

DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
2024-2025 Calendar Hearing  
December 11, 2023  
Unofficial Minutes

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

Mr. Burnett reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

There being no public or board questions, the hearing adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Attest   
Secretary, Board of Directors

DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 11, 2023  
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President Julie Rivera brought the meeting to order at 5:37 pm with the reading of the district mission statement and roll call. Present for roll call: Tara Lindsay, Carla Whitlock, Katy Oberlander, Travis Bullard and Julie Rivera.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0.

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

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

- Assessment scores, the scores are good but Ms. Stineman spoke to the board about how they are looking at where they can improve the scores as there is always room for improvement. The elementary BLT team completed the SAMI on November 30th, this is a planning tool designed to help the leaders in the school evaluate the system and make improvements.
- Ms. Robinson had her first elementary concert as a 1st year music teacher.
- A new 5th & 6th grade student council was created and the students are brainstorming ways to contribute to the school and community.
- Moving on to the 2nd round of "lunch bunches", an open discussion with kids about what's happening in school, all students have been in one round.
- Ms. Dorris ordered new AED's using ESSER dollars.
- FAST testing will be starting when kids return from break.

High School Board Report - Mr. Diederichs reported on:

- The pros and cons of switching from Block schedule to periods
  - Loss of continuity in Block schedule for students and teacher effectiveness
    - Blocks schedule should cover 2 lessons most teachers are utilizing half the block for homework
  - Greater Loss if Absent when utilizing a block schedule
    - Transitioning away from block schedule would benefit students taking classes at MCC as they meet daily at MCC
  - Attention spans of teenagers is approx. 32-48 minutes - periods would be 46 minutes
    - Biggest transition is for 7th grade students trying to get organized going from daily classes to an AB block schedule

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #1 as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0. Consent Agenda #1 included:

Resignations: Alec Straw, Head Varsity Volleyball Coach & Leonardo Sosa, Custodian  
Job Descriptions: Instructional Technology Coach

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #2 as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0. Consent Agenda #2 included the review of the following policies:

403.3 Communicable Diseases - Employees  
403.3E1:Hepatitis B Vaccine information and record  
403.3R1 Universal Precautions Regulation  
403.4 Hazardous Chemical Disclosure  
403.5 Substance-Free Workplace  
403.5E1 Substance-Free Workplace Notice to Employees  
403.5R1 Substance-Free Workplace Regulation  
403.6 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program\*\*  
403.6E1 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Notice to Employees\*\*  
403.6E2 Drug and Alcohol Program and Pre-Employment Testing Acknowledge Form  
403.6E3 Drug and Alcohol Program and Pre-Employment Testing Written Consent to Share Information\*\*  
404 Employee Conduct and Appearance  
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\*\*

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #3 as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Mr. Bullard and carried 5-0. Consent Agenda #3 included:

- Second readings of the following board policies:
  - 403.2 Employee Injury on the Job
- Employee Retirement Incentive
- 2024 -2025 School Calendar

Motion to approve the Resolution Fixing Date for a Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$3,5000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and use Tax Revenue Bonds as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0 with a roll call vote, present for roll call: Julie Rivera, Tara Lindsay, Carla Whitlock, Katy Oberlander and Travis Bullard. Hearing Set for January 8, 2024 at 5:30pm in the Durant School Board Room.

Motion to approve the SBRC modified supplemental amount of \$87,810.04 for open enrollment out students who were not included in the districts previous years certified enrollment counts was made by Mr. Lindsay, Seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the SBRC modified supplemental amount of \$1,605.66 related to the english language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2023 certified enrollment headcount was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0.

Motion to approve OPN Architects contract as presents was made by Mr. Bullard, second by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

Information/Discussion items include:

-Miscellaneous:

- Ms. Kephart reviewed the results of the Abstract of Votes for the November election.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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Secretary, Board of Directors

DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
Organizational Meeting  
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Superintendent Burnett brought the meeting to order with roll call at 7:09pm. Present for roll: Carla Whitlock, Julie Rivera, Katy Oberlander, Travis Bullard and Tara Lindsay.

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

Mr. Burnett called for nominations for President of the Board. Ms. Lindsay nominated Julie Rivera as Board President. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken and passed 4-0. Ms. Rivera abstained.

Mr. Burnett called for nominations for Vice President of the Board. Ms. Lindsay nominated Katy Oberlander as Vice President. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken and passed 4-0. Ms. Oberlander abstained.

Ms. Kephart administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Richman, Ms. Oberlander & Ms. Rivera.

Ms. Oberlander moved to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the rules of procedures. Ms. Whitlock seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Motion to set the second and fourth Monday's at 5:30 pm as the meeting times for regular board meetings and work sessions was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 5-0.

Motion to appoint Gabrielle Speth as the Board Secretary was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0.

Motion to appoint Phil Keese as the Board Treasurer was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

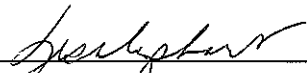
Motion to designate the Advocate News as the official publication was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

Motion to designate Ahlers & Cooney as legal counsel was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 5-0.

Motion to appoint Ms. Whitlock and Ms. Richman to the Goodwill Committee, Ms. Lindsay and Ms. Rivera to the Maintenance Committee, Ms. Rivera and Ms. Oberlander to the Policy Committee and Ms. Whitlock and Ms. Richman to the Legislative Committee, Ms. Lindsay to the Muscatine County Board and Ms. Oberlander to the Cedar County Board was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm and the next regular board meeting will be January 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Attest

  
Secretary, Board of Directors