

Durham Unified School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, January 18, 2017  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**(RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.)**  
District Boardroom/Durham Elementary Cafeteria  
9420 Putney Drive, Durham, CA 95938

*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 (closed session) and reconvened in the Durham Elementary School Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

Trustees Present: Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam and Lance Smith  
Trustees Absent: None  
Staff Members Present: Superintendent Len Foreman, Business Manager Ron Sherrod, District Secretary Tina Blenn, Principal Shirley Williams, Principal Jeff Kuhn, Principal Terry Bennett and School Psychologist/Director of Special Education Terry Quinto  
Staff Members Absent: None

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Ed McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in District Board Room.

**B. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

**D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

President Ed McLaughlin reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:07 pm in Durham Elementary Cafeteria.

**E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Len Foreman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Ed McLaughlin reported no action was taken in closed session.

**G. ORDER OF AGENDA**

President Ed McLaughlin asked Superintendent Len Foreman to describe changes to the agenda as follows:

1. Item #3 Discussion/Action Item was requested for correction to the heading:  
2015-2018 to 2015- 2016 Financial Audit Report.

2. Item #12 Discussion/Action Item Approve College Readiness Block Grant Plan was requested to be tabled until the February 15, 2017 Board Meeting.

## **H. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Justin Hedlund, Ellie Coffee and Joanna Villegas-Orozco students at DUSD, spoke on values and supportive staff. Jack Schafer, Kendra Moss, Kristine Goulding-Weidert, Nicole Happin, Melissa Cardin, Alicia Rock, Sarah Knowles, Heather Hedlund, Suzanne Contreras, Harry Lindahl, Mark Leach, Mike Watner, Ellese Mello Buttitta and Karla Rigsbee spoke regarding the DUTA contract, quality education for students, quality educators, the Durham Community and moving forward with resolving contractual issues.

## **I. DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **1. Principals**

#### **Durham Elementary School, Shirley Williams**

- BCAA Classified Employees are Everyday Heros honoree from the Durham Elementary School - Jean Campbell, congratulations!
- Kindergarten Registration is January 20, 2017
- Math-A-Thon is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- P. D. Opportunities: Four DES teachers attended the Kindergarten Conference last weekend – Debbie Gobel, Stephanie Bohannon, Julie Matthews and Dina Barlow. They will be presenting at the next staff meeting on what they learned at the workshops. Sheyenne Shanks is currently attending an in-depth Nurtured Heart Training
- Student Teachers: Our Math Time Grant teachers (Cassie Halley, Nora Reale, Kevin Martin & Shey Shanks) are participating in their lesson studies at this time, collaborating with and observing teachers in their small study groups
- Enrollment is 462 students

#### **Durham Intermediate School, Jeff Kuhn**

- BCAA Classified Employees are Everyday Heros honoree from the Durham Intermediate School - Andrea Killingsworth, congratulations!
- Thank you Wade Thorpe, Mollie Aschenbrener, Kelly Tipton, Jaime Gonzalez and Diego Guerra for coaching DIS Basketball teams this year. February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> is our Boys DIS tournament.
- Our school participated in an assembly today on Quest for Respect. This was a multi-media project that motivated students to develop character.
- We used the Quest for Respect assembly as a kickoff event for our STOP IT program. STOP IT! is an application or “app” that is downloaded by students and allows them to anonymously report bullying or harassment incidents amongst students.
- We are in the midst of 8<sup>th</sup> grade projects. Thanks to all of our staff for helping coach students on their projects. Also a big Thanks to Jennifer Herron-Bransky for facilitating this process.
- Fundraiser: Pennies for Patients through CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation).
- Attendance is 236 students.

### **MOT Notes, Jeff Kuhn**

- We continue to manage the leaking roofs and have overall kept damage to a minimum.
- Prop 39 Auditors were out to evaluate our facilities and determine the best way to spend our prop 39 money.
- Transportation issues continue to arise but we seem to be managing staffing ups and downs, ever changing student placement changes and increasing special education transportation needs
- We are prepared for more storms and have 20 sandbags filled if needed. We have an additional 20 if we need to get them filled on a moment's notice.

