

Durham Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, February 8, 2011
5:30 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 February 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees present: Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith and Robert Kermen
Trustees absent: Greg Johnson
Also Present: Superintendent, Mary Sakuma, Business Manager, Connie Cavanaugh
Principal, Greg Blake and Attorney, Emily LaMoe

A CALL TO ORDER

President Bob Bultema called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION

C CLOSED SESSION

D RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

President Bob Bultema reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:02 p.m.

E PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Mark Kimmelshue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

F REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Bob Bultema reported that no action was taken in closed session

G ORDER OF AGENDA

Superintendent Mary Sakuma asked that the board remove from the Consent Agenda, Berk Flockton, bus driver (declined position), Kyle Dahlgreen, JV Track Coach (on January 11, 2011 board meeting) and Discussion/Action item #1 Approval of Traveling Trunk History Conference. (to be on the next board meeting March 8, 2011)

H ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

DUTA President Allison Brigham presented a letter to the board members regarding the current and future negotiations. Mary Peterson and Roni Masuda current 4th grade teachers thanked the board for the additional support. They stated that the kids love the new paraeducator and hoped that next year she could be in place, along with smaller class sizes. David Coffee stated that he hoped we would be proactive for next year.

I PRESENTATIONS

1) **Bill Wells, DHS Teacher/Dance Unit**

Bill Wells DHS teacher gave a presentation of the dance unit in PE. Verime Kimmelshue and Tommy Edwards demonstrated the Samba, Tango, Slow Dance, Street Hustle, and the Jesse Polka. In addition to learning how to dance the students learn social etiquette, conversation etiquette, dinner/dating etiquette, travel/tipping etiquette, framing, posturing, confidence, and that dancing is cool.

2) **Sheila Vickers: Fiscal Stabilization Plan**

Sheila Vickers, Vice President School Services of California gave a power point presentation on the Fiscal Stabilization Plan for Durham Unified School District. A handout of the power point was given to the board members. Mrs. Vickers answered questions from the public.

J DISTRICT REPORTS

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

Bobbi Abold, DES Principal reported the Math a Thon was on January 28, and they have collected \$10,000 so far. Mrs. Abold also stated that on February 11 they will have the Kindergarten Registration and the Spelling Bee will be on February 17. On March 2 DES will have the Read Across America and she invited the board members and administration to be guest readers in classrooms.

Greg Blake, DIS Principal reported that CJSF is doing a fundraiser for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society and the Rene Brandol boys' basketball tournament went well thanks to Jeff Flores, the athletic director. Mr. Blake announced that DIS is having a magazine drive to help pay for school activities, Red Ribbon Week, dances, and computers. Mr. Blake also reported that the 6th grade Environmental Science Camp at Shady Creek was very successful and fun thanks to great kids, teachers, and high school counselors that attended. Mr. Blake thanked Mr. Frey DHS, principal and Laurie Freitas, secretary for helping to arrange everything for the counselors. Mr. Blake stated that the 6th grade teachers would like to do a presentation about Shady Creek at the next regular board meeting.

Greg Blake, MOT Director reported that the school district will have a fire re-inspection soon. Mr. Blake also stated that he has had difficulty replacing a bus driver and Ed Hernandez, from maintenance and has been very flexible to help with coverage of the bus/van driver. Mr. Blake complimented James Waugh, our new top notch mechanic/dispatcher for doing a fantastic job. Mr. Blake also reported that a letter was sent to the neighbors near the football field asking for their cooperation with not dumping their yard debris in this area. Mr. Blake announced that the Durham Unified School District has applied and received a grant for a new school bus. The value of the school bus is \$144,000.00 and it's free to the district. Mr. Blake announced that we have the old school bus for sale. Mr. Blake also stated that all the paperwork is in for the Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District and he is waiting for them to issue the grant contracts. Mr. Blake also reported that a CHP inspection and paperwork evaluation is coming up next week and this is done twice a year.

Bill Frey, DHS Principal reported that DHS had a very successful Block D Dance on January 29 and thanked Mr. Wells for a nice evening. Mr. Frey also reported that Basketball Homecoming was last Friday vs. Colusa, Varsity and JV teams both won. Isaiah Perez and

Andrea Gilsdorf were King and Queen. Mr. Frey also reported that the DHS Academic Decathlon Team participated at Las Plumas High School in the Butte County Academic Decathlon. DHS received 29 medals and finished in 2nd place behind Pleasant Valley High School. Mr. Frey announced that Boots and Bow Tie's Dinner at Durham Memorial Hall will be Saturday, February 12. Mr. Frey also announced Tuesday, February 15 girls' and boys' basketball vs. Trinity will have their senior night. Mr. Frey also announced that on February 16 and 17 minimum days, DHS will continue to work on the WASC accreditation and on February 23 DHS will hold a Mock Trial Team at Butte County Superior Court vs. Pleasant Valley in courtroom 7. Mr. Frey also announced that winter sports are still in contention for NSCIF playoffs and spring sports will be starting at the end of the month. Mr. Frey stated to the board members the doors are always open, come by.

