



Durham Unified School District
SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
5:30 pm Closed Session – 6 pm Open Session



District Board Room

Approved

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Minutes

A Special 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 7, 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 Beleu, and District Secretary Tina Blenn

A. Call to Order

President, Alex DuBose called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Durham Unified School District Board Room.

B. Moved to Closed Session: 5:31 p.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 John Bohannon 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: Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
(Government Code 54957)

D. Return to Open Session: 6:05 p.m.

E. Pledge of Allegiance:

Trustee Horn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

G. Items from the Public:

Jynaia Badie expressed her concerns for her family's rights regarding Covid-19/masks rule. No masks are preferred.

Molly Egger addressed the Board regarding returning to school, mask rule, and constitutional rights.

Superintendent Bohannon stated that Re-Opening Schools would be on Discussion/Action Item #1. He asked the attendees to address the Board regarding Re-Opening at that time. There were no more items from the public.

H. Consent Agenda

Upon the removal of Item 3, Confidential Employee Hire, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.
Motion: Ed McLaughlin Second: Kathy Horn Vote: 5-0

Prior to the consideration of Discussion/Action Item #1: The proposal to Re-Open schools at Durham Unified School District, Superintendent John Bohannon presented the Board of Trustees and those in attendance via zoom with the current State and County requirements to follow relating to Covid-19. The information provided the Board and community how the guidance from the California State and Public Health has the power of law in California.

How the state requires schools to follow laws related to COVID-19.

1. The California Emergency Services Act (ESA) provides the Governor with the power to declare a state of emergency.
2. During a state of emergency, the Governor has broad authority to issue orders and regulations to carry out the ESA, and these orders and regulations have the force of law (Gov. Code 8567, 8627, 8627.5). Because the state of California is currently in a state of emergency, Executive Orders have the effect of law.
3. Executive Order N-33-20 ordered that, "all residents are directed to immediately heed the current State public health directives." and Executive Order N-25-20 mandates that "all California residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials." This makes public health directives and guidance documents assume the same weight of law as all of the Executive Orders under the ESA. This means Local health officers have the power to issue orders to other governmental entities (like school districts) within their jurisdiction to take any action they deem necessary to prevent the spread of disease.

What does this mean to Durham Unified and other districts...

Butte County remained in Tier II (Red/Substantial) with the newest data release on Tuesday (Oct. 6). With one more week in the Tier II, school districts can open as long as they follow the California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs.

This guidance focuses on:

1. **Face coverings** - required for all adults and students 3rd grade and above. Highly recommended for TK-2nd grade.
2. **Social Distance** - do everything possible to maintain 6 feet of social distancing in all classrooms (and outdoors).
3. **Hand washing/sanitizing.**
4. **Protocols for staff/students** with COVID-19 Symptoms and if there is a positive test for COVID-19.
5. **Not sharing equipment**
6. **Transportation**

Here is the basic weekly schedule for students in the DUSD BLENDED In-Person Program.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A Students	In-Person instruction at School	Distance Learning	In-Person instruction at School	Distance Learning	Distance Learning LIVE instruction from the teacher
Group B Students	Distance Learning	In-Person instruction at School	Distance Learning	In-Person instruction at School	Distance Learning LIVE instruction from the teacher

Distance Learning - We are currently working on what the plan will look like for distance learning. We anticipate that it won't include as much live interaction as is the current practice. There will still be a live requirement. Also the live requirement will happen at different times of the day depending on school site. It is challenging to design the program until we have a number of students that wish to remain in distance learning.

I. Discussion/Action:

1. After much discussion and public comment, the Durham Unified Board of Trustees voted to approve the proposed plan to Re-Open schools at Durham Unified School District on Monday, October 19, 2020. The Durham Unified School District will follow the Butte County Health Department/California Health Department Schools Re-Opening guidelines.

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

Trustee Matthew Thorpe requested that new correspondence to the Governor of California be placed on the next Board Agenda, October 21, 2020.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

K. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.