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**Durham Unified School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, November 18, 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, November 18, 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.

**D. Return to Open Session: 7:07 p.m.**

**E. Pledge of Allegiance:**

President Alex DuBose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### **G. Items from the Public:**

Kevin Phillips addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Re-Open School Plan. He expressed his desire for in person instruction.

### **H. District Reports:**

1. DUTA – Jona O’Shea, Durham Unified Teachers Association President, reported to the Board. She gave a shout out to all the teachers working harder than ever to provide the best for our students. Thanking DUSD Health Technician, Carina Ellis, for her outstanding job of keeping staff informed and her positive attitude. A shout out to Randall Payton, DES Custodian who has such a strong work ethic and continues to keep the campus clean and well maintained, thank you! You are so appreciated. Megan Farley, at DHS, has started the Harry Potter Club and it is a huge success! Last, but not least, Mrs. O’Shea presented out going Trustees DuBose and Horn with flowers from DUTA and thanked them for their service and dedication to Durham.
2. MOT – Eric Kolstad, Manager of Operations and Transportation told the Board the DES roofing and HVAC projects are just about complete. Teachers will be moving back into their classrooms on Friday, November 20. Working to fine tune the HVAC units. Custodians are working hard to keep up with Covid regulations/requirements and most of the positions in MOT are filled. Bids to complete the Bus charging stations are in the process as we move forward with A Line Construction Management team.
3. Principals  
DES: Lisa Atlas – presented in Consent Agenda  
  
DIS: Lora Fox – presented in Consent Agenda  
  
DHS: Robbin Pedrett – presented in Consent Agenda
4. SPECIAL EDUCATION:  
Director Marilyn Bertolucci – presented in Consent Agenda
5. Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations:  
Aimee Beleu reported on the Unduplicated Account that represents Free and Reduced Meals in the District. Last year we were at 44% and this year we are 36%. It is important to register all students by December 31, 2020 to supply the funding necessary for the District. These funds also go toward Title 1, Title 3 and 4 funding. Durham may not have to take a deferral as the State of California announced today that additional monies were found to go out to schools statewide. This would extend into the 2021-2022 school year as well.
6. Superintendent:  
John Bohannon announced that Modern Building Construction Inc. have begun the building of the Bell housing for Durham Elementary School. Thomas Welding has donated the construction of the top of the housing unit. Friday, November 20, DES roof will get the finishing coat on the roof.  
Athletics: Butte County is back in the purple. Danette York, Butte County Public Health Director, has stated that all sports are condition training only.  
Superintendent Bohannon recognized Board Trustee DuBose with a Durham football helmet in case with plaque and Trustee Horn with framed historical photo of Durham Elementary School with plaque. Both were honored for their dedication and service to Durham Unified School District.

### **I. Items from the Board:**

- Trustee Smith thanked both President DuBose and Trustee Horn for their service. He stated being a Board Member is sometimes a “thankless job” and for the record both of them served, the community well with integrity and will be truly missed.
- Trustee Thorpe said it was a pleasure to serve with both of them and that they did their job on the Board diligently.
- Trustee McLaughlin dittoed Thorpe’s statement. He added that even though sometimes it is a difficult job with difficult decisions, in the end most really appreciate what you have done. He thanked the outgoing trustees for their work on the Durham Unified School District Board.
- Trustee Horn complimented the Board on her framed piece of Durham history and said, “We’ve come a long way from where we started 4 years ago”. A huge Bond was passed, the Agriculture Department has a solid foundation, working with FFA programs and adding College Bound classes. She stated how she has appreciated working with all of the Board.
- Trustee DuBose was appreciative of his Durham memorabilia gift. He said that he had just be talking about the changes that have happened over the last 4 years here at Durham Unified. There used to be such a high turnover in Administration, but now, with the staff we have in place, including the principals, they are top notch! He believes that if we are able keep this staff, they will be able to do great things. He hopes the turn over ends. He also said how he feels the Board did a good job assembling a great group, such fantastic principals – Lisa, Lora and Robbin are absolutely what we need.

**J. Consent Agenda:**

The Consent Agenda was approved as read.

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

**K. Discussion/Action:**

1. **Discussion/Action:** The Board approved to maintain the Blended School Plan.

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

2. **Discussion/Action:** The Board approved of the Volleyball Sleeves Installation at Durham Intermediate Gym (DIG).

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

3. **Discussion/Action:** The Board approved Durham Unified School District Resolution #20-19 Issuance and Sale of Durham Unified School District General Obligation Bonds.

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

4. **Discussion/Action:** The Board approved the Bond Project Construction Proposal through Aline Construction.

Motion: Matthew Thorpe          Second: Kathy Horn    Vote: 5-0

5. **Discussion/Action:** Approval of CSEA Chapter #478 and Durham Unified School District Side Letter.

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

**L. Next Board Meeting Date:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

**M. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.