- 2) **Business Manager, Connie Cavanaugh** reported that she is working on finalizing the 2nd Interim Budget that will be presented to the Board for approval at the March 8, 2011 regular meeting. Ms. Cavanaugh explained that the multi-year projection would be prepared with the worst case scenario per the direction of Butte County Office of Education. This assumes that the special election to extend the tax increases does not pass and therefore education cuts could be an additional \$330 per student. Ms. Cavanaugh also shared that the State Teacher's Retirement System (STRS) is in the process of reviewing and updating their penalty and interest assessment on districts. School districts and County Offices are providing feedback and Ms. Cavanaugh will keep the Board updated on the impact to Durham Unified.
- 3) **Superintendent, Mary Sakuma** gave an updated report regarding the Kindergarten situation. Mrs. Sakuma commented that the DHS students did a terrific demonstration of Mr. Wells dance unit. Mrs. Sakuma stated she has attended FCMAT (Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team) Board Meeting and the ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) Superintendents' Council in conjunction with the ACSA Superintendents' Symposium last month. Mrs. Sakuma reported that both FCMAT and ACSA have stated that there continues to be bad news about the state budget. They have advised school boards, administrators, and community members to urge lawmakers to place the tax extension measures on the ballot so the public has the opportunity to take a stand and stop budget cuts to education. Mrs. Sakuma stated that education has taken more than its fair share of budget cuts over the past few years. On this agenda the Board will have the opportunity to schedule a special meeting later this month to discuss the budget. Mrs. Sakuma also reported that Durham Little League's proposed field, which was on the board agenda last month has been postponed until later in the year and they will be in contact with the District office as to when they'd like to come back to the Board. Mrs. Sakuma provided, per the Board's request, the Suspension/Expulsion Policy and School Handbook Information. This item will be discussed at a later date. Mrs. Sakuma also mentioned that this evening the Board would have the opportunity to set a date for the Governance Workshop.

K CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue seconded by Robert Kermen the consent agenda was approved per order of agenda with a vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays.

L DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) **Approval of Traveling Trunk History Conference in Virginia-October 2011, Linda Nassie**
This agenda item was removed and will be added to March 8, 2011 Board Agenda Discussion/Action, per order of Agenda.
- 2) **Revisit and update information about additional support/intervention to 4th grade class.**
Mrs. Abold gave an update on the progress toward providing additional support and intervention to the 4th grade. Several community members of the public commented on the topic and some urged the Board to continue to keep this topic in the forefront. Mrs. Sakuma stated that she appreciated the public input and she will continue to monitor the situation at DES. Trustee Lance Smith assured members of the public that the board will also continue to address the situation at future board meetings. Trustee Mark Kimmelshue stated the Board will continue to work with the Principals and Administration to address this situation
- 3) **Increase Special Education Paraeducator hours at DES from 5 hours to 5.5 hours**
On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue seconded by Robert Kermen the board approved the increase of Special Education Paraeducator hours at DES from 5 hours to 5.5 hours as presented with a vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays.
- 4) **Territory Transfer Update (*no action required at this time*)**
Superintendent Mary Sakuma gave an updated report regarding the proposed Territory Transfer.
- 5) **Set Special Meeting dates for late February to discuss budget issues**
The board scheduled a special meeting for February 22, 2011
- 6) **Set Special Meeting dates for Governance Workshop**
The board scheduled a Governance Workshop for March 22, 2011
- 7) **Review April and May board meeting dates: schedule conflicts**
The April board meeting on April 12, 2011 was changed to April 14, 2011. The May 10, 2011 board meeting times will be changed to accommodate DIS open house and will be discussed at the next regular Board meeting.
- 8) **Request for dismissing of a bill from DUSD to Durham Community Women's Club and placing into effect a wavier for the years to come. (letter from Karen Read)**
On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue seconded by Lance Smith the board approved the request for dismissing of the bill from DUSD to Durham Community Women's Club for \$56.00 with a vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays. The board will review the board policy for use of school facilities at a future meeting.
- 9) **Public Hearing re: District re-openers for negotiations with CSEA, Chapter #478 for the 2010-2011 school year.**
President Bob Bultema opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments from the public and the Public Hearing was closed.

10) Public Hearing re: CSEA, Chapter #478 re-opens for negotiations with Durham Unified School District for the 2010-2011 school year.

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11) 2011-12 school year student calendar discussion.

On a motion by Lance Smith and seconded by Bob Bultema the board approved the 2011-12 school year student calendar as presented with a vote of 4 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays.

12) Preparing for the future: How shall the Board prepare for the changing times in education? (Preliminary Discussion)

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue and seconded by Robert Kermen the board decided to review this item at the next board meeting.

M ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Lance Smith thanked the public for their verbal participation. Trustee Robert Kermen stated that DHS Ag project looks nice, hoped clean-up will continue and offered to use his truck and trailer to help haul things. President Bob Bultema reported that it was good to see the kids and he had fun at the Block D Dance. President Bob Bultema also reported that the DIS basketball tournament went smoothly with the tremendous effort from Jeff Flores, the athletic director.

N RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The board returned to closed session at 9:55 p.m.

O CLOSED SESSION

P RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returned to open session at 10:30 p.m.

Q REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Bob Bultema reported that no action was taken in closed session.

R NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: March 8, 2011

S ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Lance Smith the board adjourned at 10:31 p.m.