

Governing Board

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Alan Fernandes
Bob Poppenga
Madhavi Sunder

Board of Education

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Barbara Archer 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 Madhavi Sunder led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Patriotic
Observance**

III-c. Board members present:

Barbara Archer, President
Tom Adams
Alan Fernandes
Bob Poppenga
Madhavi Sunder

Roll Call

Others present: John A. Bowes, Superintendent
 Matt Best, Deputy Superintendent
 Clark Bryant, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services
 Bruce Colby, Chief Business Operating Officer
 Laura Juanitas, Director of Student Support Services
 Maria Clayton, Public Information Officer
 Troy Allen, Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Learning
 Student Representative, Will Alpers and Izzy Giannetti
 Blair Howard, DTA President
 Penny Pyle, Board Recorder
 Jeff Hudson, Enterprise Reporter
 Other interested citizens

Roll Call (continued)

III-d. President Archer 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. Agenda Item V-b., Strategic Planning Annual Update was removed from the agenda and postponed to April 20. Member Fernandes moved to approve the agenda as amended. Member Adams seconded the motion.

Approval of the Agenda

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was presented for approval. President Archer removed Consent Item IV-j, Instructional Calendar for discussion. Member Sunder removed Consent Item IV-e, Board Bylaws for discussion. Member Adams moved to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Member Sunder seconded the motion.

Consent Calendar

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

A listing of approved Consent Calendar items follows:

- a) **Approve Certificated Personnel Report No. 15-17**
- b) **Approve Classified Personnel Report No. 15-17**
- c) **Approve Meeting Minutes of February 2, 4 and 16, and March 2, 2017**
- d) **Approve Resolution No. 38-17: Farm Connection Day Field Trip**
- e) Approve Amendments to Existing Board Bylaws was approved as amended on a separate vote as noted below.
- f) **Consolidated Application, Part II for funding Categorical Aid Programs 2016-17**
- g) **Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**
- h) **Approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

- i) **Resolution No. 34-17: Ordering Elimination or Reduction of Classified Positions for Lack of Work or Lack of Funds**
- j) Approve Instructional Calendars for 2017-2018, 2018—2019 and 2019-2020 School Years was approved on a separate vote as noted below.
- k) **Authorize the Destruction of Class 3 Documents**
- l) **Accept Bid and Approve Awarding the contract for Hard Court Asphalt Repair Project (5 sites) (PN 16-27)**
- m) **Accept Bid and Approve Awarding the contract for HVAC and Controls Replacement Project – Phase II (PN 16-22)**
- n) **Approve Notice of Completion for the Campus Wide Painting Project at Harper Junior High School Site**
- o) **Approve Notice of Completion for the Proposition 39 Lighting Retrofit Project at Emerson Junior High School and DaVinci Charter Academy Sites**
- p) **Acceptance of Gifts**
- q) **Ratification of Contracts and Agreements**

**Consent
Calendar
(continued)**

Member Sunder requested Bylaw 9250 Remuneration/Reimbursement be removed from the list of Bylaws presented for approval under Item V-e, and submitted to the Board Policy Subcommittee for further discussion. Member Fernandes moved to approve Consent Item V-e, Revisions of Existing Board Bylaws excluding Bylaw 9250. Member Adams seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Student Preferential Vote: Alpers, Giannetti

President Archer removed Consent Item V-j, Instructional Calendars to seek further clarification on elementary/secondary teacher workdays and to highlight the two distinct teacher workday/non-student contact days. Board members also noted for the community the Winter Break and Spring Break schedules. There was a brief discussion about the process of scheduling the Winter and Spring Breaks. Member Fernandes moved to approve the instructional calendars as presented. Member Poppenga seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Student Preferential Vote: Alpers, Giannetti

V. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

V-a. Superintendent Bowes and CBO Bruce Colby presented information on the District's budget for the current year and discussed the implications of the Governor's proposed 2017-18 state budget. The District's Second Interim positive certification is based on the District's ability to remain solvent during the current year and next three years, utilizing the Reserve Fund. Mr. Colby also addressed the District's existing structural deficit which will be further exacerbated by the reduction in LCFF revenue from the original projection.

**Approve Second
Interim Budget
Report**

President Archer invited public comment prior to and following the Board's discussion. Several members of the public addressed the Board.

The Board and staff discussed program costs, funding, increasing enrollment/ADA, alternative funding streams, and qualified budgets/oversight.

Member Adams moved to approve the Second Interim Budget, and Member Sunder seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Student Preferential Vote: Alpers, Giannetti

Approve Second Interim Budget Report (continued)

V-b. The Strategic Planning Annual Update was postponed to the April 20 meeting.

Strategic Planning Annual Update

V-c. The Board received a report on the adoption recommendation for the preschool through 8th grade Common Core State Standards instructional materials in English Language Arts. Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Learning Troy Allen outlined the piloting and evaluation process leading to the recommendations of *Creative Curriculum* (Pre-School), *Advance/Adelante* (TK-6th grades), and *Collections* (7th-8th grades).

Instructional Materials Report on Preschool-8th Grade English Language Arts

President Archer invited public comment. There were none.

Staff responded to Board questions related to the curriculum content and instructional materials. This adoption will come back to the Board on May 4 for approval.

V-d. Superintendent Bowes discussed his research, the District's mission statement and recapped the Board directives. Information was presented about the recent AIM program identification results including ethnicity, underserved population, and parent education; third grade universal testing/rescreening assessments; random selection process; Hope scale pilot, and instructional differentiation program. The following Superintendent recommendations were presented to the Board:

AIM Presentation

- 1) Explore alternatives for identifying talents and gifts from a wider range of domains beyond language arts and mathematics.
- 2) Work to ensure that current staff includes a GATE certified teacher at each elementary school and will try to augment that number in each successive school year.
- 3) Reaffirm, through this agenda item, our commitment to formative assessments and student goal-setting.

