



Special Board of Education Meeting

03/16/2021 04:00 PM

Downey Unified School District
Meeting held Virtually - Electronically or
Telephonically

Closed Session at 4:00 p.m. - Open Session at
approximately 4:45 p.m.

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, and as a response to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus known as COVID-19 by practicing social distancing, the Meeting of the Board of Education will be conducted virtually. There will be no public meeting space. To connect to the meeting electronically or telephonically, see information below:

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Attendees

Voting Members

- D. Mark Morris, Board President
- Barbara Samperi, Board Vice President
- Martha Sodetani, Board Clerk
- Giovanna Perez-Saab, Board Member
- Jose Rodriguez, Board Member
- Linda Salomon Saldana, Board Member
- Nancy Swenson, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

- Dr. John Garcia, Jr., Superintendent

I. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was Called to Order by Mr. D. Mark Morris, President of the Board of Education, at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 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. Jose J. Rodriguez, Member of the Board of Education.

3. INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Mrs. Giovanna Perez-Saab, Member of the Board of Education.

4. ROLL CALL

Present

D. Mark Morris
Barbara R. Samperi
Martha E. Sodetani
Giovanna Perez-Saab
Jose J. Rodriguez
Linda Salomon Saldaña
Nancy A. Swenson
John A. Garcia, Jr., Ph.D.

5. ADOPT Agenda #20 for the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 16, 2021, including corrected pages 158 and 336.

Motion made by: Nancy Swenson
Motion seconded by: Martha Sodetani

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Yes
Martha Sodetani - Yes
Giovanna Perez-Saab - Yes
Jose Rodriguez - Yes
Linda Salomon Saldana - Yes
Nancy Swenson - Yes

6. APPROVE Official Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meetings held February 18, February 23, and March 3, 2021, as submitted or with necessary corrections.

Motion made by: Martha Sodetani
Motion seconded by: Giovanna Perez-Saab

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Yes
Martha Sodetani - Yes
Giovanna Perez-Saab - Yes
Jose Rodriguez - Yes
Linda Salomon Saldana - Yes
Nancy Swenson - Yes

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

There was no correspondence to be received.

II. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 4:07 p.m. to discuss Negotiations and Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code Section 54957), and reconvened into Open Session at 5:10 p.m.

III. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE

1. HEAR Public on items appearing on the Agenda.

Public comments, concerns and/or questions were submitted via email and read regarding the safe and smooth reopening of schools from the following:

Jim Mogan, President of DEA
Jennifer Lande
Teresa Hill
Cassandra Villa
Karla Lopez
Jody Stevenson
Ashley Cook
Burnie Gipson
Michelle Napoli
Deanna Mack
Andy Lundsberg
Elizabeth Sandoval
Stephanie Fisher
Kyle Deichman
Dulce Franco
Gloria Fuentes

Public comments, concerns and/or questions were submitted via email and read regarding the COVID-19 relief money provided to the District from the following:

Teresa Hernandez

2. HEAR a Return to School update from Dr. Roger Brossmer and Dr. Wayne Shannon, Assistant Superintendents of Educational Services, and DISCUSS the Return to School Plan for the 2020-21 school year.
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 202021-14 and the Preliminary Official Statement authorizing the issuance of Downey Unified School District (Los Angeles County, California) Election of 2014 General Obligation Bonds, Series C, and actions related thereto.

Motion made by: Barbara Samperi

Motion seconded by: Nancy Swenson

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Yes
Martha Sodetani - Yes
Giovanna Perez-Saab - Yes
Jose Rodriguez - Yes
Linda Salomon Saldana - Yes
Nancy Swenson - Yes

4. ADOPT Resolution No. 202021-15, the Escrow Agreement and the Preliminary Official Statement, authorizing the issuance of Downey Unified School District (Los Angeles County, California) 2021 General Obligation Refunding Bond, and actions related thereto.

Motion made by: Barbara Samperi

Motion seconded by: Giovanna Perez-Saab

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Yes

Martha Sodetani - Yes
Giovanna Perez-Saab - Yes
Jose Rodriguez - Yes
Linda Salomon Saldana - Yes
Nancy Swenson - Yes

5. APPROVE the Facilities Use and Grant Services Agreement for After School Program for Information, Recreation and Education between the Downey Unified School District and the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Grant obtained from the California Department of Education.

Public comments, concerns and/or questions were submitted via email and read regarding the ASPIRE program and the grant being taken over by the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities:

Meanie Gutierrez-Chang

Motion made by: Barbara Samperi

Motion seconded by: Nancy Swenson

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Yes
Martha Sodetani - Yes
Giovanna Perez-Saab - Yes
Jose Rodriguez - Yes
Linda Salomon Saldana - Yes
Nancy Swenson - Yes

IV. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

V. NEXT MEETING

The next meetings of the Board of Education will be a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., and a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the Pace Training Center, 9625 Van Ruiten Street, Bellflower, California.

VI. CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss Negotiations and Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code Section 54957), and reconvened into Open Session at 8:14 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

D. Mark Morris, President

Martha E. Sodetani, Clerk