

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

Trustees present: Bob Bultema, Mark Kimmelshue, Lance Smith, Greg Johnson, and Robert Kermen  
Trustees absent: none  
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 7:04 p.m.

**E PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Business Manager Connie Cavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**G ORDER OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Mary Sakuma asked that the board change the consent agenda item JV Girls Assistant Softball Coach, Dave Kelly to Varsity Girls Assistant Softball Coach. Mrs. Sakuma also stated that it was not necessary to go back into closed session after open session so items N,O,P, & Q could be eliminated from the Agenda.

**H ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nancy Riley and Deanna Coyne presented the board with a letter regarding Durham Unified School District Special Education Teachers. Alex Dubose, Kim Jones and Damon Pound from Durham Jr. Trojans football requested to be added to the next board meeting agenda. Several teachers had positive comments regarding Mrs. Bobbi Abold, Durham Elementary School Principal and were saddened because of her resignation.

## **I PRESENTATIONS: Shady Creek Outdoor School**

Karla Rigsbee, Jacqueline Lincoln, and Deena Crete, teachers at Durham Intermediate School gave an excellent power point demonstration on Shady Creek Outdoor School located in the mountains of Nevada County. The teachers reported that at Shady Creek the naturalists, Durham Intermediate School students, and Durham High School counselors work together to create an environment that inspires an enthusiasm for learning, foster community, and environmental stewardship. Although going to Shady Creek is a developmental milestone for the sixth graders to see themselves as independent and competent individuals, the curriculum for the camp aligns with the California State Science Standards. A series of fun activities and challenges that build cooperation and trust are used to increase each students feeling of self worth as well as their appreciation of others. The teachers complimented Mr. Blake for his amazing participation in the great night time activities. The motto of the camp is: "When at Shady Creek we weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not!"

## **J DISTRICT REPORTS**

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

**Bobbi Abold, DES Principal** reported how proud she was of Heidi Hovey, Jona O'Shea, Allison Brigham, Ginni Vernau, and Lisa Farrage-Johnson for writing and receiving a Grant for (BIEN) Best Instruction in English Now of \$18,590.00. This Grant will provide training and exposure to programs which are effective in helping EL students to become proficient in English and successfully mainstreaming them in the middle school. This team of teachers will pilot strategies learned in their classroom and EL groups. These strategies will be shared with other teachers, as the goal is more effective instruction for EL learners in all classrooms. Mrs. Abold also reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade VAPA performances "Famous Americans George M Cohen" will be March 10, at 6:30 p.m. and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade VAPA performance "How the West was Really Won" will be March 23 and 24 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Abold stated that the kindergarten registration to date is 55 students and 14 are interdistricts.

**Greg Blake, DIS Principal** reported that 7<sup>th</sup> grade STAR writing assessments were given and 8<sup>th</sup> grade projects oral presentations are on March 15 & 16 throughout the day. Mr. Blake stated the Medieval Feast is March 10. The Feast is a culmination of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Science curriculum of the Middle Ages. Mr. Blake also reported the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies trip to the Rail Road Museum is part of the Westward Movement Unit. Mr. Blake also stated the CMEA Music Festival is March 11 at Chico State. Mr. Blake also reported that PTS made over \$4,000.00 on the magazine drive and the students are looking forward to all their prizes.

**Greg Blake, MOT Director** reported that he is finalizing daily schedules with times and duties for all custodians. Mr. Blake stated that MOT is waiting for a few dry days so that the fields dry out so they can move the poles to delineate our parking areas and keep traffic off the grass. Mr. Blake also reported that MOT is working to ensure that all of our existing lighting is working properly and assessing for new lighting. Mr. Blake also reported that MOT is evaluating some leaky areas in the District and looking at ways to save money and do the job right. Mr. Blake stated he would like to publicly thank James Waugh, Ed Hernandez and Kay Price for their quick thinking to solve a transportation crisis at the last minute.

**Bill Frey, DHS Principal** reported that CSF trip to Ashland to the Shakespeare Festival was successful. Mr. Frey stated that the students were extremely well behaved and represented Durham High School in a very positive manner. Mr. Frey thanked Mr. Askea, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Pisenti for going on the trip. Mr. Frey congratulated Mrs. Johnson and all the students for third place in the Mock Trial at the Butte County Competition. Mr. Frey also stated that Tony Cardoza, DHS wrestling coach has offered his services as an attorney for next year and has indicated that he has several other attorneys that would be willing to assist.

**Mr. Frey highlighted DHS Fall sports:**

Girls basketball was eliminated in the first round by Portola.

Boys Basketball made it to the second round and was eliminated by Liberty Christian

Girls Soccer was eliminated in the first round by Hamilton.

Boys Soccer had a bye in the first round, won their second game and then lost in the NSCIF Championship Game to Hamilton.

Wrestling won their League Championship with 6 wrestlers taking 1<sup>st</sup> place, then they took the Division III NSCIF Championships with 3 individual wrestlers taking 1<sup>st</sup> place. They finished 12th in the Masters Championships and sent 2 wrestlers to the CIF State Championships. Congratulations to CIF State Champions: Lucas Gaeth and Brandon Waltz. Mr. Frey also reported that Spring sports are in full swing and pre-season games are under way.

