



Durham Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Regular Governing Board Meeting



Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Durham Unified School District Board Room

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Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Durham Unified School District was held in the Durham Unified School District Board Room on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Trustees Present: Jennie DuBose, David Loudermilk, Ed McLaughlin, Lance Smith and Matthew Thorpe

Administration Present: Superintendent John Bohannon, Assistant Superintendent to Business and Operations Aimee Beleu, District Secretary Tina Blenn, Principals: Samantha Brown, Lora Fox and Marty Wilkes; Director of Student Services Marilyn Bertolucci and MOT Manager, Eric Kolstad

A. Call to Order

President Ed McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Durham Unified School District Board Room.

B. Moved to Closed Session: 5:46 p.m.

C. Closed Session

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators Agency designated representatives: Board President, Unrepresented Employee(s): (Superintendent Government Code 54957.6)
2. Conference with Labor Negotiators Agency designated representatives: Superintendent, Employee Organizations: Administrative, CTA, CSEA, and Classified Confidential (Government Code 54957.6)
3. Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint (Government Code 54957)
4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: (Government Code 54957)
5. Public employee appointment/employment: (Government Code 54957)
6. Pending Litigation: (Government Code 54956.9 (d) (l))

D. Return to Open Session: 6:34 p.m.

E. Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Lance Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session: None

G. Change to the Agenda: None

H. Public Hearing: Williams Uniform Complaint

Open to public comment, there was none.

J. Items from the Public:

Todd Southam, community member and past Board member asked if any Board members were involved with negotiations? He stated that they should have been as with past practice. He also stated that the Board needs to be involved as they are voted in by the community to serve and as elected members they have let down the voters.

K. District Reports:

DUTA

Becky Bill, DUTA President reported that DES staff, students and DELAC families visited Ms. Maggie's room that was decorated to celebrate the Day of the Dead tradition.

DIS has the Medieval Feast this week and said the Kickball Tournament was enjoyed. DHS athletics and band are going strong. The DHS Band was honored on ch.12 news in the "Under the Lights" segment. On a personal note, Ms. Bill's Advance Bio class went to the refuge to gather data and research regarding the Pintail duck. She gave thanks to the retiring teachers, Kasey Hardesty and Ramie Pisenti, each having 36 years in education.

Durham Elementary School: Samantha Brown, Principal

Enrollment: 463

Events/Happenings: November is flying by! The DELAC Committee hosted a Dia de Los Muertos Museum on Wednesday, November 2nd in Maggie Mendoza's room at DES with many DES classes visiting and learning about the holiday. Later that evening they hosted a potluck celebration for Dia de Los Muertos that was very well attended with about 80 people in attendance. PTS held a Mother-Son (or other special guest) Superhero Date Night at Cal Skate in Chico from 6:00-8:00PM on Monday, November 7th, with about 175 registered and more attending that evening. On Tuesday, November 8th and Wednesday, November 9th, Principal Brown held her second monthly Principal's Lunch where students brought their lunches (grades K/1, 4/5 and 2/3 separately) and ate lunch with the Principal and received a certificate and a special treat. The end of the first trimester was on Wednesday, November 9th and teachers worked hard to implement our new Standards Based Report Cards in Illuminate. We have Minimum Release Days Tuesday, November 15th-Thursday, November 17th for Parent-Teacher Conferences with students being dismissed at 12:20PM. The Butte County Farm Bureau will be holding their county level AgriBee on Friday, November 18th at 10:00AM at the Barn at Meriam Park in Chico; our finalists, 4th grader Carmella Rocca and 5th grader Conor Lucanic (along with our alternate 5th Grader Rylan Sharrah), have been practicing and will represent DES. By the end of the month, all 4th grade classes will have visited the Gateway Science Museum on a field trip. Mr. Coffee's class plans to take an all day field trip to the Big Chico Creek Ecological Preserve on Friday, November 18th. The 4th grade classes are currently practicing for their upcoming VAPA performances. Everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved Thanksgiving break.

