

DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting
January 8, 2024
Unofficial Minutes

President Julie Rivera brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the reading of the district mission statement and roll call. Present for roll call: Carla Whitlock, Katy Oberlander, Marie Richman and Julie Rivera.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 4-0.

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 Calendar Hearing, Regular Meeting & Organizational meeting was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 4-0.

Public Forum:

- Two Durant students came to the board to share their thoughts on block scheduling versus an 8 period day

Ms. Speth reviewed the financial reports and lists of bills. Motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Richman and carried 4-0.

High School Board Report - Mr. Diederichs reported on:

- NAEP testing
 - Durant School was chosen at random
 - 50 students from 8th grade will be chosen at random to partake in the testing on February 6th
 - 25 students will take a reading test
 - 25 students will take a math test
- End of the semester is Friday January 12, 2024, students will be taking finals this week
- Monday January 15, 2024 is a professional development day, Dr. Frank will be returning for a follow up session regarding mental health for teachers

Elementary Board Report - Ms. Stineman reported on the Pre-K – 6th grade:

- Elementary Student Council is staying busy working with Ms. Milotte
- Buddy Program is underway, 8th-11th grade students had the opportunity to apply to be a buddy for younger grades, the interviews for the students who applied are in progress
- FAST testing will begin January 9, 2024
- The Mindfulness & Movement grant was awarded which provides the opportunity for teachers and students to learn about life skills

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #1 as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 4-0. Consent Agenda #1 included:

Resignations: Savana Martensen, Custodian

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #2 as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 4-0. Consent Agenda #2 included the review of the following policies:

- 405.1 Licensed Employee Defined
- 405.2 Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection
- 405.3 Licensed Employee Individual Contracts
- 405.4 Licensed Employee Continuing Contracts
- 405.5 Licensed Employee Work Day
- 405.6 Licensed Employee Assignment
- 405.7 Licensed Employee Transfers

- 405.8 Licensed Employee Evaluation
- 405.9 Licensed Employee Probationary Status
- 405.10 Licensed Employee Organization Affiliation

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #3 as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Richman and carried 4-0. Consent Agenda #3 included:

-Second readings of the following board policies:

- 403.6 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
- 403.6E1 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Notice to Employees
- 403.6E3 Drug and Alcohol Program and Pre-Employment Testing Written Consent to Share Information
- 404.R1 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics Regulation
- 404.R2 Code of Rights and Responsibilities Regulation
- 704.2R1 Post-Issuance Compliance Regulation for Tax-Exempt Obligations
- 704.2R2 Bond Disclosure Policy

- Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Engagement Agreement - Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.

Motion to approve the Resolution for Dropout Prevention/At-Risk Plan Approval as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Richman and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote, present for roll call: Julie Rivera, Carla Whitlock, Katy Oberlander and Marie Richman.

Motion to approve the 2024 - 2025 At-Risk/Drop-Out Application for Modified Supplemental Amount of \$116,742 as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, Seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 4-0.

Motion to approve the Financial Service Agreement between Piper Sandler & Durant CSD as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Richman and carried 4-0.

Motion to approve the Dissemination Agent Agreement with Piper Sandler as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, second by Ms. Whitlock and carried 4-0.

Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$3,5000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and use Tax Revenue Bonds - January 8th, 2024 during the Regular Meeting - no one from the public was present

Motion to approve the Resolution on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$3,5000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and use Tax Revenue Bonds as presented was made by Ms. Richman, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote, present for roll call: Julie Rivera, Carla Whitlock, Katy Oberlander and Marie Richman.

Motion to approve the 2025 Blue Bird Vision 77 passenger Propane bus - \$141,789.00 as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, second by Ms. Whitlock and carried 4-0.

Information/Discussion items include:

-Maintenance:

- Mr. Burnett recommends that during the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting a maintenance meeting will be scheduled

-Miscellaneous:

- Mr. Burnett informed the board that obtaining bids is in progress for the old bus barn addition & for the parking lot addition where the house formerly sat across from the east end of the school
- Mr. Burnett reported that we are working with Crackerbox to relocate them within the school due to construction in their existing area

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Attest Gabrielle Speth
Secretary, Board of Directors