

# DURHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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9420 Putney Drive, Durham, CA 95938

## Regular Session Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

6:00 PM Closed Session ~ 7:00 PM Open Session

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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, August 19, 2020 and began at 6:00 pm.

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

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

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Alex DuBose called the DUSD Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 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: (Government Code section 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. Conference with legal counsel-existing litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Case name unspecified: disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations

#### **D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

#### **E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Alex DuBose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**F. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:** No action taken during closed session.

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

**H. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Jeanne Phillips commented on the need for School Librarians.

**I. DISTRICT REPORTS:**

DUTA/CSEA:

Karla Rigsbee, Chief Negotiator for DUTA, stated that there is lots of excitement with staff to begin school. There has been great collaboration and they are hopeful that the librarians can be re-instated.

Administration:

**DES Principal Atlas:**

Shared the Elementary Plan/Schedule for the start of school. She also said that all teachers have worked to produce teaching plans that coincide with Acellus. Procedures and Expectation slides from teachers to parents are prepared as well. Class schedules will be given Thursday, August 20. The staff has worked hard all summer and we feel prepared. Looking forward to having a You Tube video weekly. Enrollment: 457

**DIS Principal Fox:**

Communication will be sent home this Friday regarding class and school schedules. Our families will receive a letter from Principal Fox, Student schedule, Virtual meeting schedule, and sign up genius link for teacher meet and greet. August 24-25 teacher work days with Edtech seminar in the am and afternoons used to gather supplies, plan and collaborate. DIS meet and greets will take place on Sept. 2, 3, and 4. Make sure to sign up on Genius. Student, Parent and homeroom Teachers will go over logins, google classroom codes, pick up supplies and chrome books. Enrollment: 249

**DHS Principal Pedrett:**

DHS staff is working integrating the Acellus on-line curriculum with our traditional Durham courses. Meet and greet plan with teachers and students will be posted Friday, August 21.

Athletics are at a standstill. We are acutely aware of how much our students need and want to be back on campus. We will continue to stress the importance of doing this “right” so we have a chance to re-open our schools.

Record Arts Program and Computer Graphics II will be CTE new courses this year and eventually Dual Enrollment with Butte College. Colleen Coutts, CTE coordinator, is putting together class requirements for students to earn credits while working; which would count for CTE Courses as many students work in the Agriculture area. Ag program is setting sites to grow Poinsettias for the floriculture classes.

Roque Merlo is working on selling the school grapes and finalizing a buyer. Enrollment: 309

**Director of Special Education Mrs. Bertolucci:**

We are processing incoming and outgoing students, SEIS and CalPads. The school sites are building special education service schedules based on student need. Education specialists will be contacting each family on their caseload and working to provide a supportive relationship. Services at this time are all provided via telehealth, online platform and phone calls.

If we receive State and Federal Guidance that we are able to safely offer individualized in-person services, we will be prepared to do so. We also have participated in CDE Reviews:

1. Disproportionality Self-Study Review focused on students who have the eligibility of Speech or Language Impairment and identify as Hispanic.
2. Special Education Plan (SEP) addressing Element 3c in two areas ELA and Math Achievement as determined by Statewide Assessment 2018 student scores.

**Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Aimee Belev:**

ASBO gave her report during Informational Item, 45 Day Revision.

The multi-year projection included a zero cola for 2021-22 and 2022-23. The state has deferred \$1,912,053 until 2021. Cash flow shortages begin in March 2021. DUSD will be borrowing and drawing upon a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRANS).

**Superintendent, John Bohannon:**

Our Staff is amazing! Having the extra time to prepare for opening school on September 2 has been very beneficial. Educator laptops are ordered as well as cameras and thermometers. Every staff member will get a DUSD bag with safety items to start the year. We have also ordered 140 Hotspots and will see how supportive they are. There was a small fire at DUSD, a contractor's truck, but no damage. The Bond: Roofing is ahead of schedule, all roofs will be complete by September 2 except for finishing up the DIG and Metals Work Shop. Water heaters have been installed at DHS. We are talking to architects about the screens on roofs to be consistent, which is scheduled for after phase 4 during painting.

**Board of Trustees:**

Kathy Horn: Just to be clear; Superintendent Bohannon, we are doing everything possible to bring students back to school. Yes.

**J. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda was approved as read.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Action:** Approval of Board Resolution #20-14 to reduce and/or eliminate Classified hours due to lack of work and/or lack of funds.

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

2. **Action:** Approval of Board Resolution #20-15 Assignment Approval Ed. Code 44258.3.

Moved: Ed McLaughlin    Second: Matthew Thorpe    Vote: 5-0

3. **Action:** Approval of Durham Unified School District TK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elementary Wavier for In Person Instruction filing.

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

**M. BOARD COMMENTS:** None

**N. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:** September, 16, 2020

**O. ADJOURNMENT:**

President Alex DuBose adjourned the meeting of the DUSD Board of Trustees at 8:30 p.m.

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