

**Durham Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 14, 2008 6:00 p.m.
Board Room**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the board room of the Durham Unified School District on August 14, 2008.

Trustees present: Mark Kimmelshue, Bruce Book, Greg Sohnrey, and Dona Bertain

Trustees absent: Greg Johnson

Also present: Barbara Gaskin, Connie Cavanaugh, Kevin Martin, Greg Blake, Bobbi Abold

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Mark Kimmelshue called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

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

C. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session to meet with the district's labor negotiator, the Superintendent, regarding administrative, certificated, classified, and classified confidential employee negotiations (Government Code 54954.6) and Public Employment: Business Office Clerk Position

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

President Kimmelshue returned the Board to open session at 7:07 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Kimmelshue led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Kimmelshue reported that no action had been taken in closed session.

J.1. Durham High School Football Program Fundraising –Tony Esponde (Presentation) was moved up and presented at this point in the meeting.

Varsity Football Coach Tony Esponde reported on the success of the first passing tournament put on by Durham. Durham came in second place with participation by many teams. It was well attended and lauded by the teams and it is anticipated there will be even greater participation next year. Mr. Esponde noted that new helmets have been purchased which will help protect our team from injuries.

G. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Reporter Roger Aylworth of the Enterprise Record donated his book, "A Place in the Shower Schedule: 101 Favorite Columns" to the high school library. Concern by parents and staff was expressed regarding high class sizes and the need for a 4/5 combo class. Mr. Kimmelshue stated he was present at the Parent Forum held the night before (August 13th) where he heard from parents and staff as they advocated for the addition of the 4/5 combination classroom. Trustee Kimmelshue stated that a review of the numbers would be done for the first three days of school (August 20, 21, 22) and that administration would decide by Friday, August 22nd.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

Item #6 of the consent agenda was pulled for further discussion. On a motion by Trustee Book, seconded by Trustee Sohnrey, the consent agenda with the exception of Item #6 was approved unanimously by those board members present.

Item #6 – School District Agreement between AESOP and Durham Unified School District regarding Substitute Caller Program for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 School Years was discussed. Business Manager Connie Cavanaugh explained that this is a leave tracking/sub calling program that will be in effect October of this year. On a motion by Greg Sohnrey and seconded by Bruce Book, this item was approved unanimously.

I. DISTRICT REPORTS

All school principals reported on the back to school activities being held to welcome parents and students for the new school year. Business Manager Connie Cavanaugh reported that there is still no state budget passed. Superintendent Barbara Gaskin shared she is looking forward to a successful start to the new school year and welcoming students and staff back.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

(Item #1 was moved up on the agenda – See Item J.1 after Item F above)

2. *California Department of Education (CDE) Application Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program (SB 472)*

On a motion by Bruce Book and seconded by Greg Sohnrey, this item was approved unanimously.

3. *Textbook Adoption for Modified U.S. History (Deanna Coyne's Class)*

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Greg Sohnrey, this item was approved unanimously.

4. *Textbook Adoption for High School Introductory General Physical Science Course*

On a motion by Bruce Book and seconded by Dona Bertain, this item was approved unanimously.

5. *Ratification of Collective Bargaining Amendments between DUSD and DUTA for the 2007-2008 school year.*

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Bruce Book, this item was approved unanimously.

6. *Resolution 08-02: Authorization to Teach in a Departmentalized Class in Grades K-12 Irrespective of Credential Designations (Education Code 44258.3)*

On a motion by Greg Sohnrey and seconded by Bruce Book, this item was approved

unanimously.

7. *Resolution 08-03: Authorization to Teach in a Departmentalized Class (Elective) in Grades K-12 (Education Code 44258.7 (c) (d))*

Lisa Farrage-Johnson (Dance) was added to this resolution at the board meeting. Pending that change, on a motion by Bruce Book and seconded by Dona Bertain, the item was approved unanimously.

8. *Resolution 08-04: Authorization to Teach in a Departmentalized Classroom Below Grade 9 (Education Code 44256 (b))*

Lisa Farrage-Johnson (Dance) was deleted from this resolution at the board meeting. Pending that change, on a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Bruce Book, the item was approved unanimously.

9. *Resolution 08-05: Authorization to Teach in a Departmentalized Classroom in Grades 5-8 of a Middle School (Education Code 44258.2)*

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Greg Sohnrey, this item was approved unanimously.

10. *Resolution 08-06: Elimination or Reduction in Hours in Classified Positions*

On a motion by Greg Sohnrey and seconded by Bruce Book, this item was approved unanimously.

11. *Increase Hours of One DES Cook I position*

On a motion by Bruce Book and seconded by Dona Bertain, this item was approved unanimously.

12. *Creation of District Services Clerk Position*

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Bruce Book, the creation of the District Services Clerk position was approved unanimously.

13. *Hiring Business Office Clerk*

Connie Cavanaugh presented the background on this item. Her recommendation to hire Martha Waugh as the new Business Office Clerk, was moved by Dona Bertain, seconded by Bruce Book and was approved unanimously.

14. *Course Description for High School Dance I: Exploring Styles and Choreography Class*

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Bruce Book, this item was approved unanimously.

15. *Revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators*

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Greg Sohnrey, this Revised Declaration of Need was approved unanimously.

16. *Williams Quarterly Report*

This is an information item only.

17. *Review Conflict of Interest Code*

On a motion by Bruce Book and seconded by Greg Sohnrey, the conflict of interest code was approved unanimously as presented.

K. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

There were no items from the board.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Donna Bertain and seconded by Greg Sohnrey, President Kimmelshue adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.