

**Durham Unified School District  
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
January 26, 2009 4:00 p.m.  
Board Room**

**MINUTES**

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The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the board room of the Durham Unified School District on January 26, 2009.

Trustees present: Dona Bertain, Mark Kimmelshue, Greg Sohnrey, Greg Johnson and Bob Bultema  
Trustees absent: None  
Also present: Barbara D. Gaskin, Connie Cavanaugh, Bobbi Abold, Greg Blake and Kevin Martin.

*A. CALL TO ORDER*

President Dona Bertain called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

*B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

President Bertain led the pledge of allegiance.

*C. PUBLIC COMMENT*

There were no comments from the public.

*D. CONSENT AGENDA*

On a motion by Trustee Kimmelshue, seconded by Trustee Sohnrey, the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

*E. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION*

President Bertain adjourned the meeting to closed session at 4:06 p.m.

*F. CLOSED SESSION*

A closed session was held regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code 54957)

*G. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION*

President Bertain returned the meeting to open session at 5:16 p.m.

H. *REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION*

President Bertain reported that with a vote of 5-0, Superintendent Barbara D. Gaskin was placed on administrative leave. President Bertain then read a prepared press release as follows:

*“The Governing Board during its special meeting on January 26, 2009, placed the District’s Superintendent on administrative leave. We cannot comment further because it is a personnel matter. However, we can announce that we will be working closely with Butte County Superintendent of Schools, Don McNelis, and BCOE staff to maintain a fully functioning school program. All classes, other educational programs, and extra-curricular activities should continue as scheduled. We anticipate the appointment of an “Interim Superintendent” in approximately one to two weeks. Until such time as an interim is appointed, the County Superintendent and County staff will be providing the typical services of an “Acting Superintendent”.”*

President Bertain called a special board meeting for Thursday, January 29, 2009 to meet with County Superintendent of Schools, Don McNelis to further discuss the transition.

I. *ADJOURNMENT*

On a motion by Trustee Kimmelshue, seconded by Trustee Bultema, the move to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.