

**Regular Meeting of the Durant ISD Board of Education**

Central Administration Office

Conference Room

1323 Waco Street

Durant, Oklahoma 74701

Monday, January 11, 2010

5:30 PM

**Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Tammy Cross  
Mr. Dan England  
Mr. Bart Granger  
Mr. Rob Piearcy  
Mr. Tommy Sleeper

**Also present were Dr. Jason Simeroth, Superintendent; Mr. Duane Merideth and Mr. Larry Scott, Assistant Superintendents; Ms. Sharon Wadley, Clerk of the Board; and Ms. Bonnie Webb, Treasurer.**

**I. Call to Order**

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of the Consent Calendar\*\***

**Primary Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Calendar is recommended; passed with a motion by Mr. Tommy Sleeper and a second by Mr. Rob Piearcy.

Mrs. Tammy Cross	Yes
Mr. Dan England	Yes
Mr. Bart Granger	Yes
Mr. Rob Piearcy	Yes
Mr. Tommy Sleeper	Yes

**III.A. Agenda**

**III.B. Minutes**

**III.C. Treasurer's Report**

**III.D. Activity Accounts Report**

**III.E. Other Financial Reports**

**III.F. Encumbrances**

**III.F.1. Fiscal '10 General Fund Numbers 1725-2072 in the Amount of \$149,250.78**

**III.F.2. Fiscal '10 Construction Bond Fund Numbers 24-27 in the Amount of \$21,594.83**

**III.G. Warrants**

**III.G.1. Fiscal '09 General Fund Numbers 10610-10625 in the Amount of \$75,918.96**

**III.G.2. Fiscal '10 General Fund Numbers 2795-3527 in the Amount of \$1,831,672.21**

**III.G.3. Fiscal '10 Building Bond Fund Numbers 21-25 in the Amount of \$13,686.35**

**III.H. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement**

#### **IV. Reports**

Discussion:

Dr. Simeroth welcomed Justin Jernigan and the Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board to the meeting. He also introduced Jeff Edwards, Claycomb Associates, and Jerry Mulkey, Steele-Freeman, who gave updates on the progress of the new High School construction project. Dr. Simeroth also updated the Board on cost saving measures that will be implemented to help with the District's loss of funding due to the State budget cuts.

Mr. Larry Scott, Assistant Superintendent, informed the Board that a change in dismissal times for the Pre-K program was being considered to allow all elementary classes to be dismissed at the same time.

#### **V. Comments from the Public**

Discussion:

Joyce Northcutt addressed the Board concerning the Grant application being considered under item VIII on the agenda. The Association will not sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Participation in the AARA Grant-Race to the Top. The Association Leadership feels that it would not be in the best interest of the Association. Ms. Northcutt did go on to say that she did understand the District's position and if she were in the Superintendent's position she would also apply for the grant. Ms. Northcutt also informed the Board that she felt the retirement incentive package should offer the same amount of money for teachers and administrators.

#### **VI. Comments from the Board**

Discussion:

None

#### **VII. Hearing, Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the 2009 Fiscal Year Audit Report**

Discussion:

Jerry Putnam, Yadon and Putnam, presented the audit for the 2008-2009 school year to the Board. Mr. Putnam reported that the District's business office had good documentation and that all records were in good order. Mr. Putnam did make a few recommendations for changes with regard to supporting documentation for purchase orders.

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of the 2009 Fiscal Year Audit Report; passed with a motion by Mr. Dan England and a second by Mr. Rob Piearcy.

Mrs. Tammy Cross	Yes
Mr. Dan England	Yes
Mr. Bart Granger	Yes
Mr. Rob Piearcy	Yes
Mr. Tommy Sleeper	Yes

#### **VIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Participation in the AARA Grant - Race to the Top**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval to participate in the AARA Grant - Race to the Top; passed with a motion by Mr. Dan England and a second by Mr. Rob Piearcy.

Mrs. Tammy Cross	Yes
Mr. Dan England	Yes

Mr. Bart Granger                    Yes  
Mr. Rob Piearcy                    Yes  
Mr. Tommy Sleeper                Yes

**IX. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Retirement Incentive Package for District Certified Employees**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval for a retirement incentive package for district certified employees to be effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year; passed with a motion by Mr. Dan England and a second by Mr. Tommy Sleeper.