### **Durham High School, Terry Bennett**

- Our current enrollment is 303 students: Freshman – 86, Sophomores – 71, Juniors – 66, Seniors – 80.
- Stacey Blake, BCAA Classified Employee honoree.
- BCOE Technology Training, Google Platform, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2:30 to 3:30 for Beginners, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 to 3:30 for Advanced Users
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Assembly, “Quest for Respect”, Jan 19 – StopIT Launch – Bullying App and report system
- Block “D” Dance is this Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.
- ASB Leadership Development Day, Sutter High School, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Winter Homecoming Feb 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>
- “Boots and Bowties” dinner is February 11<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Hall, Doors Open 5:30, Dinner at 6:30

#### Basketball:

- Girls: Varsity Girls are currently 10-2 ranked 6th in California D5 and ranked #1 in Northern Section D5 by Maxpreps.
- Boys: Varsity is 7-10 heading into league.

#### Wrestling:

- The team has started off the season in stellar fashion. The Team has set a goal of being in the top 7 in the entire North Section at Masters. We have several wrestlers who are looking to make the State Championship this year.

#### Soccer:

- The girls': complimented after games by the opposing coaches and the referees about how my girls have such great energy and are always a pleasure to work with. And I feel that is a big win for our program.
- The boys': team is growing and with such a young group the future looks bright.

## **2. Business Manager**

- Governor's 2017/18 Budget:  
Prop 98 is expected to be flat for 2017/18 as tax collections have come in under previous estimates. Accordingly, the Prop 98 guarantee amount has been revised down for the 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18 fiscal years. In other words, the Prop 98 amount is increasing at a smaller rate than previously expected.  
For 2017/18, the Gap percentage is expected to be 23.67%, which is only sufficient to maintain the Gap at current levels with a 1.48% COLA applied to the target of full funding. In addition, the Governor continued the use one-time discretionary monies but only at \$48 per ADA, or roughly \$45,000 for DUSD.

There will be a one-time deferral of the LCFF apportionment from June 2017 to July 2017. The amount of the deferral will be approximately 28% of the total we would normally expect in June 2017. This shouldn't cause any problems for the district from a fiscal perspective.

The new employer contribution rates for PERS were just announced and the numbers are quite staggering. This year the rate is 13.888% and will increase to 15.8% next year. The increases will continue and reach 24.9% by 2020/21. In 2014/15 the rate was 11.771%.

- **Period 1 (P-1) Attendance Report:**  
The P-1 attendance report was submitted to the county office of education last week which resulted in only 954.69 ADA. This is a significant drop off from the projections at the First Interim which projected ADA at 971 with an enrollment of 1,011 at 96% attendance rate. Typically the P-1 enrollment comes in higher than the more critical P-2 attendance reporting period.
- **ConApp:**  
The consolidated application for federal funding has just been released for the 2015-16 Winter submission. This report essentially closes out prior year federal grants and will be presented to the board next month. The Spring submission, which is due in June, is the application process for future federal grants.
- **2015/16 Audit Report:**  
The audit report will be presented for your acceptance later in tonight's meeting.

3. **Superintendent**

No comment

**J. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

No Comment

**K. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Todd Southam, seconded by Kathy Horn, the Board approved the Consent Agenda by a vote of 5-0.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam and Lance Smith

Nays: 0

Abstained:

Absent:

**L. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaint**

Superintendent Len Foreman reported there were no complaints on the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints.

