

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

## **Board of Education**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

### **November 5, 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 5:40 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; b) conference with agency negotiator, Matt Best, regarding collective bargaining with DTA and CSEA; and Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, significant exposure to litigation (2 cases).

**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 Susan Lovenburg 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  
 Stephanie Gregson, Director of Curriculum, Assessment & Learning  
 Maria Clayton, Public Information Officer  
 Student Representative Eli Inkelas  
 Frank Thomsen, DTA President  
 Jim Herrington, CSEA President  
 Penny Pyle, Board Recorder  
 Jeff Hudson, Enterprise Reporter  
 Nicholas von Wettberg, Vanguard Reporter  
 Other interested citizens

**Roll Call  
(continued)**

**III-d.** President Fernandes announced the following decisions were made in Closed Session: The Board took action to ratify by a unanimous vote to ratify a Special Education agreement.

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

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

President Fernandes also announced the Board took action to approve the award of a retroactive diploma by a unanimous vote. (This action was taken in the special Closed Session prior to the regular meeting of November 5.)

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

**III-e.** The agenda was presented for approval. President Alan moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation by the Willett Elementary Voltz team as the first item under the Presentation/Discussion/Action section. Member Adams seconded the motion.

**Approval of the  
Agenda**

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

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Superintendent's  
Communication**

**IV-b.** DTA President Frank Thomsen, 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 Representative, Eli Inkelas addressed the Board.

**Student Board  
Representative**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V-a.** President Fernandes invited anyone interested in addressing the Board to do so at this time. There were no public comments at this time.

**Public  
Comment**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar was presented for approval. Member Lovenburg moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. 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. 08-16**
- b) **Approval of Classified Personnel Report No. 08-16**
- c) **Approval of minutes of the regular meetings of October 1 and 15, 2015.**
- d) **Approve the Submission of the Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant for 2015-16**
- e) **Approve Resolution No 34-16: Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016**
- f) **Approval of Agreement for Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Services with GLUMAC consulting, Inc. for Willett Elementary School – Multipurpose Building**
- g) **Approval of Metal Roof Design Engineering with TREMCO, Inc. for Patwin Elementary School**
- h) **School-Connected Organizations Authorization Form**
- i) **Ratification of Contracts and Agreements**
- j) **Approval of 2015-2016 Supplementary Educational Services (SES) Contracts**

**VII. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**VII-a.** (This item was added to the agenda). The Voltz team, a group of Willett Elementary students, reported on their recently implemented program and efforts to reduce and recycle/compost paper towel waste.

**Presentation by  
Willett  
Elementary  
Voltz**

**VII-b.** The Board received information about the Davis Farm to School’s efforts to reduce solid waste and about their garden and farm-based education opportunities. Jeri Ohmart reported on Davis Farm to School’s recent outside evaluation of the program and outlined their recommendations for waste management and school gardens in the future. The Board thanked Davis Farm to School members and their leadership and dedication.

**Davis Farm to School Presentation**

**VII-c.** Superintendent Roberson and Stephanie Gregson, Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Learning, discussed the details of the five AIM recommendations related to testing, qualification scores and supporting differentiation in the classrooms. These recommendations remain consistent with the recommendations presented to the Board on September 17. Teacher Leslie Whiteford was invited to present information about differentiated instruction. The Board and staff held a lengthy conversation regarding the recommendations, their impact and outcomes.

**Alternative Instructional Model (AIM) Recommendations**

President Fernandes invited public comment. Many members of the public addressed the Board regarding the proposed AIM recommendations.

Following the public comment, the Board took a short recess at 10:47 p.m. and reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

Board members shared their individual comments, including concerns and support for the recommendations. During this discussion, the Board voted to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. Member Adams moved to extend the meeting to 11:40 p.m. and Member Lovenburg seconded the motion.

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

The Board determined it would take a separate vote on each recommendation as presented.

1. Member Lovenburg moved to approve continued use of the OLSAT for universal testing as presented. Member Sunder seconded the motion.