Mrs. Tammy Cross                    Yes  
Mr. Dan England                    Yes  
Mr. Bart Granger                    Yes  
Mr. Rob Piearcy                    Yes  
Mr. Tommy Sleeper                Yes

**X. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Requests for Out-of-State Overnight Trips**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of out-of-state overnight trips for the DMS Choir to attend the Ozark Showcase in Branson, MO, April 29-May 2, 2010, for the DHS Key Club to attend the "Weekend of a Lifetime" sponsored by the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation in Burleson, TX, January 29-31, 2010, and for the DHS Choir to attend the Gulf Coast Showcase of Music at South Padre Island, TX, May 13-16, 2010; passed with a motion by Mr. Tommy Sleeper and a second by

Mr. Bart Granger.  
Mrs. Tammy Cross                    Yes  
Mr. Dan England                    Yes  
Mr. Bart Granger                    Yes  
Mr. Rob Piearcy                    Yes  
Mr. Tommy Sleeper                Yes

**X.A. Durant Middle School Choir to Participate in the Ozark Showcase at Branson, Missouri, April 29-May 2, 2010**

**X.B. Durant High School Key Club to Participate in the "Weekend of a Lifetime" Event Sponsored by the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation, Inc., at Burleson, Texas, January 29-31, 2010**

**X.C. Durant High School Choir to Participate in the Gulf Coast Showcase of Music at South Padre Island, Texas, May 13-16, 2010**

**XI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Acceptance of a Monetary Donation from the Durant Fall Baseball League**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$1100.00 from the Durant Fall Baseball League for the Durant Middle School athletic program; passed with a motion by Mr. Rob Piearcy and a second by Mr. Bart Granger.

Mrs. Tammy Cross                    Yes  
Mr. Dan England                    Yes  
Mr. Bart Granger                    Yes  
Mr. Rob Piearcy                    Yes  
Mr. Tommy Sleeper                Yes

**XIII. Consideration and Vote to Convene in Executive Session, 25 O.S. 307, for the Purpose of Discussing the Following Items**

Discussion:

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

**Primary Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mr. Rob Piearcy and a second by Mr. Tommy Sleeper.

Mrs. Tammy Cross	Yes
Mr. Dan England	Yes
Mr. Bart Granger	Yes
Mr. Rob Piearcy	Yes
Mr. Tommy Sleeper	Yes

**XIII.A. Resignations Received Since the Last Meeting of the Board of Education, 25 O.S. 307 B(1)**

**XIII.B. Employment of Support Personnel for the 2009-2010 School Year, 25 O.S. 307 B(1)**

**XIII.B.1. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant High School**

**XIII.B.2. Child Nutrition Employee**

**XIII.C. Employment of DISD Students through the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Transition Work Study Program for the 2009-2010 School Year, 25 O.S. 307 B(1)**

**XIII.D. Additions to the Lists of Substitutes for the 2009-2010 School Year, 25 O.S. 307 B(1)**

**XIII.E. Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools, 25 O.S. 307 B(1)**

**XIII. Return to Open Session**

Discussion:

Returned to open session at 7:15 pm.

**XIV. Statement of Executive Session Minutes**

Discussion:

Tammy Cross, Board President, read the Statement of Executive Session Minutes.

**XV. Consideration and Vote on Personnel Recommendations**

**Primary Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mr. Rob Piearcy and a second by Mr. Tommy Sleeper.

Mrs. Tammy Cross	Yes
Mr. Dan England	Yes
Mr. Bart Granger	Yes
Mr. Rob Piearcy	Yes
Mr. Tommy Sleeper	Yes

**XV.A. Resignations Received Since the Last Meeting of the Board of Education**

Discussion:

The Board accepted the resignation of Frances Honeysuckle (Child Nutrition employee)

**XV.B. Employment of Support Personnel for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Discussion:

The Board approved the employment of Christi Braudrick as a special education teacher assistant and Sandra Schoggin as a child nutrition employee.

**XV.B.1. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant High School**

**XV.B.2. Child Nutrition Employee**

**XV.C. Employment of DISD Students through the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Transition Work Study Program for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Discussion:

The Board approved the employment of Aaron Airington and Ethan Frings as student workers with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Transition Work Study Program.

**XV.D. Additions to the Lists of Substitutes for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Discussion:

The Board approved the employment of Natalie Blackburn, Amy Earley, Carolyn Hodges, Sarah Phillips, Rebecca Singer and Brittany Wingfield as substitutes.

**XVI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote on Items of New Business**

Discussion:

None

**XVII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Adjourn**

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend adjournment of the meeting; passed with a motion by Mr. Tommy Sleeper and a second by Mr. Bart Granger.

Mrs. Tammy Cross	Yes
Mr. Dan England	Yes
Mr. Bart Granger	Yes
Mr. Rob Piearcy	Yes
Mr. Tommy Sleeper	Yes

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President, Board of Education

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Clerk, Board of Education