

DURHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approved

9420 Putney Drive, Durham, CA 95938

Regular Session Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

5:30 PM Closed Session

7:00 PM Open Session Via Teleconference: +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 374 764 724 Password: 558480

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Minutes

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the Durham Unified School District Board Room, Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and began at 5:30 pm.

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

Staff Members Present: Superintendent Joanne Parsley, Assistant Superintendent to Business and Operations RJ Anderson, and District Secretary Tina Blenn. Principal Robbin Pedrett via zoom.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Alex DuBose called the DUSD Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

B. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

C. CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators Agency designated representatives: Board President, 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, Interim Superintendent. (Government Code section 54957)

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board President Alex DuBose reconvened Open Session at 7:07 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Kathy Horn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

President Alex DuBose reported action taken in closed session. Pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.1 (a)(5), the Board reports out that the following action was taken with respect to Closed Session Agenda Items C.3:

By a vote of 5 to 0, with all trustees voting in favor, the Board took the action of suspending a certificated employee without pay.

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

H. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no items from the public.

I. DISTRICT REPORTS:

Assistant Superintendent to Business and Operations, RJ Anderson:

The Bond project is moving forward. Alan Chambers, the Bond architect, is continuing to work at closing old school projects registered with DSA. Hiring a project manager will be discussed later in this agenda. Still working on the Budget as new projections may arise with a possible May revision. In regards to the Midway House, Alliance will be doing the abatement process.

Interim Superintendent, Joanne Parsley:

The teachers and administrators at Durham are doing a masterful job! We have 85% of our students online and working on getting service for the remaining 10%. 5% of our students have spotty internet service – in outlying areas. We have also found that certain students prefer packets over online education. Progress reports will be going out at the end of April. Eighth grade promotion and high school graduation, as well as fair projects are all being discussed.

Board of Trustees:

Kathy Horn: Graduation needs to be discussed. We are looking at options and waiting for more information. There is a Go Fund Me account for scholarships recognizing all graduating seniors.

Ed McLaughlin: How is the scholarship process going? High School Principal Pedrett told Trustee McLaughlin that Collen Coutts, Career Advisor, was directing that and many students are applying as in the past. We need to set a date to recognize our retiring employees: Jean Campbell, Elaine Voris, Robert Nowak, and Ginni Vernau.

Alex DuBose: How many applications have been turned in for Football Coach? Principal Pedrett responded and added we have had an excellent pool of applicants for the PE position as well. President DuBose also mentioned that Graduation is 6 weeks away and a lot can change in 6 weeks.

Matthew Thorpe: Regarding Graduation, we are working on solutions. As for the new obstacle course in Midway Park, Ed and I still have not been able to meet with Durham Recreation and Parks District due to Shelter in Place.

Lance Smith: Our staff at Durham is remarkable. What they did in such a short amount of time is just incredible and my hat is off to them all.

The Board also would like to thank Lyman Hagen for all his help with the Agriculture Department as well as the greenhouse project.

J. CONSENT AGENDA was approved as presented.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. There were no actions filed for the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaint (Education Code §35186(d))

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Action:** Durham Unified School District Resolution #20-04 Intra- Budget Transfer Resolution at the Close of the Year was approved.
Moved: Ed McLaughlin Second: Kathy Horn Vote: 5-0

2. **Action:** Durham Unified School District Resolution to establish fund balance policies as required by GASB 54 resolution #20-05 was approved.
Moved: Ed McLaughlin Second: Matthew Thorpe Vote: 5-0

3. **Action:** Durham Unified School District Resolution of Temporary Borrowing Between Funds #20-06 was approved.
Moved: Matthew Thorpe Second: Kathy Horn Vote: 5-0

4. **Action:** There was approval of a Durham Unified School District Phase 1 Bond Project Manager. A-Line was chosen as the Project Manager for Measure X Bond projects at Durham Unified School District with the amendment to inform the public of possible delays and a 30-day escape clause. A-Line will oversee procurements and the day to day operations of the projects. The cost of this service is \$100,000.
Moved: Kathy Horn Second: Ed McLaughlin Vote: 5-0

5. **Action:** Durham High School Science Department pathway was approved.
(Brought back from the March 18, 2020 Agenda as an action item for approval consideration.)
Thank you Rebecca Bill and David Atkinson for all your work.
Moved: Matthew Thorpe Second: Kathy Horn Vote: 5-0

M. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee Lance Smith: The teachers are doing an amazing job!

President DuBose: Grades are important for high school as well as middle school students. We should have a discussion regarding grades.

Trustee Ed McLaughlin: Agreed.

N. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: May 20, 2020

O. ADJOURNMENT:

President Alex DuBose adjourned the meeting of the DUSD Board of Trustees at 7:50 p.m.

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