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**Durham Unified School District  
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021**



**5:30 pm Closed Session – 6:30 pm Open Session**

District Board Room

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***Minutes***

The Durham Unified School District Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, March 9, 2021 located in the district boardroom.

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

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

**A. Call to Order**

President, Ed McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Durham Unified School District Board Room.

**B. Moved to Closed Session: 5:31 p.m.**

**C. Closed Session**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators Agency designated representatives: Board President Ed McLaughlin, 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 54957)

**D. Return to Open Session: 6:34 p.m.**

**E. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Tina Blenn, District Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**F. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session:** No action taken in closed session.

**G. Items from the Public:** None

**H. Consent Agenda:** Trustee Thorpe asked to remove Consent Item #4 to Discussion/Action. A motion was presented by David Loudermilk to approve the Consent Agenda upon the removal of Item #4 to Discussion/Action for later consideration.

Motion: David Loudermilk    Second: Lance Smith    Vote: 5-0

## **I. District Reports:**

### 1. DUTA:

Jona O'Shea, President of Durham Unified Teachers Association gave a very vibrant report, complimenting all staff at Durham Unified School District: classified, certificated, admin and support staff for all the collaborative work to make the reopening happen with such success. There were so many challenges and everyone rose to the occasion. We did it!

### 2. Principals:

DES: Principal Lisa Atlas gave a shout out to the entire school community. Everyone has worked together to make our reopening a huge success. The buzz across campus has filled our hearts. Our planned spirit days, Dr. Seuss day for Kindergarten and crazy hat/hair day, helps us get back to some sense of normalcy. Assessments across all grade levels are in process. Parent/Teacher conferences are being scheduled. Parent communication continues via Blackboard and teachers using Google Classroom.

Enrollment: 438

DIS: Principal Lora Fox thanked all staff. Everyone worked hard to get back to 5 days a week in person instruction. Thank you Eric and MOT staff for all your work; Aimee Belev for getting the dividers; Ms. Amy helping in so many areas; Debbie fielding office calls; Erika Montgomery supervising above her librarian duties. You are all appreciated; I hope I did not miss anyone. Continuing to schedule Fridays and always improving the workweek.

Enrollment: 246

DHS: Principal Pedrett has been busy preparing for 5 day a week instruction. Students decorated DHS Sunday before school opened on Monday March 1. It was very welcoming, looking like the "first day of school". Each student received a Durham T shirt. FFA students are busy with virtual contests and meetings. Teachers Ms. Hall and Mr. Bill are planning activities for their CTE groups including guest speakers and demonstrations. Mr. Plummer, our band instructor, highlighted his new percussion groups with an outdoor concert March 4. DHS is getting ready for the SAT test in late March. The Almond Blossom Run raised \$34,978 and netted \$21,000 for Sport teams! We cannot thank the dedication and commitment of this group of volunteers! CIF is a moving target. Hats off to Mr. Longueria and Ms. Bill for all their work as Co-Athletic Director at DHS. Golf is undefeated; Cross-Country has a couple of meets completed. We are getting ready for Football with our first scrimmage Saturday, March 13 in Orland. The first away game will be in Paradise. Softball, Baseball, Track and Field, Soccer and Swimming are preparing at this time. DHS is moving forward with registration for next fall. Shout out to Susan Ladd who is assisting while we are in-between secretaries, our custodial staff and softball coaches and grounds crew for the work they are doing on the softball field. Boys State is complete with 6 representatives: Joshua Mendoza, Tyler Messina, Brady Webb, Owen Allsup, Logan Messick, Carson Vanella and Noah Petitt as alternate.

Enrollment: 294

Special Education: Director Marilyn Bertolucci reported that all sites have received their matriculation list of students. Paraprofessional staffing hours have been increased to provide services as needed. Thank you Special Education Department Staff for again rising to the challenge of another big change with student centered commitment. Thank you Transportation Department for your flexibility; reorganizing to meet schedule changes and always getting students safely to and from programs all over the county. DUSD has started using Kelvin Education to seek out data on school culture, social emotional needs of students and interested based inquires. The first "pulse" went out March 1 and we plan to send out weekly through the end of school year.

