

DURANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Regular Board Meeting

February 12, 2024

Unofficial Minutes

President Julie Rivera brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the reading of the district mission statement and roll call. Present for roll call: Carla Whitlock, Katy Oberlander, Tara Lindsay, Marie Richman and Julie Rivera.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Richman and carried 5-0.

Public Forum:

- Barb Reasner & 2 other members of The Durant Iowa Food Pantry were in attendance to make a connection with the Durant Board to see how they can assist with any school needs including but not limited to: volunteering, food & hygiene donations, etc.
- Joe Tursi (OPN Architects) reviewed the projected timeline and next steps for the Durant building project.

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

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

- FAST testing is complete
- SAEBERS testing is complete
- Our teachers are officially finished being trained on the Numeracy Project
- iSmile (required audit) for kindergarten was completed on February 1, 2024
- Upcoming events happening the week of February 12<sup>th</sup> including Breakfast with someone special and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade kindness week.

High School Board Report - Mr. Diederichs reported:

- NAEP testing was successfully completed by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- There were several athletic updates including many state appearances

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

- Resignations: Charles Paustian – Bus Driver & Christine Platt – Central Office Secretary
- Job Description: Food Service Worker
- Terminations: Hayley Becker

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:

- 406.1 Licensed Employee Salary Schedule
- 406.2 Licensed Employee Salary Schedule Advancement
- 406.3 Licensed Employee Continued Education Credit
- 406.4 Licensed Employee Compensation for Extra Duty
- \*\*406.5 Licensed Employee Group Insurance Benefits
- \*\* 406.6 Licensed Employee Tax Shelter Programs
- 407.1 Licensed Employee Resignation

\*\*407.2 Licensed Employee Contract Release  
407.3 Licensed Employee Retirement  
407.4 Licensed Employee Suspension  
\*\*407.5 Licensed Employee Reduction in Force

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

- Retirement incentive Application – Christine Platt
- Retirement incentive Application – Charles Paustian
- Durant contract for Special Education Services - Wilton, Muscatine, Bennett, Davenport & Bettendorf
- Wilton CSD contract for Durant Resident Special Education Services
- 28E Agreements 2024-2025 School Year Durant & Wilton (Robotics-Computer Science, Art, Family & Consumer Science)
- 28E Agreements 2024-2025 Whole Grade Sharing Agreement with Bennett
- Durant Sharing Agreements
  - Casey Strub – Bennett
  - Laura Meincke – Wilton
  - Brad Miller – Wilton
  - Katy Dohrmann – Wilton
  - Richard Creamer – Wilton (Transportation Director)
- Wilton Sharing Agreements with Durant
  - Joe Burnett – Superintendent
  - Lonna Moeller – Human Resource Director

Public Hearing – Durant Community School District Elementary School Window Replacement, February 12, 2024 – no one from the public was in attendance

Motion to approve the Phase 1 Elementary Window Bid – Reed Construction \$133,575.00 as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, Seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the Door Upgrades Bid – Door's Inc. \$44,630.00 as presented was made by Ms. Lindsay, Seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the old Bus Barn Addition Bid – Custom Builders of Tipton, Inc. \$56,313.00 as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, Seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the agreement with MSA Professional Services, Inc. for designing of the New Parking Lot \$35,500.00 as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, Seconded by Ms. Richman and carried 5-0.

Motion to approve Fixing a Date for the Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Levy FY25 on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:30pm as presented was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$11,060,000 General Obligation School Bonds and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof as presented was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0 with a roll call vote, present for roll call: Julie Rivera, Carla Whitlock, Tara Lindsay, Katy Oberlander and Marie Richman.

Motion to approve the Resolution Fixing the Date of Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving Official Statement as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0 with a roll call vote, present for roll call: Julie Rivera, Carla Whitlock, Tara Lindsay, Katy Oberlander and Marie Richman.

Motion to approve the Budget Adjustment (Guarantee) Resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of DURANT community school district, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa as presented was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0 with a roll call vote, present for roll call: Julie Rivera, Carla Whitlock, Tara Lindsay, Katy Oberlander and Marie Richman.

Motion to approve the Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Proposed \$3,180,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, second by Ms. Oberlander and carried 5-0.

Information/Discussion items include:

- New Hires:
  - Nickolaus Lewis – custodian
  - Peter Manning – sub driver
  - Zander Schofield – student custodian
- Miscellaneous:
  - Cat's Café – Level 3 Special Education students will be selling afternoon refreshers and with the Boards blessing the students will be able to use the revenue generated for Field Trips etc.

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

Attest Gabrielle Speth  
Secretary, Board of Directors