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I. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was Called to Order by Mr. Donald E. LaPlante, President of the Board of Education, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Pace Training Center, 9625 Van Ruiten Street, Bellflower, California.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mr. D. Mark Morris, Clerk of the Board of Education.

3. INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Mr. Tod M. Corrin, Vice President of the Board of Education.

4. ROLL CALL

Present

Donald E. LaPlante

Tod M. Corrin

D. Mark Morris

Giovanna Perez-Saab
Barbara R. Samperi
Martha E. Sodetani
Nancy A. Swenson

John A. Garcia, Jr., Ph.D.

5. ADOPT Agenda #12 for the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education held on December 15, 2020.

Mrs. Sodetani moved, Ms. Swenson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously that the Board of Education adopt Agenda #12 for the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education held on December 15, 2020.

II. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss Discipline/Dismissal/Release and returned into Open Session at 5:15 p.m.

The Griffiths Middle School choir performed virtually for the Board of Education.

III. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS (continued)

1. RECEIVE correspondence and refer it to the proper order of business or to the Superintendent for handling.

There was no correspondence to be received.

2. HEAR Special Presentations to Retiring Board Members.

The following presentations were heard and/or certificates presented:

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard - video presentation; certificate presented to Mr. Corrin and Congressional Record presented to Mr. LaPlante

Senator Bob Archuleta - certificates presented

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia - video presentation; certificates presented

Board of Supervisor Janice Hahn - certificates presented

City of Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco - video presentation; certificates from City Council Members

Cerritos Community College President Dr. Jose Fierro - video presentation

Compton Unified School District Board President Micah Ali - letter of appreciation and acrylic presented to Mr. LaPlante

Retired Superintendents Dr. Edward Sussman and Dr. Wendy Doty - video presentation

Mr. Morris on behalf of the Board of Education and Downey Unified - gavels presented

Comments of appreciation and recognition by Board Members and Superintendent

Mr. Corrin and Mr. LaPlante shared their appreciation and comments

3. RECEIVE the Official Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns and Statement of Votes Cast by Precinct for the Downey Unified School District Election held on November 3, 2020.

Mr. Corrin moved, Ms. Swenson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously that the Board of Education receive the Official Certificate of Canvass of the Election Returns and Statement of Votes Cast by Precinct for the Downey Unified School District Election held on November 3, 2020.

4. ADMINISTER Oath of Office to:

The Oath of Office was administered to:

Jose J. Rodriguez, Trustee Area 2
Giovanna Perez-Saab, Trustee Area 3
Linda Salomon Saldaña, Trustee Area 4
D. Mark Morris, Trustee Area 6

Board Members introduced family in attendance.

5. ELECT Officers of the Board of Education as follows:

Ms. Swenson moved, Mrs. Perez-Saab seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, that the Board of Education elect officers of the Board of Education as follows:

President - D. Mark Morris
Vice President - Barbara R. Samperi
Clerk - Martha E. Sodetani

6. APPROVE the President's recommendations for the Board of Education members to various responsibilities:

Ms. Swenson moved, Mrs. Samperi seconded, and the motion carried unanimously that the Board of Education approve the President's recommendations for Board of Education members to various responsibilities.

Audit Committee - *Mrs. Perez-Saab, Mrs. Sodetani, Ms. Swenson*

Budget Committee - *Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Saldaña, Mrs. Samperi*

City/School District Task Force - *Mrs. Saldaña, Mrs. Samperi*

Representative for Electing Members to the County Committee on School District Organization - *Mr. Morris*

Representative to LACSTA - *Mrs. Perez-Saab*

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Enrollment Growth Committee - *Mr. Morris, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Swenson*

Food Services Wellness Committee - *Mrs. Sodetani*

Return to School Committee - *Mrs. Perez-Saab, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Swenson*

YMCA/DUSD Joint Facilities Use Committee - *Mrs. Saldaña, Mrs. Samperi, Mrs. Sodetani*

7. APPROVE the Certification of Signatures for the period from December 2020 to December 2021, or until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education.

Ms. Swenson moved, Mrs. Samperi seconded, and the motion carried unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Certification of Signatures for the period from December 2020 to December 2021, or until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education.

8. HEAR Public on Items not appearing on the Agenda.

Public comment was submitted via email from Cecilia Goñez and read congratulating Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Saldaña and Mrs. Perez-Saab.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Pace Training Center, 9625 Van Ruiten Street, Bellflower, California.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. in memory of Ramona Subirias and Robert Woodson.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

D. Mark Morris, President

Martha E. Sodetani, Clerk