

**Durham Unified School District**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Monday, August 17, 2009 6:00p.m. (RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.)**  
**District Board Room**

**MINUTES**

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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the Durham Unified School District Board Room on August 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Dona Bertain, Mark Kimmelshue, Greg Sohnrey, Greg Johnson  
and Bob Bultema

Trustees absent: None

Also Present: Interim Superintendent Mike Stuart

*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 discuss:

- 1) Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal and Release (Government Code 54957)
- 2) Discuss Student Issues (Education Code 49070)

*C. CLOSED SESSION*

*D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION*

President Bertain returned the Board to open session at approximately 7:20 p.m.

*E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

*F. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION*

President Bertain reported that the board took action in closed session to approve a written settlement agreement between the district and a certificated employee. The settlement agreement was approved unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0. She also stated that the board would resume closed session before the end of the meeting and would report out after closed session.

*G. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC*

There was some public support expressed for the student in the issue brought before the board in closed session. There were no other items from the public.

*H. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD*

There were no items from the Board.

*I. CONSENT AGENDA*

Item 1. Employment was corrected to read (a) Heather Opalinski, RSP Teacher, Durham Intermediate School. On a motion by Greg Sohnrey and seconded by Greg Johnson, the consent agenda was approved unanimously as corrected.

*J. DISCUSSION/ACTION*

The discussion/action agenda items were requested to be brought back to the next board meeting after review of the wording.

*The meeting was returned to Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Greg Sohnrey, seconded by Greg Johnson and unanimously approved to further discuss the student issue. The board returned to open session at 8:12 p.m. and President Dona Bertain advised that the Board of Trustees on a vote of 5-0 voted to uphold the Teacher's grade given. They ruled that the student was not to participate in any sports/cheerleading for the first quarter of the school year.*

*K. ADJOURNMENT*

On a motion by Dona Bertain and seconded by Bob Bultema, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.