

DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 25, 2019
Unofficial Minutes

Mr. Burnett opened the meeting at 5:30 pm and welcomed newly elected directors Tara Lindsay, Carla Whitlock and Travis Bullard. Also present were Julie Rivera, Barb Reasner, Phil Nietfeldt, Russ Paustian and Katy Oberlander.

Mr. Burnett shared historical information about the roofing project and stated that the roof study was completed last week by Tim Allen, roofing consultant. Tom Wuestenberg and Mr. Allen will work together to formulate a four-year plan to address the roof needs. Mr. Burnett explained how the Capital Project SAVE dollars and the \$.33 PPEL levy are generated and how those funds can be used for capital expenditures such as roof replacement, building improvements and equipment purchases.

Mr. Burnett reviewed the Early Retirement Incentive that the district offered last year and would like the board to consider offering it again this year. The incentive can be funded by the Management Fund and would likely result in a savings to the district's General Fund in the area of salaries and benefits. There are currently 12 employees that would qualify for the incentive is approved at the regular December meeting.

The proposed school calendar for 2020-2021 was reviewed and Mr. Burnett highlighted changes to the school day to align with the proposed Wilton school calendar. There will be an additional 5 minutes added to the school day which will help reduce the time students lose when traveling back and forth between Durant and Wilton for shared classes. There will also be a daily 45 minute "Skinny" class which will provide more opportunities for students. Mr. Burnett stated that this would be the first year since sharing classes with Wilton that the school calendars would match if approved by both boards.

Mr. Burnett provided information about the role of the School Board, role of the Board President, School Board expectations, Superintendent expectations, Committee assignments and duties, and keys to success. Mr. Burnett stressed that the board needs to work together to in a positive manner to move the district forward and to provide the best education for students.

Student enrollment data along with the district financial statement was reviewed. The district has seen a decline in enrollment in the several years and students are the driver of our funding sources. While the district is in a good position financially, it is important to seize opportunities that will improve our financial position going forward.

Mr. Burnett reviewed the November 11th agenda with the newly elected directors the preparation for the December meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Attest _____
Secretary, Board of Directors