

**Durham Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, November 16, 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 November 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Dona Bertain, Mark Kimmelshue (closed session only), Greg Sohnrey, Greg Johnson and Bob Bultema
Trustees absent: Mark Kimmelshue (open session)
Also Present: Emily LaMoe, John McIntosh, and Connie Cavanaugh

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Dona Bertain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

President Dona Bertain moved the meeting to closed session at 6:01 p.m. to:

1. meet with the district's labor negotiator regarding certificated and classified 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

President Bertain led the pledge of allegiance.

F. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Dona Bertain reported that all members of the board voted unanimously and took action to have the negotiating team consist of John McIntosh - Interim Superintendent, Connie Cavanaugh – Business Manager, Greg Blake – Durham Intermediate School Principal, and Emily LaMoe - attorney, as the lead negotiator.

President Bertain introduced and welcomed the new interim superintendent, John McIntosh.

G. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ed McLaughlin, on behalf of the Durham Community Foundation, presented a check in the amount of \$1200 to Bill Wells for the Durham Baseball Team for a new fence and a check in the amount of \$1000 to Ed Baner for the Durham High School Band. Public comments were made.

H. DISTRICT REPORTS

1. Principals: the site principals reported on the various activities at their sites.
2. Business Manager Connie Cavanaugh reported on the financial impact of student illness and she is researching the possibility of emergency waivers for the flu. Connie stated that our first interim budget will be presented at the December meeting. The state budget is \$14B behind for this fiscal year and we are anticipating midyear budget reductions. The Second Interim Budget should be more realistic.
3. Superintendent: Interim Superintendent John McIntosh spoke about the larger than anticipated budget deficit at the state level and how all districts are funded. Schools are funded by property taxes and state funding based on ADA. Property taxes have fallen due to the declining property values. 85% of a school budget is personnel and funding per student has declined. We are funded at 2000-2001 figures but we are paying higher personnel costs at 2009 level with declining ADA.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 7c – *Donation of bust of Louis Edwards from the Durham High School Class of 1960* was pulled for discussion. Ed McLaughlin explained that the bust was to be donated as well as a stand and there would be no cost to the district. The bust would be in commemoration of Louis Edwards' service to our district. It would be finished and dedicated in May if approved by the board. On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Greg Sohnrey the donation was approved with 4 ayes and one absent.

On a motion by Bob Bultema, seconded by Greg Sohnrey, the remaining consent agenda was approved as presented on a vote of 4 ayes and 1 absent.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. *Set Date for Annual Organizational Meeting in December (Discussion/Action)*
The regular board meeting of Monday, December 14, 2009 was chosen as the date for the organizational meeting. The meeting will take place in the district boardroom. On a motion by Dona Bertain, seconded by Greg Johnson and approved with 4 ayes and one absent the date for the annual organizational meeting was set.
2. *Discuss formation of Budget Advisory Committee (Discussion)*
A handout was given regarding the parameters for formation of the committee. A status report will be brought back to the December 14 meeting.
3. *2x2 Meetings between Durham Recreation and Park District and Durham Unified School District. (Discussion)*
Two members from our board will be appointed at the December meeting to attend meetings with two board members from the Durham Recreation and Park District along with our superintendent and their director, Jim Brinson to explore shared services between the two districts.
4. *Update Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (First Readings) - (Discussion):*
BP/AR 6159 - Individualized Education Program

BP/AR 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education
AR 6159.4 – Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students
AR 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)
BP/AR 3550 Nutritional Standards
BP/AR 3551 Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund
BP/AR 3553 Free and Reduced Price Meals

The above policies will be brought back to the December 14 meeting for a second reading and approval.

K. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

There were no items from the board.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Greg Sohnrey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.