

Durham Unified School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, November 10, 2010  
6:00 p.m.  
**(RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 PM)**  
District Boardroom

**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 November 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Greg Johnson, Mark Kimmelshue, Bob Bultema and Dona Bertain Greg Sohnrey  
Trustees absent: none  
Also Present: Superintendent, Mary Sakuma, Principal, Greg Blake and Attorney, Emily LaMoe  
Also Absent: Business Manager, Connie Cavanaugh

**A CALL TO ORDER**

President Greg Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**B MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**C CLOSED SESSION**

President Greg Johnson moved the meeting to closed session at 6:02.

- (1) To meet with the district's labor negotiator regarding administrative, certificated, classified, and classified confidential negotiations (Government Code 54957.6)
- (2) Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent (Government Code 54957)
- (3) Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal and Release (Government Code 54957)

**D RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

President Greg Johnson returned the Board to open session at 7:04 p.m.

**E PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Greg Sohnrey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**F REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

President Greg Johnson reported that the Board took no action in closed session.

**G ORDER OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Mary Sakuma requested that the Board return to closed session after open session. Superintendent Mary Sakuma requested that item J (Student Presentation) be moved after item H.

## H ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the Public.

## I DISTRICT REPORTS

- 1) The Principals reported on events and project at their sites.

**Bobbi Abold, DES Principal** reported that Nov 5<sup>th</sup> is the end of Trimester One and there were grade level team meetings regarding assessments, student progress and plan instruction of interventions. Minimum Days November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>, for parent conference. She also extended an invitation to the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Feasts.

**Greg Blake, DIS Principal** reported about the Earthquake Day for 6<sup>th</sup> grade in connection with a field trip to CSUC October 29<sup>th</sup>. Volcano eruption day is November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Girls took 1<sup>st</sup> place in their basketball tournament. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl's basketball team is currently undefeated. DIS students won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for a Welcome Back Veterans Art Contest sponsored by Elks Lodge. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students entered a VFW Patriot Pen Essay Contest and DAR American History Citizen Essay Contest. Fundraising of \$300.00 by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for Brenden Marracco, a veteran were raised and will be given to him with a quilt made by the students. CJSF is fundraising for a girl who is battling Leukemia in Chico. He also reported that October is Homework Completion Month and together with SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) and Butte College the students will attend a football game on November 13<sup>th</sup>. They will be recognized by Craig Rigsbee, Athletic Director at half time for their accomplishments. In Mr. Blake's other job as director of MOT he reported that he went to a Department of Transportation Reasonable Suspicion Training and Lead Paint Removal Training. He also has been attending a series of Site Administrator Training at BCOE.

**Bill Frey, DHS Principal** reported the Fall Ball was attended by approximately 130 students at the Veterans Memorial Hall, put on by the Senior Class. The Senior Class did a great job. DHS Cross County Boy's and Girl's took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Sacramento Valley League and won the section title. They will be going to a State Meet at Fresno in November. DHS Football ranked number 2, has a bye until November 19<sup>th</sup> and will play the winner of Trinity/Esparto @ Durham. The WASC committee met on the staff development days and the progress went very well. They created four Action Plans Groups to rewrite and update plan. Staff Development Days on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> should be able to complete that portion of the re-visit work for WASC. DHS has taken a 30 day extension for the Carl Perkins Grant to complete all of the changes and will have it submitted to CDE prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Currently at DHS 50% of our Senior Class is California State University Eligible.

- 2) **Business Manager, Connie Cavanaugh** was absent but, Superintendent Mary Sakuma reported the first interim budget will be reported at the next board meeting.
- 3) **Superintendent Mary Sakuma** reported that the Administrative Team meets weekly to discuss student achievement and leadership. She introduced to the Administrative Team a program called Standards Plus. This program will be implemented on a pilot basis. Its intent is to provide review of grade level standards and to provide intervention for students with below grade level skills. She also reported that she was very impressed with number of programs in place for Durham Unified School District students and how they run so smoothly with staff and volunteers. She attended the American Legion Award Ceremony and reported that it was inspiring and wonderful to see students involved in Girls' and Boys'

State and to hear from the speech contest winners and essay contest winners. She also thanked everyone in the school district and community for the cards and kind thoughts at the recent death of her father in-law.

**J STUDENT PRESENTATION:**

Lisa Farrage Johnson VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) students gave a very energetic and cute excerpt from the Life Cycles Musical Production.

**K CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Mark Kimmelshue the consent agenda was approved as presented.

**L INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**1) Playground Safety Report**

Superintendent Mary Sakuma reported that Bobbi Abold, DES Principal is currently investigating Bullying Prevention Programs. We are looking for a lasting, meaningful, proactive, preventative program to be an asset to our school culture.

**2) Jaelyn Kruger is attending this evening's meeting as BCOE representative for AB1200 oversight**

Superintendent Mary Sakuma introduced Jacklyn Kruger. She attended the meeting in place of Adrian Barron.

**3) Recognition of outgoing Trustees, Dona Bertain and Greg Sohnrey**

Greg Johnson and Mary Sakuma presented outgoing board members Dona Bertain and Greg Sohnrey with plaques for their years of service to Durham Unified School District. They expressed their appreciation for their effort, time, and insight.

**4) Congratulations to incoming Trustees, Bob Kerman and Lance Smith.**

Greg Johnson and Mary Sakuma congratulated Bob Kermen and Lance Smith for be elected the new Governing Board Members. Greg Johnson also thanked all the candidates for "giving the citizens of Durham a choice".

**M DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**1) Set Date for Annual Organizational Meeting in December 2010**

Superintendent Mary Sakuma stated that the Organizational Meeting is usually scheduled when the next regular Board Meeting would be (12-2-2010) and we are working within a deadline of 30 days after the election (11-2-2010). Mark Kimmelshue requested the next regular Board Meeting be changed to December 1, 2010. On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Mark Kimmelshue the board approved the new date for the Annual Organizational Meeting, December 1, 2010 was approved or on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays'.

**2) Appointment of Professional Development Committee Representatives, per DUTA contract**

On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Greg Sohnrey the board unanimously approved the appointment of Mary Sakuma and Greg Blake to the Professional Development Committee as the Board Representatives.

**3) Increase Instructional Paraeducator Support to Durham Elementary School Reading Program**

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Dona Bertain the board unanimously approved the additional Instructional Paraeducator Support to Durham Elementary School Reading Program as presented.

**4) Create Part-Time Mental Health Counselor Position K-12**

On a motion by Dona Bertain, seconded by Mark Kimmelshue the board unanimously approved the Part-Time Mental Health Counselor Position K-12 as presented.

**N ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Bob Bultema reported that he attended the Cancer Walk November 5<sup>th</sup>. He walked with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and it was fun. He also would like the community to thank Dave Kelly for his tremendous help in removal of the light poles from DHS baseball field.

**O RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The board returned to closed session at 7:58 p.m.

**P CLOSED SESSION**

**Q RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

**R REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

President Greg Johnson reported that no action was taken in closed session.

**S NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: December 2, 2010**

Per item M (1) the board meeting has been changed to December 1, 2010.

**T ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Mark Kimmelshue the board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.