



Durham Unified School District
SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
6:30 pm Closed Session – 7:00 pm Open Session



District Board Room

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Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the Durham Unified School District Board Room on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Trustees Present: Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Lance Smith and Matthew Thorpe

Administration Present: Superintendent John Bohannon, Assistant Superintendent to Business and Operations Aimee Belev, District Secretary Tina Blenn and District Office Clerk Heather McCune

A. Call to Order

President, Alex DuBose called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Durham Unified School District Board Room.

B. Moved to Closed Session: 6:31p.m.

C. Closed Session

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators Agency designated representatives: Board President Alex DuBose, Unrepresented Employee(s): Superintendent (Government Code 54957.6)
2. Conference with Labor Negotiators Agency designated representatives: Superintendent, Employee Organizations: Administrative, CTA, CSEA, and Classified Confidential (Government Code 54957.6)
3. Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint (Government Code 54957)
4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent (Government Code 54957)
5. Public employee appointment/employment: Superintendent (Government Code 54957)
6. Student Expulsion: (No-Student) Pursuant to Education Code section 35146. The Education code requires closed session in these cases to prevent disclosure of confidential student record information.
7. Pending Litigation: Martinez, et al., v. Gavin Newsom, et al.

D. Return to Open Session: 7:00 p.m.

E. Pledge of Allegiance:

Trustee Ed McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session: No action taken in closed session.

G. Items from the Public:

1. Kevin Phillips, a parent, reintegrated his comments from the previous meeting regarding on campus, traditional school and what that timeline might be.

2. 3 teachers from DES, Sheyenne Shanks, David Coffee and Roni Masuda, stated their frustrations, challenges and accolades.
3. Dennis Cargile, a parent, thanked the Board for their pro-action with letter correspondence to public and state officials regarding in person education. He asked DUTA to do the same. Questioned how Gridley Unified School District is open to all students and Durham is still restricted.

H. District Reports:

1. DUTA

Karla Rigsbee, Head Negotiator for DUTA, commented on how wonderful it is to have the kids back and the Library's open. It is great to see students with a book! All the students are happy.

Jona O'Shea, DUTA President, complimented all of DUSD's hard working staff. She reported on the DUTA meeting held today, October 21, 2020. The overall consensus of the meeting was about the current roofing project at DES. It is disruptive, horrible smell, teachers are getting headaches, no air conditioning, and it is adding a lot of frustration and stress to an already stressful situation.

2. MOT

The MOT Department is working full speed ahead. Superintendent John Bohannon reported how each member is going well beyond expectations and working to get things done. This is a small department considering the size of our campus and they are a couple positions down as well; still they are able to complete assignments. By Friday, October 23, the MOT Department should be fully staffed. Make sure to tell the crew "Thank you", they have been putting in hours to keep our campus clean, safe and maintained.

3. Principals

DES: Lisa Atlas started with Shout Outs to Brian Glover and Yolanda Prentice for ALL that they do and do well. She thanked Alex DuBose for the traffic signs which are helping keep student drop off and pick up organized and safe. She reported that there are 440 students enrolled at the Elementary School. Students are eager to be back and have been very good about distancing and being respectful of others. Teachers are using their Google classroom for outreach and All Calls are also being used for family communication.

DIS: Lora Fox Shout Out to Alex Hernandez, Erika Montgomery, Health Tech Carina Ellis and Amy Jensen for their extensive and continual help. All the DIS teachers have made a Back to School video. Invited all to view them on the DIS website. Enrollment: 247.

DHS: Robbin Pedrett had Shout Out for Kevin Ramsden, Distance Learning Teacher that is Awesome! Ed Hernandez, superlative work effort – Computer Lab 110 and painting locker room
Wes Bill, helped paint the locker room floor and wiring the computer lab, set up computers as well.
Eric Kolstad, superlative work ethic- picks up all the extra work and finds and moves all the materials and more.

Kameron Alex, He is top shelf! Always smiling, always working and always helpful! Consistent to all schools' needs.

Debbie Slightom and Staff, never quit working, never quit smiling never stop thinking of kids.

Carina Ellis, put on a safety seminar for temperature taking and general safety.

And the Teachers: They are tremendous! They take everything in stride and keep on giving to our students and to each other. I couldn't be more proud. To the Office Staff as well, tremendous work and effort. Lots and lots of hours.

