

DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2021
Unofficial Minutes

President Julie Rivera brought the meeting to order with the reading of the district mission statement and roll call. Present for roll: Tara Lindsay, Travis Bullard, Julie Rivera and Katy Oberlander. Carla Whitlock was absent.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting and the September 27, 2021 Work Session as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 4-0.

Sgt. Mike Meier was in attendance and spoke to the board about his role in the district. Sgt. Meier reviewed how he uses the cameras to investigate incidents and validate claims. Sgt. Meier stated that Mr. Diederichs, Ms. Stineman and Ms. Botkins have been very easy to work with in the district and helping with the cameras. Cameras and alarms in the booster building are under review and a camera in the area of the new concession stand would be helpful for monitoring purposes. Areas of concern are lack of camera coverage in certain areas and access to the building for Crackerbox parents. The TIPS hotline has been helpful since its inception and Sgt. Meier has enjoyed building relationships with both staff and students.

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

Ms. Stineman reviewed FAST testing scores and comparison data to the Mississippi Bend AEA and the Iowa Dept of Education. Durant elementary scored higher in Literacy Comparison and the Math Comparison than the AEA and the Iowa Dept of Ed. A written report was also submitted and included Dr. Todd Whitaker's visit during a professional development day for teachers, Pre-School teacher's professional development at the AEA, attendance celebration for September, PTO dedication for the Merry Go Round, New Student Ice Cream Social and student count information.

Mr. Diederichs reported on the High School professional development and curriculum mapping of subject areas. Parent teacher conferences will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday this week from 3:30 – 7:30 each night. The first quarter ends on October 22nd and High School head count information was also shared. Mr. Diederichs recognized Ms. Straube and Mr. Trask and the student council or fundraising to help the Daufeldt family with travel expenses to and from the University of Iowa hospital. An all staff meeting was held to inform staff of the passing of Elementary Secretary Lynne Benton and supports are available to staff and students if needed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #1 was made by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 4-0. Consent Agenda includes:

Resignations:

Linda McManus, Pre-K Associate

Alex Wright, Asst Football

Job Description:

School Nurse

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #2 was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Mr. Bullard and carried 4-0. Consent Agenda #2 includes the review of the following policies:

604.1 Private Instruction

- 604.1E1 Competent Private Instruction Report
- 604.2 Individualized Instruction
- 604.3 International Study
- 604.4 Program for Talented and Gifted Students
- 604.5 Program for At-Risk Students
- 604.6 Religious-Based Exclusions from a School Program
- 604.7 Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution
- 604.8 Dual Enrollment
- 604.9 Foreign Students
- 604.10 On-Line Courses

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #3 was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 4-0. Consent Agenda #3 includes:

- a. Approval of the second reading and changes to Board Policy 603.4 Multicultural/Gender Fair Education
- b. Approval of the request for Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for a Negative Special Education Balance in the amount of \$37,971.23

Information/Discussion Items include:

- New Hires: Dalton Rock, Part Time Custodian
Patricia Tracy, Part Time Food Service
Hunter Rummells, Part Time Custodian
Brock Haigh, Transportation Director to be shared with Wilton CSD
- Maintenance: Tom Wuestenberg submitted a written report that included the status of the house demolition at 310 7th Street, fencing around new Merry Go Round, future maintenance projects and custodial update.

Mr. Burnett updated the board on the student count on October 1st. The district is serving 53 more students than last year on count day with a total of 638 students counted for the current school year. This includes resident and non-resident students attending Durant.

Mr. Burnett also reviewed the General Fund New Money and Unsent Balance Worksheet that includes preliminary FY21 financial data and estimated FY22 financial data.

The next Board Work Session is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 25th at 5:30 pm and the next regular Board Meeting is schedules for Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Attest _____
Secretary, Board of Directors