

Durham Unified School District

Regular and Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, December 16, 2020

6:00 p.m. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

District Boardroom 9420 Putney Drive, Durham, CA

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Minutes

The Annual Organizational / Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the Durham Unified School District Board Room, Wednesday, December 16, 2020 and began at 6:00 pm.

Trustees Present: Jennie DuBose, David Loudermilk, Ed McLaughlin, Lance Smith & Matthew Thorpe

Trustees Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Superintendent John Bohannon, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Aimee Belev, and District Secretary Tina Blenn

Staff Members Absent: Heather McCune

A. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk of the Board, Ed McLaughlin called the DUSD Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Loudermilk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. OATH OF OFFICE

County Superintendent, Mary Sakuma administered the Oath of Office for newly elected Board Members Jennie DuBose, David Loudermilk, Ed McLaughlin and Matthew Thorpe.

D. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNING BOARD

1. Election of Board Officers:

The election of Board President by a motion from Trustee Lance Smith and second by Trustee Matthew Thorpe to nominate Ed McLaughlin as Board President. Vote: 5-0

The election of Board Clerk by a motion from Trustee Lance Smith and second by Trustee Jennie DuBose to nominate Matthew Thorpe as Board Clerk. Vote: 5-0

Trustee Lance Smith made the motion to appoint Superintendent John Bohannon as Secretary to the Board. Trustee Matthew Thorpe seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Establishment of the 2020 Regular Board Meeting dates, times, and location: The Board approved the 3rd Wednesday of the Month and set the time to begin at 6pm with closed

session followed by Open session at 6:30 p.m. The DUSD Board Meetings will be held in the Durham Unified School District Board Room.

Motion: Lance Smith

Second: Jennie DuBose

Vote: 5-0

E. ADJUSTMENTS TO ORDER OF AGENDA: There were no adjustments to the agenda.

F. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Ali Doyle, parent and Special Education Para Educator at DUSD, asked to address the Board regarding concerns pertaining to the recent survey. She was asked to save her comment until later in the agenda during Item # 5 – Discussion/Consideration of the Durham Unified School District Second Semester Re-Open Schools Survey.

2. Jynaia Badie, parent of several students, addressed the Board regarding religious rights and mandated facial coverings.

G. DISTRICT REPORTS

1. DUTA

Jona O'Shea expressed her appreciation of all staff and administration who work tirelessly to make Durham such a great place to be. She also acknowledged the amazing parents, who are so valued by our district. She also welcomed the newly elected Board members. DUTA presented all Board members with a gift of appreciation.

2. MOT

Eric Kolstad, MOT manager, reported that his department is continuing to work on Covid cleaning protocols with safety being the main concern. Bus Barn electrical upgrade is in process. We will need a replacement truck for the department soon.

He gave accolades to the new employees: Alex Ramirez, Custodian 1, and Brandon Mullican, Utility Person for being able to hit the ground running. They are doing a great job.

3. Principals and Director of Special Education

DES: Principal Lisa Atlas

Enrollment: 446 381 in person and 65 distance learners.

Shout Out to Dan Thompson of Modern Builders; he continually check on staff and student needs and made safety a priority. Our Health staff, Jean and Carina, are keeping everyone informed.

DES is working to keep outreach going to parents.

DIS: Principal Lora Fox

Enrollment: 245 188 in person and 57 distance learners

Shout outs to Kevin Ramsden and Lisa Farrage-Johnson for taking the role of distance learning teachers. Thank you Ericka Montgomery our Librarian Technician; Debbie Ilukowicz keeping things straight during our hybrid sessions and Tracey Strick for helping Debbie with PowerSchool and being our program support – We appreciate you Tracey!!

DHS: Principal Robbin Pedrett

Enrollment: 298 81% in person and 19% distance learning

DHS is working with continued flexibility and perseverance. Our office did have a positive Covid test, asymptomatic, on Monday prior to Thanksgiving. All staff and students tested negative but

the first positive test measured our office and school on our response. Applaud to all! Our school is worried about student's social emotional well-being with limited resources. We look forward to return to full time school. DHS is planning the master scheduling process for the 2021-2022 school year. We are working with the Graduation Committee to design two scenarios.

Director of Special Education: Marilyn Bertolucci

Special Education Plan is focused on these areas: Element 3c ELA Achievement 2018, Element 3c Math and Element 10 Disproportionate Representation of Student by Race or Ethnicity by Disability has been turned in to SELPA for review. SELPA will then turn it into California Department of Education for review on 12/15/2020. DUSD is maxed out on caseloads.

4. Assistant Superintendent to Business and Operations

Aimee Belev reported that DUSD will not have to take a Trans, but will possibly need a loan from the county. The Unduplicated Report campaign was successful. We gathered 434 students, which helped our district to create an addition \$40,000.

5. Superintendent

John Bohannon welcomed the newly sworn in Board members. He briefed the Board on three Butte County Health Department announcements. Superintendent Bohannon showed the Board the DUSD website and how to access this newly posted information. He stated that DES will be utilizing the playground after winter break. He also stated that there are new guidelines for school athletics, which are dependent on color tier of county. Tony Longueria, Co-Athletic Director at Durham High School, told the Board that teams can now condition in cohorts and that Durham would be re-evaluating after January 4, 2021. The state of California is the regulator, not CIF. Durham is following state guidelines. The Superintendent ended his report by thanking all the parents, who have learned to be a teacher, and to the staff for all of us are working to be and do better every day.

H. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Thorpe thanked the community for trusting him with another term to serve. He is hoping for normalcy to return.

Trustee Smith thanked DUTA and staff. We appreciate the nuts and bolts of DUSD; you provide the educational system and ensure it works. Looking forward to brighter days. Merry Christmas President McLaughlin echoed the same sentiments. Merry Christmas everyone!

J. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was accepted as read.

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

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Approval of the proposal agreement between Eagle Architects and Durham Unified School District for consulting services in the Preliminary Studies of the Intermediate School Projects including Civil Engineering/Surveying Services – Rolls, Anderson & Rolls; Electrical Engineering Services, Edge Electrical Consulting; and Cost Estimating Services, Sierra West.