Staff Meeting: Our November staff meeting began with a New Tech Network Practice Cards Culture Building Activity where staff engaged in small groups to reflect and discuss their "Why?" for getting out of bed and showing up to work every day; groups shared their key takeaways, which differed based on where they were in their career, but one overarching takeaway was a love for kids. We also did a UDL review and wrap-up from our October 17th Professional Development; went over some updates and important upcoming dates; discussed interest in forming a team to participate at the Science Olympiad in Chico on February 25th and hosting a Family Science Night at DES in January; we discussed the CAASPP scores again; reviewed the new DES Parent Report Card Guide; and, Carol Sylvester visited again to help with Illuminate Report Cards as we neared the end of the trimester.

Outreach to Parents/Community: We had great parent turnout at our Halloween Costume Parade that was held on the DES playground at the start of school on Monday, October 31st. Many parents returned that afternoon to volunteer in the classes with a variety of fun activities planned for the students. Our local Durham businesses and community were very generous to our Kindergarten trick-or-treaters this year; they came back with smiles on their faces and bags filled with lots of treats! We continue to have a tremendous amount of parents volunteering in the

classroom, through Art Docent, or by driving students on field trips. Our Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTS) met in the Blue Room at Durham Park and Rec. on Friday, November 4th and further discussed many of the fun events planned to be held throughout the remainder of the school year, including the Mother-Son Superhero Date Night, Teacher Appreciation, and the Christmas Boutique. The District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) held their Dia de Los Muertos celebration on Wednesday, November 2nd with great attendance. DES School Site Council (SSC) will meet again on Wednesday, November 30th and we will further discuss their responsibilities and begin looking at data. Ongoing communication continues to keep our parents informed through Parent Square. I have an open door policy for parents and educational partners, and I am always available through email and phone.

Durham Intermediate School, Principal Lora Fox

Shout Outs/Events:

Veterans Recognition - DIS is asking the community to fill out a google form sent out via ParentSquare, asking for those families to recognize any Veteran they know. Our goal is to recognize a veteran every day before the pledge of allegiance. DIS started this on November 1st. Thank you Debbie Ilukowicz for thinking of this.

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team for placing 2nd in the Chico All City Tournament.

Collaboration/Staff Information:

Mondays will continue to be used for MTSS training and meetings and for grade level/subject collaboration.

Amy Jensen has been working with 6th graders on Friday with SEL lessons. Her lessons tie into our Mister Brown Choose Well Campaign. We continue to hand out Choose Well Tickets to students who stand out with a good choice. We pull 5-10 students from the bucket every Friday for prizes.

DIS staff have reviewed the 2021-2022 CAASPP generally. Within the next couple of months, the staff will look at the scores more intricately (by subgroups) and compare scores with MAP assessment data.

From the Office / Events:

Nov. 10 - DIS PTS Dance - Disco Fever!

Nov. 17 - 7th Grade Medieval Feast

Dec. 23 - Minimum Day and End of Quarter 2

Enrollment: 6th =67 7th = 77 8th = 81 TOTAL = 225

Durham High School, Principal Marty Wilkes

Shout Outs/Events:

Fall Ball was on 11-5-22 at Patrick Ranch Museum.

Mrs. Birchmeir and Ms. Luce had a successful trip to the national FFA conference with 11 Durham students.

Collaboration/Staff Information:

Ag teachers will be attending an Ag Education Conference in Fresno

Teachers will be looking at state and local data to help guide instruction

DHS is working with Butte College in an effort to have a Butte Spanish III class on campus during the spring semester.

From the Office / Events:

DHS Winter Concert 12-7-22 at PV High School Center for the Arts.

Playoffs for Football start the week of 11-10-22. We will be hosting in the first round.

Enrollment: 9th = 81 10th =81 11th =73 12th =75 TOTAL = 310

Director of Student Services and Supports, Marilyn Bertolucci

Special Education

Currently there are 112 active IEPs where services are provided by DUSD. There are currently 4 pending assessments.

Students served in programs in other districts- 2 preschool age students

Students served in a BCOE Regional Program- 14 students, Infant to Adult programs

Students served at BASES Education Center with BCOE SELPA - 1 student

There are currently 4 routes required to provide transportation for students attending out of District placements.

We are still in need of a vehicle to transport students with wheelchairs and a driver for the route.

Student Services and Supports

We have joined the team to help plan Every 15 Minutes with DHS.

Supporting MTSS Teams and SST Teams

Providing information to Administrators on McKinney Vento and services that BCOE is able to provide to students who are homeless.