Following the presentation, President Archer invited public comment. Many members of the public addressed the Board during this time.

Member Fernandes moved to extend the meeting to midnight, and Member Sunder seconded the motion.

**AIM
Presentation
(continued)**

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Student Preferential Vote: Alpers, Giannetti

Member Fernandes spoke briefly regarding the presentation and public comments then followed with the motion below:

The Board of Trustees:

- 1) Direct staff to use appropriate assessments for students who are English learners, low income, learning disabled, or from historically disadvantaged minorities and other underrepresented groups, for the purpose of ensuring the identification for these at risk student groups to ensure equal access to the AIM program each school year.
- 2) For the 2017-18 school year, and each year thereafter, when the number of children identified for the AIM program does not equal a full classroom, the remaining seats shall be filled with a preference toward high ability students.
- 3) Those AIM identified students who choose not to be placed in a self-contained AIM classroom will have their specific educational needs met in their neighborhood or traditional school classroom through an alternative instruction plan, in consultation with an AIM-certified teacher, tailored to meet their specific abilities utilizing various models for program delivery, that may include but not be limited to, math ability rotations, flexible grouping, or other pullout or push-in services.

Board members shared their comments and some suggestions regarding the motion on the floor, the identification process, combination classes, long-term effective AIM program and solutions, creating a task force, social-emotional needs of students, individual learning, and resources were among the many topics.

North Davis Principal Sarah Roseen and Pioneer Principal Matt Duffy were invited to share about the flexible grouping/cluster models implemented at their respective schools. The Board then continued its discussion.

Member Fernandes moved to extend the meeting to 12:30 a.m. Member Poppenga seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Student Preferential Vote: Alpers, Giannetti

The Board and staff continued its lengthy discussion about the motion on the floor and the recommendations from Superintendent Bowes. During which the following motions and substitute motions were made:

Member Fernandes restated his original motion, but revising it to include only Section 1 as modified by Member Adams (in italics below), and Section 3 as originally presented. Member Sunder seconded the motion.

**AIM
Presentation
(continued)**

The Board of Trustees:

- 1) Direct staff to use appropriate assessments for students who are English learners, low income, learning disabled, or from historically disadvantaged minorities and other underrepresented groups, for the purpose of ensuring the identification for these at risk student groups to ensure equal access to *a challenging curriculum*.
- 2) (Omitted from this motion.)
- 3) Those AIM identified students who choose not to be placed in a self-contained AIM classroom will have their specific educational needs met in their neighborhood or traditional school classroom through an alternative instruction plan, in consultation with an AIM-certified teacher, tailored to meet their specific abilities utilizing various models for program delivery, that may include but not be limited to, math ability rotations, flexible grouping, or other pullout or push-in services.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Student Preferential Vote: Alpers, Giannetti

Member Adams moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. Member Sunder Seconded the motion.

Ayes: Adams, Archer, Fernandes, Poppenga, Sunder

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Member Fernandes moved to approve Section 2 as modified during Board discussion (noted in italics below), and Member Adams seconded the motion.

- 2) For the 2017-18 school year, and each year thereafter, when the number of children identified for the AIM program does not equal a full classroom, the remaining seats may be filled in accordance *with the program's design*.

Member Sunder offered a substitute motion with modifications noted in italics:

- 2) For the 2017-18 school year, and each year thereafter, when the number of children identified for the AIM program does not equal a full classroom, the remaining seats *shall be filled with a preference toward high ability students or students deemed an appropriate placement by the principal*.

Member Fernandes moved to extend the meeting 30 minutes, and Member Sunder seconded the motion.

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

**AIM
Presentation
(continued)**

Member Sunder repeated her substitute motion as indicated above. Member Poppenga seconded the motion.

The Board and staff discussed both motions on the floor. Following the discussion Member Sunder withdrew her motion.

With the substitute motion withdrawn, the original motion stands as follows:

- 2) For the 2017-18 school year, and each year thereafter, when the number of children identified for the AIM program does not equal a full classroom, the remaining seats *may* be filled in accordance *with the program's design*.

President Archer called for a vote.

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

Member Fernandes moved to approve the three recommendations from the Superintendent as noted below. Member Adams seconded the motion.

- 1) Explore alternatives for identifying talents and gifts from a wider range of domains beyond language arts and mathematics.
- 2) Work to ensure that current staff includes a GATE certified teacher at each elementary school and will try to augment that number in each successive school year.
- 3) Reaffirm, through this agenda item, our commitment to formative assessments and student goal-setting.

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

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI -a. No Superintendent announcements.

**Superintendent's
Communication**

VI -b. No DTA announcements.

**DTA
Communications**

VI -c. No CSEA announcements.

**CSEA
Communications**

VI -d. A Board member shared announcements of upcoming events.

**Announcements
from Board
Members/Board
Liaisons**

VI-e. No Student Board Representative announcements.

**Student Board
Representative**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII-a. President Archer invited anyone interested in addressing the Board to do so at this time. Two individuals addressed the Board.

**Public
Comment**

VIII. UPDATE ON TENTATIVE BOARD CALENDAR

VIII-a. A Tentative Board Calendar available for review.

**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 April 20, 2017. 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 1:04 a.m.

Adjournment

Barbara Archer, President

John A. Bowes, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Board meeting on: _____