

Governing Board
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Madhavi Sunder, Vice President/Clerk
Tom Adams
Barbara Archer
Susan Lovenburg

Board of Education

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 2015

The minutes are primarily intended to record Board actions and, as needed, its rationale and content to guide an understanding of legislative intent. Brief summaries of items heard at meetings may be included. The public comment section usually includes the speaker's name and the topic(s) he or she discussed.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Alan Fernandes called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Davis Joint Unified School District to order at 5:30 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; and b) conference with agency negotiator, Matt Best, regarding collective bargaining with DTA and CSEA.

Closed Session

III. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

III-a. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Chambers at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California.

Open Session

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

**Patriotic
Observance**

III-c. Board members present: Alan Fernandes, President
Tom Adams
Barbara Archer
Susan Lovenburg
Madhavi Sunder

Roll Call

Others present: Winfred B. Roberson, Jr., Superintendent
Clark Bryant, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services
Bruce Colby, Associate Superintendent of Business Services
Matt Best, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Laura Juanitas, Director of Student Support Services
Maria Clayton, Public Information Officer

Student Representative Gabriel Leal
Cathy Haskell, DTA President
Jim Herrington, CSEA President
Penny Pyle, Board Recorder
Jeff Hudson, Enterprise Reporter
Other interested citizens

**Roll Call
(continued)**

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

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

III-e. The agenda was presented for approval. Member Lovenburg moved to hear item VII-c be before item VII-b. Member Adams seconded the motion. The Board briefly discussed the suggested modification to the agenda.

**Approval of the
Agenda**

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg
Noes: Sunder
Abstain: None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV-a. In consideration of time, Superintendent Roberson held his report.

**Superintendent's
Report**

IV-b. DTA President, Cathy Haskell, addressed the Board.

**DTA
Communications**

IV-c. CSEA President, Jim Herrington, addressed the Board

**CSEA
Communications**

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

**Announcements
from Board
Members/Board
Liaisons**

IV-e. Student Board Member, Gabriel Leal, had nothing to report.

**Student Board
Representative**

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

V-a. President Fernandes invited anyone interested in addressing the Board to do so at this time. Members of the public addressed the Board.

**Public
Comment**

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was presented for approval. Member Lovenburg removed BP 5144.1 from Consent Item VI-g noting it would come at a future meeting. (The remaining Board Policies listed in item VI-g were approved on the Consent Calendar). Member Sunder removed Item VI-j, Climate Survey for further clarification. Member Adams removed Item VI-f, Board Policy 3311 which will be postponed to the next meeting. Member Lovenburg moved to approve the Consent Calendar as amended and member Adams seconded the motion.

**Consent
Calendar**

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

A listing of approved Consent Calendar items follows:

- a) **Approval of Certificated Personnel Report No. 21-15**
- b) **Approval of Classified Personnel Report No. 21-15**
- c) **Approval of Minutes of the May 7, 2015**
- d) **Approve the Appointment of the Superintendent/Designee(s) as the District's CIF Representatives for the 2015-16 School Year**
- e) **Certificated School Counselor Job Description**
- f) First Reading of Board Policy 3311 was postponed.
- g) **Amendments and Modifications to Existing Board Policies** (BP 5144.1 was postponed to a future meeting)
- h) **Adopt Final Ordinance No. 48-15 Levying Special Tax in Annexed Territory (CFD No. 2)**
- i) **Ratification of Contracts and Agreements**
- j) Approval of Climate survey Contract – Youth Truth was removed from the consent calendar for further clarification.
- k) **Approval of School Services of California, Inc. Agreement**
- l) **Approval of Summer Food Service Agreement with United Way**
- m) **Approve Resolution 44-15 for purchase of equipment, professional services and installation of wireless infrastructure and access points in three schools across the District (QUEST)**
- n) **Approve Resolution No. 50-15 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Site Lease, Sublease Agreement, Construction Services Agreement, and Other Acts Related to the Re-Reroofing and Site Painting Project at Emerson Jr. High School**
- o) **Approve Resolution No. 51-15 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Site Lease, Sublease Agreement, Construction Services Agreement, and Other Acts Related to the Construction of DaVinci Charter Academy Administration Portable Building and Main Gym Bleacher Replacement Project at Emerson Jr. High School.**

Member Sunder asked for clarification regarding the cost, funding source and need for the Youth Truth Contract (Consent Item VI-j). Following Board and staff discussion, President Alan asked staff to bring this item back at the next meeting with clarification about the funding source/cost.