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

2. Member Lovenburg moved to approve the four recommended risk factors and associated tests as presented. (As listed in the September 17, 2015 Special Report to the Board, the risk factors are: Economic, Health/Disability, Language/Culture and Discrepant Indicators; and the tests are CogAT, Slosson, TONI, Naglieri and WISC). Member Adams seconded the motion. Member Sunder noted she is prepared to support the motion but reserves the ability to look closely at the results with respect to identifying a diverse population of high ability students the same way as was done with the TONI.

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

3. Member Lovenburg moved approval of the use of the HOPE scale pilot as recommended. Member Adams seconded the motion. Member Sunder noted she had the same comment as noted in the previous motion, and wants to be able to look at it closely in a year.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

4. Member Lovenburg noted her difficulty supporting the phased in plan and the reasons. She also noted the importance to the successful implementation of the changes and moving forward together. Member Lovenburg then moved to approve the final AIM qualification score of 98% phased in over two years as follows:

- Retain qualification score of 96% and implement recommended assessment protocols in 2016-17 while developing a district-wide focus on differentiated instruction in all classrooms.
- Implement qualification of 98% in 2017-18.

Member Adams seconded the motion.

During Board discussion it was clarified that the reference to 2016-17 and 2017-18 was about “*placement of students* in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 academic years.” Members continued their discussion working together to refine the motion.

Member Lovenburg restated her motion with suggested revisions as follows:

Move to approve the final AIM qualification score of 98% phased in over two years as follows:

- Retain qualification score of 96% and implement recommended assessment protocols for placement of students in the academic year 2016-17 while developing a district-wide focus on differentiated instruction in all classrooms.
- Implement qualification of 98% for placement of students in 2017-18 academic year.

With input from Board colleagues, Member Sunder offered an amendment which was to include the following language in Member Lovenburg’s motion, “and review the identification data after one year to assess the ability of the new protocols to identify high ability students in populations reflecting our student demographics.”

Member Lovenburg rested her motion with the amendments as follows:

Moved to approve the final AIM qualification score of 98% phased in over two years as follows:

- Retain qualification score of 96% and implement recommended assessment protocols for placement of students in the 2016-17 academic year while developing a district-wide focus on differentiated instruction in all classrooms, and review the identification data after one year to assess the ability of the new protocols to identify high ability students reflecting our student demographics.
- Implement qualification of 98% for placement of students in 2017-18 academic year.

**Alternative  
Instructional  
Model (AIM)  
Recommendations  
(continued)**

Member Adams seconded the amended motion.

Member Sunder expressed her concern about the two-year phase in, and noted she again reserved the right to bring the issue back if necessary.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Member Adams moved to extend to the meeting to 12:30 a.m., time certain. Member Sunder seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

5. Member Lovenburg moved approval of the modified leadership and support structure as recommended.

- FTE Differentiation Specialist to provide differentiation coaching to all classrooms, to participate on the AIM assessment team and to provide AIM program support. Member Adams seconded the motion.
- Increases secretarial time (to support summer gaps)

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

6. Member Lovenburg moved that the AIM Master Plan be updated by staff to reflect the Board approved changes as noted in the motions above. Member Sunder seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Lovenburg, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Member Adams, with concurrence of the Board, asked staff to bring to a future Board meeting a proposal for an outside evaluator.

Member Sunder, again with the concurrence of the Board, asked staff to bring back information on a parent education program and a student curricular program about labeling to help dispel myths about student’s abilities.

**VII-d.** Associate Superintendent Bruce Colby gave a brief update about the district’s budget. President Fernandes invited public comment. There were none.

**Alternative Instructional Model (AIM) Recommendations (continued)**

**Budget Planning Update**

**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 November 19, 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 12:27 a.m.

**Adjournment**

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Alan Fernandes, President

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Winfred B. Roberson, Jr., Secretary

*These minutes were approved at the Board meeting on:* \_\_\_\_\_