## DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING APRIL 25, 2022 Unofficial Minutes

President Julie Rivera brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with roll call. Present: Carla Whitlock, Julie Rivera, Katy Oberlander, Tara Lindsay and Travis Bullard.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

Mr. Diederichs provided the following information to the board:

- A \$5,000 STEM Grant was awarded by the Bayer Fund for America's Farmers Grow Communities on behalf of Anthony Wulf
- list of anticipated graduates for 2022
- 8th grade trip to Adventureland on May 23rd
- hiring of Alex Felsing as a Strat II Special Education Teacher for the FY23 school year
- 9th grade orientation at 6 pm tonight for students and parents

Mr. Burnett, Ms. Stineman and Ms. Wolf-Cronbaugh presented information regarding the structure and funding of the Pre-K program and proposed tuition increases for FY23. Motion to approve Pre-K tuition for next school year as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0. Tuition for 4-year-old students will be \$410/month and 3-year-old students will be \$500/month.

Ms. Stineman presented information on the following:

- STEM Grants received for Daily Math Fluency grades K-6 and Ready, Set, Drone! For Ms. Callison's classroom
- Earth Day activities took place on April 21st
- FFA Pep rally was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for elementary students
- Visiting Author Gary Tharp in the elementary grades
- Kindergarten Signing Day was on April 14th
- Staff transfers and resignations
  - a. Sheila Fargo requested transfer to 1st grade teacher due to the retirement of Ann Holst
  - b. Megan Schneider requested transfer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher position
  - c. Mindy Hoon resigned her Pre-K teaching position
  - d. Teagan Duffy resigned her 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position
  - e. open teaching positions at this time are Pre-K, 1st grade and 5th grade
- Ms. Stolley took students to the annual math bee and they placed 15th out of 28 schools that participated.

Ms. Kephart reviewed the proposed budget amendment for the current fiscal year. The board will vote on the amendment at the regular May board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm. The work session that was to follow the special meeting was cancelled.

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|        | Secretary, Board of Directors |