

DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2023  
Unofficial Minutes

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

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and the October 23, 2023 Special Meeting was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

Tom Wuestenberg reported that the baseball fence repairs had begun and a new foul pole will be set. Other items discussed include: electrical line repair on Saturday, getting bids for partitions in men's restrooms, weekly leaf cleanup, new regulations for boilers that will be implemented, LED replacements bulbs in the parking lot, working on bids for security doors with Maria Brown, information on weight room heater repairs -vs- replacement. Mr. Burnett and Mr. Wuestenberg talked to the board about window replacement and if the board wanted to start that project outside of the scope of the bond. Mr. Wuestenberg hopes to bring something to the board in December regarding starting the bid process for window replacement.

Mr. Burnett talked to the board about the SAVE bonds that will need to be sold. Matt Gillaspie, Piper Sandler, gave two options for board consideration. Keep it as originally discussed at 10 years -vs- 20 years and increasing the amount of the bonds. The consensus was to keep it at 10 years as this is what was originally presented to the public.

Ms. Kephart reviewed the financial reports and presented the list of bills. Motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0.

Ms. Stineman reported on curriculum work done this month, Social Emotional Learning (SEL), differentiated accountability and ISASP results. Officer Josh visited classrooms prior to Halloween and talked to students about trick or treat safety and visibility.

Mr. Diederichs spoke to the board about discussions that he has been having with the Sue O'Donnell, High School Principal at Wilton, regarding block scheduling -vs- period scheduling. At this time, it has only been discussion to get a feel if block scheduling is working as intended or if period scheduling would be more beneficial for students. Mr. Diederichs updated the board on the numbers that were out for the winter sports and also band and vocal activities.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #1 was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0. Consent Agenda #1 includes the following job description:

Director of Instruction

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #2 was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Bullard and carried 5-0. Consent Agenda #1 includes the review of the following policies:

- 402.4 Gifts to Employees
- 402.5 Public Complaints About Employees
- 402.6 Employee Relations to the Public
- 402.7 Employee Outside Employment
- 402.8 Employee Phone Calls
- 402.9 Solicitations from Outside
- 402.10 Required Professional Development for Employees
- 403.1 Employee Physical Examinations
- 403.2 Employee Injury on the Job

Motion to approve changes to policies 402.3 Abuse of Students by School District Employees and 402.3R1 Abuse of Students by School District Employees Regulations was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 5-0.

Motion to set the time and date of the FY25 Calendar Hearing as Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

Motion to set the time and date of the SAVE Bond Public Hearing as Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 5-0.

Mr. Burnett informed the board of the following new hires:

- Doug Frett - 7th grade boys' basketball coach
- Richard Darnell - head softball coach
- Dustin Traylor - JV softball coach
- Jay Feuerbach - freshman boys' basketball coach
- Gabrielle Speth - SBO/board secretary/business manager

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 2023 immediately following the FY25 Calendar Hearing.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Directors