

**Durham Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 9, 2008 6:30 p.m.
Board Room**

MINUTES

The regular 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 October 9, 2008.

Trustees present: Mark Kimmelshue, Greg Sohnrey, Bruce Book and Greg Johnson

Trustees absent: Dona Bertain

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Mark Kimmelshue called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

President Kimmelshue moved the meeting to closed session at 6:30

C. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education adjourned to closed session to meet with the district's labor negotiator, the Superintendent, regarding certificated and classified employee negotiations (Government Code 54954.6)

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

President Kimmelshue returned the board to open session at 7:02 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Kimmelshue led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Kimmelshue reported that no action had been taken in closed session.

G. RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

Principal Bobbi Abold spoke in honor and recognition of Robert Nowak. Superintendent Barbara Gaskin, Durham Intermediate Principal Greg Blake and High School Principal Kevin Martin spoke in honor and recognition of Wes Bill.

H. DISTRICT REPORTS

Student Representative Justin Klein-Edgerton reported on DHS activities and sports teams and he announced that Homecoming week is October 20-24 with the parade on Friday. He also spoke about the recycling program at Durham High. Principal Kevin Martin discussed Make a Difference Day on October 25th and talked about CIF realignment of teams.

Durham Elementary Principal Bobbi Abold talked about the sidewalk art event and the completion of the cookie dough sales. She mentioned that the reading intervention is going well and that Red Ribbon week is October 27-31.

Durham Intermediate Principal Greg Blake thanked PTS for putting together baskets for the mosquito festival. He mentioned the bands would be playing at Book Family Farm and that the Jog-a-thon is coming up on October 17. DIS Student Council is putting together plans for a student store. Basketball tryouts are going on and crazy hair day was fun.

Business Manager Connie Cavanaugh gave the 2008-09 budget highlights and she will bring the revised original budget to the November meeting.

Superintendent Barbara Gaskin said that the Community Advisory Committee had a great turn out and representation and that it would be held on the first Friday of every month. She presented an award certificate from the Butte County Office of Education to Jamie Batha for her participation in the AB 430 training.

I. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

It was requested that people running for the current school board openings fill out a survey and turn it into Traci Gamble. There was a follow-up discussion on grade waivers for athletic participants and a concern was expressed over student safety as it relates to legal drug growers in the area.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda with the exception of item Item # 6a was approved unanimously on a motion by Greg Johnson and seconded by Bruce Book. Item #6B (DES PTS - T-Shirt Sales) was corrected to read DES 5th Grade instead of DES PTS

Item #6a Fundraising Requests:

(a) DHS ASBO - Magazine, Cookie Dough and Wrapping Paper Sales was pulled for discussion. There was a lengthy discussion regarding duplication of efforts in fundraising. A coordination between the principals would be done for next year but in the meantime, on a motion by Bruce Book, seconded by Greg Johnson, the cookie dough and wrapping paper portion of this request was approved. Also magazines could be done if it takes place after Durham Intermediate's magazine sales are conducted.

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K. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentations by Principals on Student Performance Data

The principals from all three sites presented AYP and API results. Superintendent Barbara Gaskin provided a summary of all sites' performance and district-wide results.

2. Resolution #08-10: Adopting the Gann Limit:

On a motion by Trustee Sohnrey, seconded by Bruce Book, the resolution was approved with four ayes and one absent vote (Bertain).

3. Adoption of 2007-2008 Unaudited Actual Financial Statements:

Business Manager Connie Cavanaugh presented the 2007-08 unaudited financial statements. On a motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sohnrey, the 2007-08 unaudited actual financial report was adopted on a vote of four ayes with one absent vote (Bertain).

4. *Increase hours of one bus driver position (Route #C from 3.5 to 4.0 hours per day)*
On a motion by Trustee Sohnrey, seconded by Bruce Book, the increase in hours was approved with four ayes with one absent vote (Bertain).
5. *Increase hours of two Special Education Paraeducator positions:*
 - a. *DIS/DHS SE Paraeducator (from 4.5 to 5.0 hours)*
 - b. *DHS SE Paraeducator (from 2.5 to 2.67 hours)*On a motion by Trustee Sohnrey, seconded by Bruce Book, the increase in hours was approved with four ayes with one absent vote (Bertain).
6. *Results of Healthy Kids Survey (Presentation by Jamie Batha)*
Jamie Batha presented the results of the Healthy Kids Survey that was given to grades 5,7, 9 and 11 in the Fall of 2007. The test is administered every two years. This is a presentation item only. No action was needed or taken.

L. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

There were none.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Sohnrey, a second by Trustee Book, and on a vote of four ayes with one absent vote (Bertain).