

DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Durant School District, I-72, Bryan County, Oklahoma
Durant Intermediate School Cafeteria
Monday, February 2, 2009
5:30 PM

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Dan England called the meeting to order in the Durant Intermediate School Cafeteria at 5:30 PM, February 2, 2009. The Clerk of the Board called the roll, and those present were Tammy Cross, Dan England, Tom Lackey, Rob Piearcy and Tommy Sleeper. Also present were Dr. Jason Simeroth, Superintendent; Duane Merideth and Larry Scott, Assistant Superintendents; Sharon Wadley, Clerk of the Board; and Bonnie Webb, Treasurer.

Approval of Consent Calendar

Consent calendar is a listing of items, which are routinely approved by the Board. Board members may vote on the complete Consent Calendar through the recording of one vote, or call for a vote on each item in the Consent Calendar.

Tom Lackey made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with a second from Rob Piearcy. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved in the Approval of Consent Calendar were the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on January 8, 2009.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Approved in approval of Consent Calendar.

Activity Reports

Approved in approval of Consent Calendar.

Food Service Account

Approved in approval of Consent Calendar.

Budget Accounts

Approved in approval of Consent Calendar.

Approval of Warrants and Encumbrances

Approved in the Consent Calendar were:

FY 09 General Fund Numbers 1973-2206 in the Amount of \$193,118.47

FY 09 Construction Bond Fund Numbers 50-52 in the Amount of \$6,070.08

FY 09 Sinking Fund Numbers 8-13 in the Amount of \$45,385.00

Also approved were:

FY 08 General Fund Numbers 11091-11112 in the Amount of \$48,338.41

FY 09 General Fund Numbers 3518-4389 in the Amount of \$2,019,180.55

FY 09 Building Bond 2005 Fund Numbers 36-45 in the Amount of \$42,663.43

FY 09 Sinking Fund Numbers 10-12 in the Amount of \$45,385.00

Reports

Administrative Reports

Dr. Simeroth welcomed visitors to the meeting which included members of the Choctaw Youth Advisory Board and Stacy Shepherd, local sponsor, Gena Hutchings, Community Outreach Specialist with Choctaw Nation, and Leadership Durant members, and masters' students.

Comments From The Public

Joyce Northcutt, DEA representative, presented a certificate of appreciation and picture to Mr. Tom Lackey for his service and dedication to the Board of Education and Durant Public School District.

Comments From the Board

Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Lackey for his years' service on the Board of Education. Dr. Jason Simeroth, Superintendent, presented Mr. Lackey with a plaque.

Business

Approval of Resolutions

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of a resolution hiring professionals with regard to the financing of the new high school and the issuance of leases, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness with the Floyd Law Firm, P.C., recommended to be named bond counsel for the school district. Tammy Cross made a motion to concur with the Superintendent's recommendation with a second from Rob Piearcy. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of a resolution for bond counsel to file a declaratory judgment action in the District Court of Bryan County, Oklahoma, seeking validation of the debt to be issued and all matters relating thereto for the new high school. Tom Lackey made a motion to concur with the Superintendent's recommendation with a second from Rob Piearcy. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Approval of Contract

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of a contract with Steele & Freeman, Inc., as construction manager at risk for the new Durant High School project. Rob Piearcy made a motion to concur with the Superintendent's recommendation with a second from Tommy Sleeper. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Approval of Addition to Board Policy

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of the addition of a policy, 3530 Protest Procedures for Bidding. Tom Lackey made a motion to concur with the Superintendent's recommendation with a second from Rob Piearcy. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Approval of Stipend

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of a stipend for support personnel from mid-term adjustment funds in the amount of \$163.78. Tammy Cross made a motion to concur with the Superintendent's recommendation with a second from Rob Piearcy. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Approval of Out-of-State, Overnight Trip

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of a request for an out-of-state, overnight trip from Scott Lowrance for the Durant High School boys' basketball team to participate in the KSA 2009 Basketball Tournament in Orlando, FL, December 27, 2009-January 1, 2010. All expenses will be paid for from fund raising activities. Tommy Sleeper made a motion to concur with the Superintendent's recommendation with a second from Tammy Cross. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Consideration of Executive Session, 5:46 PM

Rob Piearcy made a motion to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to 25 *O.S. 307 B(1)* for the purpose of discussing the following items: acceptance of resignations received since the last meeting of the Board of Education, 25 *O.S. 307 B(1)*; renewal of contracts of the Assistant Superintendents, Clerk of the Board and Treasurer, 25 *O.S. 307 B(1)*; employment of certified personnel for the 2008-2009 School Year, 25 *O.S. 307 B(1)*; employment of graduate assistants, 25 *O.S. 307 B(1)*; and additions to the lists of substitutes for the 2008-09 school year, 25 *O.S. 307 B(1)*. Tommy Sleeper seconded the motion. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Reconvene in Open Session, 6:20 PM

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:20 PM.

Statement of Executive Session Minutes

During the Executive Session the Board discussed the following items: resignations received since the last meeting of the Board of Education, renewal of contracts of the Assistant Superintendents, Clerk of the Board, and Treasurer, employment of certified personnel, employment of graduate assistants, and employment of substitutes. Nothing else was discussed. No votes were taken.

Vote to Approve Personnel Recommendations

Resignations were received and accepted by the Superintendent of Schools from the following personnel:

- Michael Birdsong, Durant High School Math teacher, effective end of the 2008-09 school term
- Lou Ann Lively, extra-duty cheer coach position only, effective end of the 2008-09 school term
- Robin Crouse, office assistant at Northwest Heights Elementary School, effective December 31, 2008
- Jake Dickinson, transportation department employee, effective January 13, 2009

Dr. Simeroth recommended the renewal of contracts for the 2009-10 school term for Duane Merideth and Larry Scott, Assistant Superintendents, Sharon Wadley, Clerk of the Board, and Bonnie Webb, Treasurer.

Dr. Simeroth recommended the employment of the following:

- Carla Rainbolt, ESL teacher in the Adult Education Program in Durant
- Amy Riley, Credit Recovery teacher for the 2008-09 school term
- Cline Johnson, graduate assistant with the track program

Dr. Simeroth recommended the additions to the lists of substitutes as submitted for the 2008-09 school year as submitted.

Tom Lackey made a motion to concur with the Superintendent's recommendation with a second from Tammy Cross. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

New Business

None.

Adjournment, 6:23 PM

Tammy Cross made a motion to adjourn with a second from Tom Lackey. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

President

Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)

COUNTY OF BRYAN)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Education of Durant School District No. I-72 of Bryan County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that prior to December 15th of the last calendar year the date, time and place of this regular meeting was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bryan County, Oklahoma.

I also certify that at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, notice of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the location of the meeting.

Witness my hand and seal of this school District this 1st day of January 2009.

School Seal

Sharon K. Wadley, Clerk of the Board