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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 23, 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 Mrs. Linda Salomon Saldaña, Member of the Board of Education.

3. INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered by Mr. Jose J. Rodriguez, 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 #21 for the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 23, 2021.

Motion made by: Martha Sodetani

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

6. 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. 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 difficult schedule for families with students in two different cohorts from the following:

Vivian Vargas

Public comments, concerns and/or questions were submitted via email and read thanking the District and DEA for the collaboration in reopening schools by the following:

Anna Beth Fishman

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.

III. SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE - Personnel

Mrs. Samperi stepped away from the meeting at 4:57 p.m., and the vote shall reflect that of six members from this point forward.

1. APPROVE the new limited-term substitute rate of pay effective March 29, 2021 through May 28, 2021 as follows: day-to-day in-person - \$175.00 per day; long term - \$200.00 per day; half day - \$100.00 per day.

Motion made by: Jose Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Linda Salomon Saldana

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Not Present
Martha Sodetani - Yes
Giovanna Perez-Saab - Yes
Jose Rodriguez - Yes
Linda Salomon Saldana - Yes
Nancy Swenson - Yes

2. APPROVE the Hybrid In-Person Model Memorandum of Understanding between the Downey Education Association and Downey Unified School District.

Motion made by: Martha Sodetani

Motion seconded by: Nancy Swenson

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Not Present
Martha Sodetani - Yes
Giovanna Perez-Saab - Yes
Jose Rodriguez - Yes
Linda Salomon Saldana - Yes
Nancy Swenson - Yes

3. APPROVE the Memorandum of Understanding between the Downey Unified School District Board of Education and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter #248 regarding the Hybrid Model dated March 6, 2021.

Motion made by: Giovanna Perez-Saab

Motion seconded by: Nancy Swenson

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Not Present
Martha Sodetani - Yes
Giovanna Perez-Saab - Yes
Jose Rodriguez - Yes
Linda Salomon Saldana - Yes
Nancy Swenson - Yes

4. APPROVE the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Downey Unified School District Board of Education and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter #248 regarding the Hybrid Model dated March 22, 2021.

Motion made by: Martha Sodetani

Motion seconded by: Nancy Swenson

Voting:

D. Mark Morris - Yes
Barbara Samperi - Not Present
Martha Sodetani - Yes

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

Mrs. Samperi returned at 5:02 p.m., and the vote shall reflect that of seven members from this point forward.

5. APPROVE the Memorandum of Understanding between the Downey Unified School District Board of Education and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter #746 regarding the Hybrid Model dated March 19, 2021.

Motion made by: Linda Salomon Saldana
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

IV. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

V. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be 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.

The meeting was recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. to discuss Negotiations, Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code Section 54957) and Potential Litigation, and reconvened into Open Session at 5:53 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. in memory of Deane Marfone and Kristi Tyner.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

D. Mark Morris, President

Martha E. Sodetani, Clerk