Enrollment: 298

4. SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Director Marilyn Bertolucci reported how great to see and hear students on campus. It is clear they are happy to be back. Special Education Services are being provided in person on the days that students are attending on campus. Services will be provided via online platform for students who are remaining

on distance learning. We have started in person assessments this week and began working on the back log created since March. We turned in our Disproportionality Review to California Department of Education (CDE) and are in progress with a second compliance review, SEP, that is due in December. I want to thank all educational service providers; paras, teacher, OT and APE, both DUSD and BCOE, who have demonstrated great flexibility and dedication during this unprecedented time. They worked to meet the requirements of distance learning, cohort learning and then Hybrid Learning Plans while maintaining distance learning plans that remain active. Also a thank you to the DUSD Transportation team which have worked hard to get DUSD students to our campuses and to regional programs located all over the county with only a couple of days' notice to plan routes.

5. Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations:

Aimee Belevu started her report by thanking Jill Hernandez, DUSD resigned Business Clerk, for her tremendous work at DUSD, she is truly missed. She also complimented Heather McCune and Tina Blenn for their work in the District Office. Mrs. Belevu announced that a new Business Clerk, Miranda Vinson, has been hired and will begin November 2, 2020. Durham Unified School District will be starting the implementation of the second Bond draw with Isom Advisors.

6. Superintendent:

John Bohannon had a bit of Durham school history to share. The bell that was originally on the Durham Grammar School and then rang in 1977 on the new Elementary School, will be refurbished and once again mounted at Durham Unified School District by Modern Building Inc. A platform and plaque will commemorate the bell at the Elementary School. The State of Emergency color code has been decreased to orange and we are still mandated to follow the State Guidelines that dictate our Butte County Health Department as well. Great job to all the staff! Everyone is exhausted, but we are still working. I have never seen teachers so flexible. Hats off to DHS staff for volunteering for support help to Distance Learning Students.

I. Items from the Board:

1. Trustee Horn: Amazing! We are doing the best we can – We took advantage of the good weather to keep the Bond project moving ahead. No one expected that school would be able to open as it did. Concerned about Acellus and screen time.
2. Trustee Smith: Distasteful, I used this term at the last meeting and it still holds true. We all want to be back to normal and in school without restrictions. This is impossible but our staff is making it possible. I thank the Lord above for our Durham staff.
3. Trustee McLaughlin: It is amazing what staff has done. Time like this when leaders step up, and that is what they have done. I am sorry about the roofing project timing. Hopefully it will be completed soon. There is continuous chaos from the State, with direction and mandates. I think being a smaller District could be an advantage, my hats off to you all.
4. President DuBose: I agree with this, thank you to all for your work.

J. Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda was approved as read with the removal of Consent Item #12.

Motion: Ed McLaughlin Second: Kathy Horn Vote: 5-0

Consent Item # 12: To Approve the Ratified Agreement between Modern Building Inc. and Durham Unified School District submitted for the Durham Elementary School HVAC & Roof Replacement.

Motion: Ed McLaughlin Second: Kathy Horn Vote: 4-0-1 Matthew Thorpe Abstained

K. Information Item:

1. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints; Ed Code 35186(d)
There were no reports filed.

L. Discussion/Action:

1. **Discussion/Action:** Approval of the sports schedule for Durham High School Athletes.

Motion: Ed McLaughlin Second: Lance Smith Vote: 5-0

2. **Discussion/Action:** Approval of the Unaudited Actuals financial report 2019-2020.

Motion: Ed McLaughlin Second: Kathy Horn Vote: 5-0

3. **Discussion/Action:** Approval of the GANN Report.

Motion: Matthew Thorpe Second: Lance Smith Vote: 5-0

4. **Discussion/Action:** Approval of Resolution #20-17 Temporary Inter-Fund Transfers.

Motion: Lance Smith Second: Kathy Horn Vote: 5-0

5. **Discussion/Action:** Approval of Resolution #20-18 Ed. Code 44258.3

Motion: Lance Smith Second: Matthew Thorpe Vote: 5-0

6. **Discussion/Action:** Approval E-Rate Program.

Motion: Matthew Thorpe Second: Lance Smith Vote: 5-0

7. **Discussion/Action:** Approval of the Addendum to Durham Unified Teachers Association (DUTA) distance learning MOU.

Motion: Kathy Horn Second: Lance Smith Vote: 4-1 Matthew Thorpe Nay vote

8. **Discussion/Action:** Approval of correspondence to be sent to California State Governor Newsom regarding Executive Order N-33-20.

Motion: Kathy Horn Second: Ed McLaughlin Vote: 5-0

J. Adjourned Back into Closed Session: 8:50 p.m.

K. Return to Open Session: 9:10 p.m.

L. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session: There was no action to report from closed session.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

K. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.