Wellness Team is scheduled to meet 11/15/22

Kelvin Education Surveys in progress. This data will be disaggregated at a regional meeting with other Butte County school districts and BCOE. Data will help to determine further supports that can be provided to districts by BCOE.

MOT Manager, Eric Kolstad

Transportation is very busy with sports and field trips, just like the old days! Brandon Mullican is doing his best to keep the buses running.

Groundmen Bob McGuffin and Steve Suihkonen have been doing a great job keeping all the schools looking good. They have been painting football fields and the kickball field for DES. Bob is getting ready for softball and baseball season which is just around the corner.

Maintenance is a never-ending activity. We are looking forward to hiring a Utility Person soon. Ed Hernandez, our Maintenance 1 person, has also been driving bus. Eric Kolstad has been helping with Van Driving as those needs continue to grow.

The Custodians have been busy keeping the campus clean. Overall, MOT is doing ok.

Assistant Superintendent to Business and Operations, Aimee Beleu

We received a grant agreement for CalShape for \$260,081 which we will be able to use at all three sites. These funds will pay for assessments, maintenance, filters and monitors for each site. This will be very helpful to address units on portables at both the high school and elementary that were not part of the HVAC and Roofing bond project.

We have also received notification that our Emergency Electrical project was approved by DSA. This is very exciting news because it is the first step to be approved for reimbursement.

A couple of weeks ago we had Tiny Mobile Robots come to do a demonstration of a partial soccer field. Multiple departments came to see it including a group from Oroville. It was very exciting to see how quickly and efficiently the field was painted. The little robot painted a soccer field in less than 30 minutes, and used less than a half-gallon of paint. Additionally, it can paint a whole football field in approximately 3 hours with minimal employee interaction. It appears that this little machine could save us a lot of money just in paint in the long run. We are working on what would be our best features to purchase as well and allocating funds.

Superintendent, John Bohannon

The Superintendent thanked President Ed McLaughlin for his equipment and time to level off the Midway property owned by the district. He stated that the District is still waiting for the State to release data regarding school dashboard. School Safety has released new flipcharts to follow for protocol in case of emergencies. These charts will be in all classrooms, offices and site buildings. He said he was thankful for all the returning volunteers to Durham Unified School District.

L. Items from the Board:

- Trustee DuBose said that she enjoyed volunteering as a chaperone for the Durham Intermediate Dance.
- Trustee Thorpe thanked the retiring teachers, saying how impressive 36 years in education was. He is thankful for the community that supports the Board.
- Trustee Loudermilk echoed the praise for retirees Kasey Hardesty and Ramie Pisenti. He is thankful we are past covid.
- President McLaughlin thanked our retirees Kasey Hardesty and Ramie Pisenti as well.

L. Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

Motion: Matthew Thorpe Second: Lance Smith Vote: 5-0

M. Discussion Action Items:

1. Discussion/Action: The Board Approved December 14, 2022 for the date of the Annual Organizational Meeting for Durham Unified School District Board of Trustees election of officers.

Motion: Matthew Thorpe Second: David Loudermilk Vote: 5-0

2. Discussion/Action: Approval of Durham Unified School District September Quarterly Board Policy updates. **Tabled to be brought back to the December 14, 2022 Board meeting to allow for further review.**

3. Discussion/Action: The Board Approved both Discussion / Action Items 3 and 4 with a blanket motion. Item #3 California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CALSHAPE) Standard Grant and Item #4 Resolution 22-4.

Motion: David Loudermilk Second: Lance Smith Vote: 5-0

5. Discussion/Action: After much discussion and a request to table the item until December 14 by Trustee Matt Thorpe, Trustee Lance Smith called for the question of the vote. The Board approved Items # 5, 6, and 7, with a blanket motion. Item #5 - DUSD/DUTA 2022-2023 Tentative Agreement; Item # 6 - DUSD/CSEA Durham Chapter #478 2022-2023 Tentative Agreement and Item #7 - Public Disclosure of the Tentative Agreements between Durham Unified School District and DUTA, CSEA Chapter #478, Confidential Classified and Administration Staff.

Motion: Lance Smith Second: David Loudermilk Vote: 4-1 No: Matthew Thorpe

N. Next Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022. This is be the Annual Organizational Board Meeting.

O. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.