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## James Jordan Middle School Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Thursday April 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the meeting.
2. "Non-Agenda Item: Request to Speak" and "Agenda Item: Request to Speak" cards are available to all audience members who wish to speak under the general category of "Public Comments" or on any specific agenda item(s) (as applicable). a. Non-agenda items: any person may address the Board concerning any item not on the agenda provided that no individual presentation shall be for more than 3 minutes (or 6 minutes with translation) and the total time for

this purpose shall not exceed 20 minutes (provided that the President may grant additional time if circumstances permit). Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to such presentations and no action can be taken as the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation or calendar the issue for further discussion. Individuals may also request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda and once such an item is properly agenzized and publicly noticed, the Board can discuss, respond, and possibly act upon such an item. See attached Request to Speak card.

b. Agenda Items: any person may address the Board concerning any item on the agenda provided that no individual presentation shall be for more than 3 minutes (6 minutes with translation) and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed 30 minutes (provided that the President may grant additional time if circumstances permit). The presentation to the Board shall be made at the time a specific item is under discussion. See attached Request to Speak card.

3. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address and adhere to the time limits set forth herein. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes in English and 6 minutes with translation. Spanish translation will be provided by the school at every board meeting. If you need translation for another language, please contact the school 48 hours in advance to allow us to find a translator.

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#### **Trustees Present**

A. Bierman (remote), B. Smith (remote), H. Blunt (remote), N. Mondragon (remote)

#### **Trustees Absent**

I. Farrior

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

M. Alvarado (remote)

#### **Guests Present**

A. Pineda (remote), Evan Hodes, James Chavez, M. Johnston, M. Marsh (remote), Paola Reyes-Guerrero, T. Risner (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

B. Smith called a meeting of the board of trustees of James Jordan Middle School Board of Trustees to order on Thursday Apr 16, 2020 at 7:02 PM.

**C. Take public comment**

**D. approve minutes**

H. Blunt made a motion to Approve minutes for Regular Board Meeting on March 19, 2020.

B. Smith seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

N. Mondragon	Aye
I. Farrior	Absent
A. Bierman	Aye
H. Blunt	Aye
B. Smith	Aye

**II. Financials**

**A. Review and approve Financials through March 31,2020 INCLUDES A NEW FORECAST FOR ONLINE SCHOOL COSTS**

B. Smith made a motion to review and approve Financials through March 31, 2020, which INCLUDES A NEW FORECAST FOR ONLINE SCHOOL COSTS should we go through June 30, 2020.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

I. Farrior	Absent
A. Bierman	Aye
B. Smith	Aye
N. Mondragon	Aye
H. Blunt	Aye

**III. Academic Achievement**

**A. Debate the merits of adding 6 weeks of instruction to the 2019-20 school year**

B. Smith made a motion to continue the debate of adding 6 weeks of instruction to the 2019-20 school year, tabled to the next board meeting.

A. Bierman seconded the motion.

Adam: Thanks to Ms. Risner for her thoughts and all the teachers. If students are not able to attend the school will that count against them? Is there regulatory power or concerns about extending the school year? Participation in the program would be strongly recommended but ultimately optional.

Blunt: Do we have a gauge on how many students would come? It will already have a large impact on an already tumultuous year. Do we have an idea of the participation rate? We will get a strong response from students during intersession.

Smith: If Governor Newsom lifts some order, what is the thought about having staggered Summer school? The admin team will be contemplating a staggered return in August per Governor Newsom's announcement.

Mike: From a budget perspective the school can absorb the cost.

Mondragon: I feel like they have to keep working and keep learning.

Adam: If we can afford to do and the Teachers are willing to do or able to do. If we are able to offer it for people who want to continue learning. It would come down to, is it something we can stomach financially and do we have the instructors that could do it? Can we find out from more teachers about how they are filling? Next task would be trying to assess the appetite for it?

Next steps, survey parents, teachers, students, and staff

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

A. Bierman	Aye
N. Mondragon	Aye
H. Blunt	Aye
B. Smith	Aye
I. Farrior	Absent

**B. Summary of results of starting Quarter 4 of the school year**

**IV. III. Governance**

**A. Provisional Internship Permit for JJMS employees.**

H. Blunt made a motion to approve provisional Internship Permit for JJMS employees, Jacqueline Estrada for Multiple Subject and Joanne Rhee for ELA for the 2020-2021 school year.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

B. Smith	Aye
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**Roll Call**

A. Bierman     Aye  
I. Farrior     Absent  
H. Blunt     Aye  
N. Mondragon   Aye

**B. CLOSED SESSION: EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL, Executive Director Myranda S. Marsh**

No votes were taken during closed session

**C. Announce any action resulting from Closed Session.**

Discussion during closed

- The committee is assembled to go through the survey and put together on April 27th
- Forward survey to school administrators and teachers that have held leadership positions on May 1st to be completed by May 8th
- Board read out on May 21st
- Evaluation presentation on June 1st

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

B. Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting April 16, 2020, at 8:50 pm.

A. Bierman seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

B. Smith     Aye  
H. Blunt     Aye  
A. Bierman   Aye  
I. Farrior     Absent  
N. Mondragon   Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Alvarado

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- JJMS Board Financials - 03.2020.pdf