VII. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

VII-a. Davis School Arts Foundation (DSAF) President Tara Diel and Treasure Julie Cuetara presented to the District a check in the amount of \$22,508.50 which will support Arts in Education in DJUSD schools. The Board thanked DSAF for their long-standing support.

Presentation of Annual Funding from Davis School Arts Foundation

VII-b. (This item was heard following Item VII-c.) Superintendent Roberson and Associate Superintendent Matt Best updated the Board about the status of the AIM Master Plan and the recommendations from staff to update the AIM Master Plan retesting policies. It was also noted that staff was seeking direction from the Board regarding the screening process, private testing, eligibility, lottery/placement procedures, number of sites and AIM/high achieving programs.

AIM Master Plan Recommendation

The Board and staff discussed at length AIM testing asking clarifying questions and sharing their individual comments.

During the discussion President Fernandes noted the time was approaching 11:00 p.m. Member Lovenburg moved to extend the meeting to midnight. Member Archer seconded the motion

Extending Board Meeting

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder
Noes: None
Abstain: None

President Fernandes invited public comment. Several members of the public addressed the Board.

Member Lovenburg made the following motion: “To provide more equitable access to the AIM program, move to eliminate the use of private testing to qualify students, beginning with students who would first be admitted to the program in the 2016-17 school year.

“Further, direct the Superintendent to have staff review and recommend assessment protocols to be implemented in screening students beginning in the 2015-16 school year. The focus of assessment will be to identify students whose needs cannot be met in classrooms which fully implement best practices of differentiated instruction. Assessment will take into consideration multiple measures. Recommended changes will be reflected in the AIM Master Plan to be approved by the Board.

“Further, direct the Superintendent to develop a plan for the district which fully implements differentiated instructional practices in all classrooms.”

Member Archer seconded the motion.

Member Lovenburg clarified her motion was not intended to change anything for students already privately tested and identified into the AIM program for the 2015-16 school year.

Elimination of private testing would begin next year, 2015-16, for the 2016-17 year. Revamping of the testing protocols would begin with the screening that takes place for next year.

AIM Master Plan Recommendation (continued)

The Board discussed the presented motion, specifically differentiated instruction, testing, and changes to AIM program. Following this discussion, paragraph three was amended as follows: *“Assessment will take into consideration multiple measures. Recommended changes will be reflected in the Aim Master Plan and will be approved by the Board, prior to implementation.”*

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg
Noes: Sunder
Abstain: None

VII-c. (This item was heard before Item VII-b.) The Board received a report from UC Davis researchers regarding their findings about the academic impact of the Alternative Instruction Model (AIM/GATE) program on both students in the AIM program and student in the regular program. The Board asked many questions related to the information presented and shared their individual comments, concerns and appreciation of the research team for donating their services to the district.

Magnet Programs (AIM) Study Summary and Update

President Fernandes invited public comment. Several members of the public addressed the Board.

VII-d. Associate Superintendent Bruce Colby presented information related to the Governor’s May Budget Revise outlining the effects on the District’s budget. The outcome is favorable for the District. The Board asked questions about specific areas of the budget.

May Revision Budget Update

President Fernandes invited public comment. There were no comments.

VII-e. Under the provisions of the resolution establishing Community Facilities District No. 1 (CFD No. 1), the Board is granted the authority to adjust the CFD No. 1 tax rate by a maximum of 4.63% per annum. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to comment on the proposed adjustment of 4.63% to the current CFD No. 1 tax rate of \$198.52. The proposed rate, when adjusted, would amount to \$207.72 per special tax unit.

