as the Board approved recommendations for reopening are met.

Trustees discussed natural demarcations in the remainder of the school year and whether to consider separate deadlines for elementary and secondary.

Trustee Adams moved to approve the staff recommendation to reopen the approved hybrid model no later than the week of May 3-7 so long as the Board approved recommendations for reopening are met.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Adams, Asmundson, Darrah, DiNunzio, Hyder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion passed.

**Update on  
Tentative Board  
Calendar**

**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 February 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 12:24 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:* \_\_\_\_\_