

SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, January 13, 2020
4:00 P.M. Open Session
District Board Room

Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the Durham Unified School District Board Room on Monday, January 13, 2020.

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

Trustees Absent: Alex DuBose

Administration Present: Assistant Superintendent RJ Anderson, District Secretary Tina Blenn, Principal Robbin Pedrett and Principal Lora Fox.

Administration Absent: Superintendent Lloyd Webb

A. Call to Order

Board Clerk, Ed McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm in the District Board Room.

B. Pledge of Allegiance:

Trustee Lance Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

C. Items from the Public: None

D. Discussion:

1. Review of Measure X Facility Needs Assessment with opportunity for public input.

RJ Anderson introduced Brett Merrick, Vice President of SchoolWorks, Inc. and Alan Chambers representing Eagle Architects. Mr. Merrick briefly summarized the current assessments and presented the project by site, demonstrated on easels boards around the meeting room. The public, staff and Board viewed each display and was able to add comments regarding their idea of priority or need to each individual site project. Comment cards were also made available for additional feedback for the pending projects. After approximately 45 minutes of review, the meeting was called back to order by Board Clerk Ed McLaughlin for any public comment.

E. Public Comment:

Christy Dyrr: What will be the time frame for the project?

Brett Merrick: We need to make a priority list first, then set a timeline. We also need to consider what projects will be best served with Modernization or Construction funding.

Christy Dyrr: What is a reasonable time for plans to be drawn?

Alan Chambers: Plans don't take much time; the DSA planning does and lining out the funding for the project will take the most time.

Christy Dyrr: Who is working on the funding?

Brett Merrick: SchoolWorks will.

Larry Reinhart: Are there projections considering growth?

Brett Merrick: Yes, every October there is a review of ADA, student enrollment, that could influence the project.

Jolie Webb: I am concerned with the public's need to see progress. Roofing, HVAC units are very important, but I think we need to see improvement for public support.

Kim Thorpe: Can you place a PDF on the website with the assessment of the projects?

Jolie Webb: What was done with the portables used with Paradise Elementary School? Do we own them now?

RJ Anderson: Yes, we purchased them with bond funds and will be using them as temporary classrooms during the construction process.

Christy Dyrr: Will the DUSD solar unit have the capacity for the improvements?

RJ Anderson: It will be more efficient.

F. Items from the Board:

Trustee Smith: I would like the principals to prioritize the list that they have submitted to the Board. This would help me understand your biggest needs. Thank you for the list, it is very helpful.

Trustee Thorpe: Yes, I would like that list as well. I would like to thank the public for coming and their input.

Clerk McLaughlin: I would like to thank everyone for coming to this meeting. The whole community worked hard to pass this bond. My biggest goals are to stop any further damage to sites, to bring them up to date and be ADA compliant. I know we need to replace the gym and coliseum bleachers but I feel that should be from the Sports Boosters/Community Foundation and we need to use bond funds for immediate repairs like updating our day in and day out facilities and becoming ADA complaint as well as updating our kitchens.

F. Next Board Meeting Date: 1-15-2020 6 pm.

G. Adjournment: Clerk McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm.