## **M. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Discuss/Approve Amendment to 2017 Board meeting calendar adding second June meeting and considering cancelling July meeting.**

On a motion by Todd Southam, seconded by Lance Smith, the Board approved correction to the Board Calendar for the scheduled June meeting; changing the date from Tuesday, June 20 to Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and the addition of a second meeting, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The July 19, 2017 meeting was cancelled with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 0

Abstained:

Absent:

2. **Discuss/Approve Recording of Governing Board Meetings**

On a motion by Kathy Horn, seconded by Lance Smith, the Board voted to approve the audio recording of Governing Board Meetings with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 4 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, McLaughlin, Lance Smith

Nays: 1 Todd Southam

Abstained:

Absent:

3. **Approve 2015-2016 Financial Audit Report**

On a motion by Alex DuBose, seconded by Kathy Horn, the Board approved the 2015-2016 Financial Audit Report with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 0

Abstained:

Absent:

4. **Approve Contract with School Dude for inventory and asset tracking application.**

On a motion by Todd Southam, seconded by Kathy Horn, the Board approved contracting with School Dude for inventory and asset tracking applications with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 4 Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 1 Alex DuBose

Abstained:

Absent:

5. **Discuss/Approve Community Survey re: Durham Intermediate School Configuration**

On a motion by Lance Smith, seconded by Kathy Horn, the Board approved a survey on the configuration of administrative duties at the Intermediate School with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 0

Abstain:

Absent:

6. **DUTA Negotiations Update / Consider DUTA Proposed Tentative Agreement re 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 Negotiations**

On a motion by Todd Southam, seconded by Alex DuBose, the Board did not ratify the proposed tentative agreement for 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 with the Durham Unified Teachers Association with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 4 Alex DuBose, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 1 Kathy Horn

Abstained:

Absent:

7. **Approve donation of \$1500.00 from Butte Agriculture Foundation and \$500.00 from CA Women for Agriculture North Valley Chapter to the Durham Elementary School Garden Project.**

On a motion by Todd Southam, seconded by Lance Smith, the Board approved the donations made to the Durham Elementary School Garden Project with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 0

Abstained:

Absent:

8. **Approve donation from Durham Community Foundation for \$8,216.89 for Stadium/Coliseum Phase II Project**

On a motion by Kathy Horn, seconded by Todd Southam, the Board approved the donation from the Durham Community Foundation for the Stadium/Coliseum Project with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 0

Abstained:

Absent:

**9. Public Hearing: 2014-15 Instructional Minute Waiver**

On a motion by Todd Southam, seconded by Lance Smith, the Board held a 2014-2015 Instructional Minute Waivers public hearing. No comments were made.

**10. Approve Application to CDE for 2014-15 Instructional Minute Waiver Application**

On a motion by Kathy Horn, seconded by Todd Southam, the Board approved the 2014-2015 Instructional Minute Waiver Application by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 0

Abstained:

Absent:

**11. Public Hearing: College Readiness Block Grant Plan**

The public hearing of the College Readiness Block Grant Plan was held with no comment.

**12. Approve College Readiness Block Grant Plan**

This item removed during letter G: Order of Agenda – Tabled to the February 15, 2017 Board Agenda.

**13. Board Policy Updates Assignments - First Reading**

Superintendent Len Foreman presented the First Reading of the board policy updates and stated there would be an opportunity for discussion during the second reading at the next board meeting.

**14. Approve Physical Education Guidelines per BP 6142.7 for Interscholastic Athletics**

On a motion by Todd Southam, seconded by Lance Smith, the Board approved the Physical Education Guidelines per BP 6142.7 for Interscholastic Athletics with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Alex DuBose, Kathy Horn, Ed McLaughlin, Todd Southam, Lance Smith

Nays: 0

Abstained:

Absent:

**N. RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board closed Open Session at 9:30 and reconvened to Close Session at 9:40 p.m.

President Ed McLaughlin stated that the Board would not be returning to Open session.

**O. CLOSED SESSION**

**P. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board did not return for an extended Open Session

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

Ed McLaughlin reported no action was taken during second closed session.

**R. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: February 15, 2017**

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ed McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Notes:

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