- 2) **Business Manager, Connie Cavanaugh** deferred her report until her presentation on the Second Interim Budget
- 3) **Superintendent, Mary Sakuma** reported that she was asked to attend an Instructional Rounds in Education Institute at Harvard and is the first superintendent in Butte County to be offered this opportunity. Mrs. Sakuma stated that all expenses for the institute are paid through a federal grant and made possible by the California Rural Network and in cooperation with BCOE and the Butte Regional Technical Assistance Center. Mrs. Sakuma ask for comments from the board regarding the letter she received from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors who have adopted a resolution requesting to move the election of Board of Education members from the primary elections in June of even numbered years to the California general election in November of even numbered years. The were no comments from the board. Mrs. Sakuma gave an update on the kindergarten enrollments and stated the interdistricts will be considered in the next two weeks. Mrs. Sakuma also stated that these kindergarten numbers are not solid until we hear from all of the interdistrict students. Mrs. Sakuma reminded the board that the time and location of the Governance workshop will be scheduled at tonight's meeting.

**K CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Robert Kermen seconded by Lance Smith the consent agenda was approved per order of agenda with a vote of 4 ayes 1 nay by Greg Johnson.

**L DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) **Approval of Traveling Trunk History Conference in Virginia-October 2011, Linda Nassie**

On a motion by Greg Johnson, seconded by Robert Kermen the board approved the

Traveling Trunk History Conference in Virginia, October 2011 for Linda Nassie.

2) **Adoption of Second Interim Budget 2010-2011**

Business Manager, Connie Cavanaugh reported on key points in the Second Interim Budget 2010-2011. On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Lance Smith the board approved the Adoption of the Second Interim Budget 2010-2011 as presented with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

3) **Adoption of Resolution No. #11-11 Resolution of Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employees**

On a motion by Greg Johnson, seconded by Robert Kermen the board approved the adoption of Resolution No. #11-11 of Intent to Dismiss Certificated Employees as presented with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

4) **Revisit and update information regarding additional support/intervention to 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes.**

Mrs. Abold gave an update on the progress toward providing additional support and intervention to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Abold reported that the Miss Jo, the new paraeducator was working with the students on the lessons of "The Six Pillars of Character". Miss Jo is able to work in small groups helping students with greater needs in resolving conflict, making good choices, and taking responsibility, followed with lessons in a format that reinforces Reading, Writing, and Language Arts to strengthen academic skills. Mrs. Abold stated that the teachers meet with Miss Jo weekly to debrief, plan, and discuss student needs so that her interactions with students can provide support in a preventative manner. Trustee Lance Smith asked what impact has the new paraeducator made. President Bob Bultema asked if the behavior problems are less than before the intervention. Mrs. Abold stated that while the problems are not gone, there have been only four discipline referrals since the last board meeting.

5) **Create .25 FTE Special Education Instructional Paraeducator position DES SDC for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year**

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Robert Kermen the board approved the .25 FTE (2 hours per day) Special Education Instructional Paraeducator-SDC position at DES for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year as presented with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

6) **Proposal for DES MAA fund expenditure: Create .75 FTE Instructional Paraeducator position to provide before school targeted intervention for the remainder of 2010-11 school year**

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Robert Kermen the board approved the proposal for DES MAA fund expenditure with a correction of .09 FTE (45 minutes per day) Instructional Paraeducator position to provide before school targeted intervention for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

7) **Proposal for DES MAA fund expenditure: Increase DES library services one hour per day for the remainder of 2010-11 school year**

Trustee Robert Kermen recused himself from acting on this item. On a motion by Greg Johnson, seconded by Lance Smith the board approved the proposal for DES MAA fund expenditure to increase DES library services one hour per day for the remainder of the 2010-

2011 school as presented with a vote of 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 abstention by Robert Kermen

**8) Proposal for DES MAA fund expenditure: Create .75 FTE Yard Duty Supervisor position to cover nutrition break recess for the remainder of 2010-2011 school year**

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Robert Kermen the board did not approve the proposal for DES MAA fund expenditure with a correction of .09 FTE (45 minutes per day) to create a yard duty supervisor position to cover nutrition break recess for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

**9) Proposal for DES MAA fund expenditure: Additional time for School Nurse services for 2010-2011 school year**

On a motion by Robert Kermen, seconded by Mark Kimmelshue the board approved the proposal for DES MAA fund expenditure for additional 10 days, not to exceed 70 hours for the School Nurse services for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

**10) Approve District Re-openers for negotiations with CSEA, Chapter #478 for the 2010-2011 school year**

On a motion by Lance Smith, seconded by Greg Johnson the board approved the District Re-openers for negotiations with CSEA, Chapter #478 for the 2010-2011 school year.

**11) Approve CSEA Chapter #478 Re-openers for negotiations with Durham Unified School District for the 2010-2011 school year**

On a motion by Lance Smith, seconded by Greg Johnson the board approved the CSEA Chapter #478 Re-openers for negotiations with Durham Unified School District for the 2010-2011 school year.

**12) Governance Workshop March 22, 2011: time and location to be determined**

March 22, 2011 the Board members and the Superintendent will meet at the Western Canal Water District located at 2003 Nelson Avenue, Nelson, California originally set from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. has now been changed to 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a Governance Workshop.

**M ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

President Bob Bultema reported that he attended Dr Seuss Reading day and thanked the fantastic volunteers. Mr. Bultema stated it was fun money can't buy. Trustee Greg Johnson reported that the medieval feast at DIS was quite an event. Trustee Mark Kimmelshue reported that Northern California Rice Industry Audubon magazine had an excellent article about the long billed curlew. Mr. Kimmelshue also reported that there was a rice exhibit at Gateway Science Museum. Trustee Lance Smith reported that he has begun to visit the schools and it has been a pleasure to meet the teachers and students.

**N RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

See order of Agenda

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**P RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

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**R NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2011**

**S ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue, seconded by Greg Johnson the board adjourned at 9:03 p.m.