



Gina Daleiden, President
Tim Taylor, Vice President/Clerk
Sheila Allen
Richard Harris
Susan Lovenburg

Board of Education
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 2, 2009

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 Daleiden called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Davis Joint Unified School District to order at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 15 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: 1) discussion and possible action on personnel listed on the Consent Calendar for personnel employment/status actions; 2) conference with agency negotiator, Kevin French, regarding collective bargaining for DTA and CSEA; and 3) conference with legal counsel for anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9, number of cases: (2).

Closed Session

III. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

III-a. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:15 p.m. in the Community Chambers at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California.

Open Session

III-b. As a patriotic observance, Board Vice President Tim Taylor led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Patriotic
Observance**

III-c. Board members present: Gina Daleiden, President
Sheila Allen
Richard Harris
Susan Lovenburg
Tim Taylor

Roll Call

Others present: James Hammond, Superintendent
Bruce Colby, Associate Superintendent – Business Services
Clark Bryant, Assistant Superintendent –Instruction and Elementary
Education

Kevin French, Associate Superintendent – Human Resources and Secondary Education
 Pam Mari, Director of Student Services
 Cathy Haskell, DTA President
 Jim Herrington, CSEA President
 Linda Winter, Board Recorder
 Jeff Hudson, Enterprise reporter
 Other Interested Citizens

**Roll Call
(continued)**

President Daleiden noted that student representative Charlotte Krovoza was in Washington, D.C. on a school-sponsored field trip.

III-d. President Daleiden announced that there were no decisions made in closed session.

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

III-e. The agenda was presented for approval. Member Allen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Taylor seconded the motion.

**Approval of the
Agenda**

Ayes: Allen, Daleiden, Harris, Lovenburg, Taylor
 Absent: Student Representative Charlotte Krovoza
 Noes: None
 Abstain: None

III-f. President Daleiden invited anyone interested in addressing the board on items not on the agenda, to do so at this time.

**Public
Comment and
Staff Comment**

- Alan Anderson, President of the Davis Schools Foundation (DSF), expressed the Foundation’s concern about current budget reductions to administration and teachers, and confirmed the Foundation’s commitment to students and educational programs.
- Kirk Alexander and John Ferrerra, both parents and members of the Davis Schools Foundation, also expressed their commitment to the Davis school programs and students.
- Eric Davis, parent, noted his support for partnerships to work with the district, cooperating on shared goals.
- Maria Ungermann, parent, expressed her concern about the status of the current state budget and potential impacts on teachers and student programs.

President Daleiden invited any staff members who wish to make comments, to do so at this time:

- Cathy Haskell, DTA President, noted the current state budget concerns and expressed support for passage of propositions 1A through 1F on the California special election on May 19. She stated that the Davis Teachers Association would be working with its membership to generate support for the initiatives.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was presented for approval. Member Taylor moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, and Member Allen seconded the motion.

Ayes: Allen, Daleiden, Harris, Lovenburg, Taylor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

A listing of approved Consent Calendar items follows:

- a. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report No. 20-09**
- b. Approval of Classified Personnel Report No. 20-09**
- c. Approval of minutes of the Board meeting of March 19, 2009**
- d. Approval of contract for district auditors, Perry-Smith LLP**
- e. Approval of energy management partnership letter between the Davis Joint Unified School District and U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR ®.**

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

V-a. Donita Stromgren, a commissioner of First 5 Yolo, presented information about the program (which focuses on children up to age five) and its positive effects on the children entering the Davis district. She reviewed funding sources for First 5 through Proposition 10, Cigarette Tax Revenue, and noted that 80% of the funds are awarded to local counties and 20% to First 5 California for statewide initiatives, advocacy, and public education. In Davis, 246 children were provided with services, as well as 449 parents and 89 childcare providers.

Member Lovenburg noted the potential impact of Proposition 1D on the California special election on May 19. Ms. Stromgren noted that this proposition, if passed, would protect children's services funding and ensures that counties retain funding for local priorities. The Board complimented Ms. Stromgren on the success of First 5 Yolo's accomplishments in Davis, and expressed support for continuing goals to meet children's needs.

V-b. Bruce Colby, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, noted that the Board previously directed staff to prepare the necessary documents to finance Phase I of the stadium project at Davis Senior High School. Working with Government Financial Strategies and bond counsel, Mr. Colby reported that based on current market conditions, the district could borrow approximately \$5.2 million in the form of Certificates of Participation (COPs) to net \$4.4 to \$4.9 million for the facilities project. This borrowing would be funded by future secured property taxes being already being collected from the prior voter-approved Community Facilities District funds. This debt would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

Rich Malone of Government Financial Strategies, Inc. presented an overview of the COP structure and necessary documents, showing a flowchart of activities involving the District, the Davis Schools Financing Corporation, and municipal bond investors.

