

Durham Unified School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**(RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.)**  
District Boardroom

**Approved**

**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 February 17, 2016.

Trustees Present: Bob Bultema, Ed McLaughlin, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Todd Southam  
Trustee Absent: None  
Staff members present: Superintendent Leonard Foreman, District Secretary Becky Gordon, Business Manager Ron Sherrod, Principal Shirley Williams, Principal Jeff Kuhn, Principal Terry Bennett and School Psychologist/Director of Special Education Sara Smith  
Staff members absent: None

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Ed Mc Laughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

**D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

President Ed Mc Laughlin reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:03 p.m.

**E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Business Manager Ron Sherrod led the pledge of allegiance.

**F. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

President Ed Mc Laughlin reported no action was taken in closed session.

**G. ORDER OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Len Foreman requested a correction to the January 20, 2016 minutes. Corrections are as follows: Consent Agenda, Discussion/Action Items #2, #3 and #4 votes are 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent

**H. PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Educator Effectiveness Spending Plan**

*(Posted February 11, 2016)*

President Ed McLaughlin opened the Public Hearing at 7:04p.m. for any comments. There were no comments. The hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

## **I. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were several comments from Bill Askea, Cyndi Haapanen and Karla Risgee regarding the longevity of the certificated staff, the certificated contract, the current negotiations, and concerns for the future of the district. Mr. Askea shared flyer that Durham Unified Teachers Association is handing out to the community. There were comments from a Board Member, Lance Smith regarding the Board's personal commitment to DUSD and the quality education the students receive. Mr. Smith also thanked the staff for doing the nuts and bolts hard work inside the classrooms.

## **J. DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **1. Principals**

#### **Shirley Williams, DES Principal gave an update on the following:**

- Teacher Interviews
- New student teachers
- Project-based Learning with 2nd Grade
- Spelling Bee
- Read Across America
- Dog Bite Prevention Lessons in 3rd Grade
- Math-A-Thon
- Gala update
- Technology
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Enrollment Update

#### **Jeff Kuhn, DIS Principal gave an update on the following:**

- Boys Basketball
- Google Platform Training
- Shady Creek Outdoor School
- County Wide Spelling Bee
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade projects
- Enrollment Update

#### **Jeff Kuhn Manager of MOT gave an update on the following:**

- Substitute Custodians
- Review of MOT equipment
- Facility Use Agreement process
- P.G.& E. working on gas line in the district

#### **Terry Bennett, DHS Principal gave an update on the following:**

- Enrollment Update
- Durham Sports Boosters 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Almond Blossom Run, February 21
- Student Activities
- Sports Update

### **2. Business Manager Ron Sherrod gave an update on the following:**

- Wireless Progress
- Affordable Care Act
- Second Interim Budget

3. **Superintendent Len Foreman gave an update on the following:**

- Local Control Accountability Plan
- Bell Schedules and Master Calendars for 2016-17 and 2017-18

**K. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

**Bob Bultema** had no comments

**Mark Kimmelshue** thanked everyone for the good wishes and stated he was feeling better.

**Ed McLaughlin** had no comments.

**Lance Smith** had no comments.

**Todd Southam** stated he was glad that Mark Kimmelshue was feeling better.

**L. CONSENT AGENDA**

In Order of Agenda, Superintendent Len Foreman requested a correction to the January 20, 2016 minutes. Corrections are as follows: Consent Agenda, Discussion/Action items #2, #3 and #4 votes are 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent. After the minutes were corrected the Board voted. On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Mark Kimmelshue, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Ed McLaughlin, Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Todd Southam

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**M. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approve donation of furniture from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company valued at \$940.00**

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Todd Southam, the Board approved the donation of furniture valued at \$940.00 from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Ed McLaughlin, Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Todd Southam

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

2. **Approve donation to DIS basketball program of \$1,800.00 from Matt Southam**

On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Lance Smith, the Board approved the donation to the DIS basketball program of \$1,800.00 from Matt Southam with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Ed McLaughlin, Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Todd Southam

Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

3. **Approve Durham Baseball Field Revitalization Project presented by Principal Terry Bennett**

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Todd Southam, the Board approved the Durham Baseball Field Revitalization Project with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Ed McLaughlin, Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Todd Southam

Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

4. **Discussion only regarding Senate Bill 707: Firearms: gun-free school zone**

Community member and current Fire Captain Mike Watner provided a handout to the Board and audience regarding school safety and active shooter data. There were several comments and concerns regarding the options to provide a safe environment and protect the students and staff of Durham Unified School District.

5. **Board Policy Updates: Second Reading and Adoption of revised BP/AR #5126**

On a motion by Todd Southam, seconded by Bob Bultema, the Board approved the Second Reading and Adoption of revised BP/AR #5126 with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Ed McLaughlin, Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Todd Southam

Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

6. **Approve the rescinding of Transportation/MOT Amendment from Board Meeting on January 20, 2016**

On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Lance Smith, the Board approved the rescinding of Transportation/MOT Amendment from Board Meeting on January 20, 2016 with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Ed McLaughlin, Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Todd Southam

Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

**7. Approve the implementation of standard increments for assigning classified staffing schedules**

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Todd Southam, the Board approved the implementation of standard increments for assigning classified staffing schedules with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Ed McLaughlin, Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Todd Southam

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**N. RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

President Ed McLaughlin returned the meeting to closed session at 8:40 p.m.

**O. CLOSED SESSION**

**P. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

President Ed McLaughlin reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:49 p.m.

**Q. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

President Ed McLaughlin reported the Board of Trustees accepted a letter of resignation from a certificated employee.

**R. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: March 16, 2016**

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ed McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 8:50p.m.