

Durham Unified School District
Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Friday, July 30, 2010, 11:30 a.m.
District Office Board Room

MINUTES

An emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the Durham Unified School District Board Room on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.

Trustees present: Greg Johnson, Mark Kimmelshue, Bob Bultema and Greg Sohnrey
Trustees absent: Dona Bertain
Also Present: Superintendent Mary Sakuma

A. *CALL TO ORDER*

President Greg Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

B. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

President Greg Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

C. *ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC*

There were no comments from the public.

D. *ITEMS FROM THE BOARD*

There were no items from the board.

E. *DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:*

Public Safety Issue regarding disposition of "The Oak Tree" on district property, a large portion of which has fallen and poses a safety hazard to the public.

Superintendent Mary Sakuma thanked the board for meeting on such short notice and for their support. She began by saying that she realizes that this tree is a beloved tree here in Durham but that she is concerned for the safety of our students, staff and community. She is thankful that no one was hurt as about 30% of the tree came down. The area has been cordoned off temporarily to prevent any possible injuries. Two arborists were called in to survey the tree and give their opinions and estimates for take down or repair. Denice Britton, ASCA Certified Arborist for the City of Chico will be coming tomorrow to give her opinion as well. Jim Brinson from Durham Recreation and Park District attended the meeting and agreed that it would be good to get input from Denice Britton. The board members shared their concerns about the safety issues and will await this final assessment. This item will be brought back for further discussion and action at a special board meeting which will be held on Wednesday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the district office boardroom.

F. *ADJOURNMENT:*

On a motion by Mark Kimmelshue and seconded by Bob Bultema, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.