Amy Jensen, DIS Counselor, Christy Spade, DHS Counselor, Jo Richer, Behavior Aide, and Marilyn Bertolucci have been working to update and improve DUSD Suicide Prevention Protocols to better meet the requirements of AB 2246 Pupil Suicide Prevention Policies mandate.

Special Education Services Enrollment: 115 DES-28 -1pending; DIS-27, Speech 33 - 7 pending; DHS 26

### 3. Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations:

Aimee Belevu stated that DUSD had \$314,000 of ESSER Funds to use between 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. There will also be additional State and Federal funding, we just do not know how much. She will be presenting the Second Interim Budget later in the meeting.

### 4. Superintendent Report:

John Bohannon reported to the Board that the one time money from State and Federal would be used to help students to be caught up. Durham will be offering Summer School with a form of Credit Recovery for high school and intermediate students and skill building fundamentals for elementary students. The Superintendent echoed Mrs. O'Shea's comments of acknowledging all Durham Unified Staff for their exemplary efforts to reopen all sites. He thanked Aimee Belevu, the Business Department, for her help setting things up. The local news, KHSL Ch. 12 and KRCC Ch. 7 highlighted Durham twice during the first week back. The Midway House was used for a training burn for area firefighters on March 6. The Citizens' Oversight for School Bond will meet later this week and develop their Annual Report. Butte County Public Health will be using Memorial Hall as a Covid Testing facility for the county. The site will be open from 10am to 6 pm on Wednesdays. Superintendent Bohannon shared the District Website updates. Heather McCune, District Clerk, has been instrumental in keeping the site updated. Some new items include: FFA Page with calendar of events, activities and competitions. We want our schools, departments, to tell their "own" story. He is hopeful that the Band Department, Audio Production, GraphicArt and Dual Enrollment programs will follow suit. As reported earlier, in the DHS report, Football will have its first scrimmage March 13 in Orland; the first away game will be in Paradise the following week. There will be a limit of 4 family members attending and masks are required. Moe Boeger generously donated face shields to the football team. Weekly Covid tests are required for football players until cases in Butte County drop to under 7 per 100,000 people.

### J. Items from the Board:

- Trustee Loudermilk: Very optimistic for DUSD. So good to be back at 5 days a week. Really appreciates the Durham Community support and the Board members during these challenging times.
- Trustee Thorpe: Agreed. We have covered so much to get to where we are. Great job to John for organizing the vaccination clinic. The staff and Athletic Director have so many challenges, we might not be over it, but know you are appreciated for all you do.
- Trustee DuBose: Watched the Ch. 12 news report featuring DIS and thought the student interview was great.
- Trustee Smith: Mr. Plummer percussion instrument concert was wonderful. There were 2 groups and performed 2 numbers. It was great to see a little normalcy back on campus. Kudos to all the staff.
- President McLaughlin: I echo the sentiments above. The staff have all submitted a Hercules effort.

### K. Discussion/Action Items:

0. MOU between CSEA and Durham Unified School District; moved from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Motion Lance Smith Second David Loudermilk Vote 4-1 Nay Vote: Matthew Thorpe

1. Adoption of the 2020-2021 Second Interim Budget.

Motion Matthew Thorpe Second Lance Smith Vote 5-0

2. Approval of Butte County Loan Resolution #21-3.

Motion Matthew Thorpe Second Lance Smith Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Agreement with Rancho Esquon and DUSD for the Trap Shooting Team.

Motion Matthew Thorpe Second Lance Smith Vote 5-0

4. Approval of Board Resolution #21-2 Education Code #44256 (b) for Departmentalized Classroom Assignment.

Motion Lance Smith Second David Loudermilk Vote 5-0

5. Approval of the DUSD Board of Trustees' Governance Handbook. The Board agreed on revisions to be brought back for approval at the April 21 Board meeting.

Motion Matthew Thorpe Second Lance Smith Vote 5-0

**L. Next Board Meeting Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021

**M. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.