**Consent
Calendar**

**First 5 Yolo
Presentation**

**DJUSD
Resolution 45-
09 Authorizing
Issuance of
Certificates of
Participation
(COPs)**

Mr. Colby introduced Resolution No. 45-09, which authorizes the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPs). The resolution also directs and authorizes the Davis Schools Financing Corporation to approve, execute, and deliver the agreements and documents required for this debt issuance. The Board discussed specific language in the resolution, and Member Taylor and President Daleiden suggested a revision to paragraph 2 to state: “Whereas, the District intends to construct, modernize, improve, furnish, and/or equip certain school facilities projects, including, *at a minimum but not limited to, Davis Senior High School* stadium construction and improvements... Board members agreed to include this revision in Resolution No. 45-09, second paragraph. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Colby confirmed that the issuance of COPs is a usual activity for a school district and does not change the debt ability of the District or impact future borrowing.

President Daleiden invited anyone interested in addressing the Board on this item to do so.

- Nancy Petersen, member of the DSHS Blue and White Foundation, expressed support for moving forward with the stadium project.
- Rochelle Swanson, Vice President of the Blue and White Foundation, commended the Board for its commitment to the stadium project.
- Mike McDermott, past president of the Foundation, thanked the Board for its collaborative efforts in working with all entities to move forward with the stadium project. He noted the Foundation’s efforts to raise additional funds toward supporting the stadium modernization.
- Sylvan Gallo, football athlete at DSHS, expressed appreciation for the stadium project and inquired about the timeframe for actual use.

Superintendent Hammond responded that the timeline for ground-breaking activities would probably be in late June or early July, with more discussions and communications to follow. The community will be advised of all activities through a variety of public announcements.

The Board commended the combined efforts of staff and Government Financial Strategies, as well as the involvement of the Yolo County Office of Education and the auditor’s assessment of the plan to finance Phase I of the DSHS stadium project.

Member Taylor moved to approve Resolution No. 45-09 as amended to include revised language in paragraph 2, to authorize issuance of non-voter approved debt not to exceed \$6,000,000 in the form of Certificates of Participation (COPs) to be funded by secured property taxes collected from Davis Joint Unified School District Community Facilities Districts (CFD #1 and CFD #2). Member Allen seconded the motion.

Ayes: Allen, Daleiden, Harris, Lovenburg, Taylor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

**DJUSD
Resolution 45-
09 Authorizing
Issuance of
Certificates of
Participation
(COPs)
(continued)**

At this time, 8:14 p.m., the Board recessed its regular meeting of the Board of Education and called to order the meeting of the Davis Schools Financing Corporation to address Resolution No. 46-09 and to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Following is a summary of that meeting. The official record of the meeting is found in the minutes of the Davis Schools Financing Corporation.

On a motion by Director Allen and second by Director Colby, the minutes of May 17, 2007 were approved unanimously.

On a motion by Director Colby and second by Director Hammond, Resolution No. 46-09 was approved by a roll call vote with all directors present voting in favor, noting that Resolution No. 46-09 should align with the Board of Education's revised language previously approved for Resolution No. 45-09.

The meeting of the Davis Schools Financing Corporation adjourned, and the meeting of the Board of Education reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

V-c. Superintendent Hammond stated that the Davis Schools Foundation (DSF) is once again ready to embark on a community fundraising effort that will support the students in the District in view of recent budget reductions to staff and program offerings. He introduced a potential list of District priorities for DSF future fundraising efforts at a level of approximately \$500,000. Superintendent Hammond noted that many of the items on the list would be beneficial to at-risk students, while the District will still maintain the Advanced Placement programs, GATE, Spanish Immersion, and other special interests. Because of recent cuts to classified and certificated staff, the District is able to eliminate an ongoing budget deficit, while still allowing the District to serve students. It is the intent of DSF that their fundraising efforts will help mitigate the impacts of the decrease in district funding.

The Board discussed with staff the potential list of priorities presented by Superintendent Hammond, noting the impacts on specific positions or programs currently targeted for reduction, problematic issues of using one-time money for ongoing costs, and concerns about tying fundraising dollars to specific personnel or programs.

Alan Anderson, President of the Davis Schools Foundation, expressed concern about the level of staffing cuts and what it will mean for students. He thanked the staff and the Board for generating and reviewing the listing of potential fundraising goals for DSF, hoping that there will be mutual targets for priorities.

