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# James Jordan Middle School Board of Trustees

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday December 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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#### Location

7911 Winnetka Ave, Winnetka CA 91306

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This Board Meeting is open to the public.

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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 no 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

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### **Trustees Present**

B. Smith (remote), N. Mondragon (remote), P. Lambros, R. Edelen (remote), S. Belle (remote)

### **Trustees Absent**

M. Flores

### **Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**

P. Lambros

### **Guests Present**

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Christine Kasitz (remote), E. Hodes (remote), G. Lara (remote), J. Green (remote), M. Marsh (remote), V. Albores (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **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 Dec 16, 2021 at 7:07 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

B. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Board meeting to consider a plan for Educator Effectiveness Grant on 12-02-21.

R. Edelen seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

N. Mondragon Aye

M. Flores Absent

R. Edelen Aye

S. Belle Aye

P. Lambros Absent

B. Smith Aye

### **D. Public Comment**

Dr. Marsh- TikTok Videos asking kids to commit acts of violence or shorting threats on 12/17. No one has threatened JJMS. We have implemented additional security measures. JJMS is aware. If there is a credible threat against JJMS, JJMS will go on lock down.

Secondly, JJMS received an email that all authorized charters are going to be forced to follow the LAUSD vaccination mandate for both staff and students. JJMS student vaccination policy is the same with the exemption of the delay LAUSD has announced. The staff policy is a bit different.

## **II. Finance**

### **A. Approval of the JJMS plan to spend Educator Effectiveness Funds**

B. Smith made a motion to approve the Educator Effectiveness Plan.

R. Edelen seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

P. Lambros Absent

S. Belle Aye

R. Edelen Aye

N. Mondragon Aye

B. Smith Aye

M. Flores Absent

P. Lambros arrived.

**B. Approve Financial Audit Package**

B. Smith made a motion to approve the clean audit 2021 with paperwork and management representation letter.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Belle Aye

B. Smith Aye

R. Edelen Aye

P. Lambros Aye

M. Flores Absent

N. Mondragon Aye

**III. Governance**

**A. LAUSD Administrative Review Checklist due January 13**

B. Smith made a motion to approve the LAUSD Administrative Review Checklist due on January 13, 2022, and for Board Chair Bridget Chair to sign and approve.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

Dr. Marsh- Compliance Review

- TB and Credential Clearances & Volunteer requirements
- Running record that each teacher has the proper ELL certification and other credential codes (ESSA Grid)
- Three sentence process to report the employee to teach credential commission.
- Access to board roster and board meeting calendar
- Enrollment forms are available online
- Reporting abuse (mandated reporter), suicide prevention, Bloodborne pathogens
- Master Plan for English Learners
- Parent student handbook (approved by the board)
- Occupancy and use of the facility
- Audit review for programs
- Uniform Complaint Procedure
- Local School Wellness Policy/Safety Plan

- LCAP
- Transparency resolutions on the website
- JJMS Homeless and Foster Youth Policy

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

**Roll Call**

M. Flores	Absent
S. Belle	Aye
B. Smith	Aye
R. Edelen	Aye
N. Mondragon	Aye
P. Lambros	Aye

**B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9: One case**

B. Smith made a motion to go into closed session at 7:30 pm with legal counsel.

R. Edelen seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

N. Mondragon	Aye
S. Belle	Aye
R. Edelen	Aye
P. Lambros	Aye
B. Smith	Aye
M. Flores	Absent

**C. COVID-19 student mandate policy**

B. Smith made a motion to add the following sentence to the Student COVID-19 Vaccination Policy and Procedures: "If the January 10, 2022, exclusion deadline would create significant legal risk for JJMS, the JJMS Board of Trustees authorizes the Executive Director to delay implementation to whatever timeline is advised by our attorneys.

P. Lambros seconded the motion.

The open session began at 7:55 pm

Dr. Marsh- The policy that we are asking the Board to approve is the same policy previously approved in September. One sentence was added to authorize Dr. Marsh to change the implementation deadline with legal advice. JJMS is ready to provide an independent study program.

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

**Roll Call**

B. Smith	Aye
S. Belle	Aye

**Roll Call**

R. Edelen Aye  
M. Flores Absent  
P. Lambros Aye  
N. Mondragon Aye

**D. Unvaccinated employe testing policy response**

B. Smith made a motion to approve the Unvaccinated employee testing policy response.  
N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith- Provided a response to a public comment made in regards to the testing policy for unvaccinated employees.

The policy is legal and supported by the board of trustees.

Paid time to test off-campus

Enforcement of protocol

JJMS admin has dealt with continued violation of the policy.

The policy itself is an exception instead of vaccination.

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

**Roll Call**

R. Edelen Aye  
B. Smith Aye  
M. Flores Absent  
S. Belle Aye  
N. Mondragon Aye  
P. Lambros Aye

**E. Update Independent Study Policy**

B. Smith made a motion to amend the JJMS policy for Independent Study for 2021-22 to allow students to participate in the Independent Study program if parents will not consent to having the child vaccinated.

P. Lambros seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

N. Mondragon Aye  
R. Edelen Aye  
P. Lambros Aye  
S. Belle Aye  
B. Smith Aye  
M. Flores Absent

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

B. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Belle	Aye
R. Edelen	Aye
B. Smith	Aye
N. Mondragon	Aye
P. Lambros	Aye
M. Flores	Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Lara

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- 2021-22 Educator Effectiveness Spending Plan - Sheet1.pdf
- Mgmt representation letter - nonprofit - SA UG.pdf
- Audit Work 2021.pdf
- James Jordan Middle School 2021 Audit draft 11.1.21.pdf
- JJMS Governance Communication Draft.pdf
- Admin compliance review 10-29-21.pdf