

**Durham Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, October 12, 2009 6:00p.m.
(RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.)
District Board Room**

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 October 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Dona Bertain, Mark Kimmelshue, and Bob Bultema
Trustees absent: Greg Sohnrey and Greg Johnson
Also Present: Don McNelis and Connie Cavanaugh

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Dona Bertain called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

President Dona Bertain moved the meeting to closed session at 6:03 p.m. to:

1. meet with the district's labor negotiator, the Superintendent, regarding administrative, certificated, classified and classified confidential employee negotiations (Government Code 54954.6)

C. CLOSED SESSION

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

President Bertain returned the Board to open session at 7:08 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Superintendent Don McNelis led the pledge of allegiance.

F. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Dona Bertain reported that the board took no action in closed session.

G. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Note: President Bertain read a statement from the Board before inviting items from the public.

There were comments from the public.

H. DISTRICT REPORTS

1. County Superintendent Don McNelis stated he was here to help in an advisory capacity only and he cited Education Code 1240(a) as the authority. He encouraged us to look for the following in a superintendent: Someone who would listen and learn about Durham; have budget expertise to lead the budget committee and plan for cuts; assist the board with determining budget priorities and do so in an agreeable way; to assist the district in looking for a permanent superintendent for the 2010-11 school year and decide on a plan for administrative reorganization for the 2010-11 school year.

2. Principals: the site principals reported on the various activities at their sites.
3. Business Manager Connie Cavanaugh reported on the impact of student illness on attendance and the status of the district website.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Dona Bertain, seconded by Mark Kimmelshue the consent agenda was approved as presented on a vote of 3 ayes and 2 absent.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Adoption of 2008-2009 Unaudited Actual Financial Statements

On a motion by Bob Bultema and seconded by Mark Kimmelshue, the unaudited Actual Financial Statements were approved as presented on a vote of 3 ayes and 2 absent.

2. Search for Interim Superintendent

Public input was given as to the desired qualities in an interim superintendent. The Board asked Don McNelis to lead the search for a candidate. Interviews will be scheduled during the week of October 19th and the new interim should be in place late October to early November.

3. Increase Hours for Durham High School Special Education Paraeducator 4.67 to 5.66 hours

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Bob Bultema, the increase in hours was approved on a vote of 3 ayes and 2 absent.

4. Increase Hours for Yard Duty Position from 1.33 to 1.58 hours

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Bob Bultema, the increase in hours was approved on a vote of 3 ayes and 2 absent.

5. Create AM Kindergarten Instructional Paraeducator Position 1.0 hour

On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Mark Kimmelshue, the increase in hours was approved on a vote of 3 ayes and 2 absent.

6. Discuss Criteria and Formation of Budget Committee

After a broad discussion between the Board and audience, the Board asked staff to come back to the November Board Meeting with details regarding the formation, composition, timelines, parameters and expected outcomes for the budget committee.

K. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

There were no items from the board.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Mark Kimmelshue, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.