Public Hearing: Community Facilities District No. 1 Tax Rate, 2015-16

President Fernandes opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

VII-f. Member Lovenburg moved to approve the proposed adjustment as noted in Agenda Item VII-e above. Member Adams seconded the motion.

Approval of Community Facilities District No. 1 Tax Rate, 2015-16

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder
Noes: None
Abstain: None

VII-g. Under the provisions of the resolution establishing Community Facilities District No. 2 (CFD No. 2,) the Board is granted the authority to adjust the CFD No. 2 tax rates by a maximum of 4.63% per annum. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to comment on the proposed adjustment of 4.63% to the current CFD No. 2 tax rates of \$.5926 per square foot of space for residential property and \$.0888 per square foot of commercial property. The proposed adjustment would increase the rates to \$.6200 per square foot of assessable space for residential property, and \$.0930 per square foot of chargeable covered and enclosed space for commercial and industrial property.

Public Hearing: Community Facilities District No. 2 Tax Rate, 2015-16

President Fernandes opened a public hearing. There were no comments.

VII-h. Member Adams moved to approve the proposed adjustment as noted in Agenda Item VII-g above. Member Lovenburg seconded the motion.

Approval of Community Facilities District No. 2 Tax Rate, 2015-16

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder
Noes: None
Abstain: None

VII-i. In March 2012, the District’s voters approved an annual tax of \$150.00 per unit for multi-dwelling units and \$320.00 per parcel for all other parcels. The resolution authorizing the tax calls for a public hearing prior to the assessment of the tax each fiscal year.

Public Hearing: Measure C Tax Rate, 2015-16

In accordance with the Parcel Tax Measure, the rate was adjusted 2.2% (California Price Index) in 2013-2014. Rates were not adjusted in 2014-15. The district has the authority to increase the rates for 2015-16 based on the latest California Price Index figures (1.3%) which would increase the annual tax from \$153.00 to \$155.29 per unit for multi-dwelling units and \$327.04 to \$331.29 per parcel for all other parcels.

President Fernandes opened the public hearing. There were no comments

VII-j. Member Lovenburg noted the significant new funding to the district and moved to continue with the same current annual tax rate of \$153.00 per unit for multi-dwelling units and \$327.04 per parcel for all other parcels. Member Archer seconded the motion.

Approval of Measure C Tax Rate, 2015-2016

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder
Noes: None
Abstain: None

VII-k. In November 2012, the District’s voters approved an annual tax of \$20.00 per unit for multi-dwelling units and \$204.00 per parcel for all other. The resolution authorizing the Measure E tax calls for a public hearing prior to the assessment of the tax each fiscal year.

Public Hearing: Measure E Tax Rate, 2015-16

Due to a court decision, Resolution No. 24-14 was passed in August 2013 authorizing an annual tax of \$204.00 per parcel of taxable real property.

In accordance with the Parcel Tax Measure, the rate can be adjusted for 2015-16 based on the latest California Price Index figures (1.3%) which would increase the annual tax from \$204 per parcel to \$206.65 per parcel.

President Fernandes opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

**Public Hearing:
Measure E Tax Rate, 2015-16
(continued)**

VII-l. Member Lovenburg again noting the significant new funding to the district moved to continue with the same current annual tax rate of \$204 per parcel of taxable real property. Member Adams seconded the motion.

Approval of Measure E Tax Rate, 2015-2016

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

VIII. UPDATE ON TENTATIVE BOARD CALENDAR

VIII-a. A Tentative Board Calendar was presented for consideration. A special meeting will be held on June 25 to adopt the district budget.

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 June 18, 2015. The Board will convene at 5:30 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 7:00 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 12:03 a.m.

Adjournment

Alan Fernandes, President

Winfred B. Roberson, Jr., Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Board meeting on: _____