Member Harris noted the different conditions in fundraising priorities this year, compared with last year. He expressed concern about accepting donations pledged to a specific purpose and expressed a need for flexibility in light of the state budget's situation and upcoming special election on May 19. Other Board members expressed the reality of having to do budget cuts which will hopefully have the least amount of impact on programs, while acknowledging the difficult timing of adopting a budget before the Governor's Revise and other funding sources are known. It was also mentioned that this year there is no "back up" plan, such as Measure W, as in last year's fundraising efforts to help defray on-going deficit budget conditions. Although there are many areas of common agreements, the Board felt it

**Davis Schools
Financing
Corporation
Meeting
(Resolution No.
46-09)**

**Board
Priorities for
Partnering
Foundations**

might be difficult to make a decision on priorities now.

Mr. Anderson addressed the Board from the point of view of a professional fundraiser, not as a member of the Davis Schools Foundation, and noted the difficulty of asking the community to donate to unspecified targets, and feared that unrestricted fundraising is not going to get the same level of support, especially when the donor does not know where the pledge money will be spent.

The Board acknowledged the difficulties of making a decision on the potential list of priorities, only because of the current budget situation. Several members suggested that DSF raise funds with “no strings attached,” which would leave the Board with the flexibility to allocate donated funds when needs are determined after the state budget is finalized. However, the Board agreed that there are common overall goals within the partnerships and organizations, such as DSF, CSEA, and DTA, as everyone’s top priority is to address needs created by recent budget reductions.

Superintendent Hammond stated that he understands the Board’s concerns, along with those of the DSF fundraising staff. He will pursue further discussions with DSF in an effort to work out a plan in the near future, and he will report results back to the Board at a future meeting.

V-d. Members Lovenburg and Allen of the Board Subcommittee on Board Policies noted that the Board held a first reading of all board policies, 0000 through 7000 series, at the March 19 meeting. At that time, the Subcommittee highlighted policies that had been revised since the original adoption or had not been previously approved. Consequently, recommended changes have been incorporated into the policies presented at this meeting. The 0000 through 7000 series are being presented at this meeting for a second reading and approval, with the exception of policies 5131, 5145.11, 5116.1, and 5117, which are still being reviewed. Superintendent Hammond confirmed that Administrative Regulations are in the process of being completed for each Board policy.

President Daleiden invited public comment from anyone interested to speak on this topic.

- Although this item is out of order for the agenda, Rochelle Swanson, Vice President of the Blue and White Foundation, asked to speak on a different topic before leaving the meeting. She expressed support for partnership agreements between the District and the Davis Schools Foundation and appreciates the manner by which the District is using caution during the current financial climate.

There were no public comments on the second reading and approval of Board Policies as presented by the Subcommittee.

Member Allen moved and Member Lovenburg seconded to approve the Board policies as presented for second reading at this meeting, with the exception of 5131, 5145.11, 5116.1, and 5117.

**Board
Priorities for
Partnering
Foundations
(continued)**

**Second
Reading and
Approval of
Board Policies**

Ayes: Allen, Daleiden, Harris, Lovenburg, Taylor

Noes: None

Abstain: None

**Second
Reading and
Approval of
Board Policies**

V-e. Clark Bryant, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented information on the recommended instructional materials for K-8, algebra, and geometry, as well as the process that led to those recommendations. He noted that the adoption committee included teachers, administrators, parents, and students at the secondary level. Detailed charts were reviewed, listing each instructional material, expenditure, intended course, and current adoption cycle. Dr. Bryant also noted that the purchase of these instructional materials would be through the Instructional Materials Realignment Fund, ending balance from 2007-08. This resource is specifically designed by the state for the sole purpose of purchasing State Board of Education approved instructional materials. The purchase of these materials will not impact the General Fund of the Davis district.

**K-8
Mathematics
Instructional
Materials
Presentation**

It was reported that after math teachers reviewed the materials, their input included the need for professional training, grade level articulation, and Family Math Nights to give parents access to the curriculum. Math teacher Pat King (Holmes Junior High) explained differentiated strategies for group learning and emphasized the need for teachers' training with the publisher's intervention techniques. In response to Board inquiry, Dr. Bryant noted that electronic versions of the math curriculum will be made available online by the publisher, dependent on purchase. This item will be returned for approval at a future Board meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI-a. President Daleiden publicly encouraged parents to attend various Open House activities throughout the District's school sites.

**Announce-
ments from
Board
members**

VI-b. Superintendent Hammond announced that Principal Matt Best would provide an updated report at the May 7 Board meeting on DaVinci High's enrollment projections.

**Superintend-
ent's Report**

VII. UPDATE ON TENTATIVE BOARD CALENDAR

VII-a. An updated Tentative Board Calendar was presented for consideration.

**Update on
Tentative
Calendar**

VIII. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 16, 2009. The Board will convene in open session, and immediately thereafter adjourn to closed session at 5:30 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Administration Building at 526 B Street, Davis, California. The Board will reconvene in open session at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Community Chambers at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California.

**Date, Time,
Place of Next
Meeting**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Adjournment

Gina Daleiden, President

J. Quezon Hammond, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Board meeting on: _____