

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

Central Administration Office

Conference Room

1323 Waco Street

Durant, Oklahoma

March 1, 2010

12:00 Noon

**Attendance Taken at 12:03 PM:**

Present Board Members:

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

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Bart Granger

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Seating of the New Board Member and the Administration of the Oath of Office**

Discussion:

Mr. Dan England, Office #5, was administered the oath of office by District Judge Mark Campbell. Mr. England was unopposed for his second term on the Board of Education.

**IV. Reorganization of the Board of Education**

**IV.A. Election of Officers of the Board of Education**

**IV.A.1. Nomination of Mr. Rob Piearcy as President of the Board of Education**

**Primary Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mr. Dan England and a second by Mrs. Tammy Cross.

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

**IV.A.2. Nomination of Mr. Tommy Sleeper as Vice-President of the Board of Education**

**Primary Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mr. Dan England and a second by Mrs. Tammy Cross.

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

## **V. Administration of the Oaths of Office**

Discussion:

District Judge Mark Campbell administered the oath of office to Mr. Rob Piearcy, President, and Mr. Tommy Sleeper, Vice President.

## **VI. Approval of the Consent Calendar\*\***

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of the Consent Calendar as presented; passed with a motion by Mrs. Tammy Cross and a second by Mr. Dan England.

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

### **VI.A. Agenda**

### **VI.B. Minutes**

### **VI.C. Treasurer's Report**

### **VI.D. Activity Accounts Report**

### **VI.E. Other Financial Reports**

### **VI.F. Encumbrances**

**VI.F.1. Fiscal '10 General Fund Numbers 2140-2364 in the Amount of \$323,226.07**

**VI.F.2. Fiscal '10 Building Bond Fund Numbers 32-37 in the Amount of \$28,721.85**

### **VI.G. Warrants**

**VI.G.1. Fiscal '09 General Fund Numbers 10635-10673 in the Amount of \$53,209.92**

**VI.G.2. Fiscal '10 General Fund Numbers 4288-5022 in the Amount of \$1,971,356.65**

**VI.G.3. Fiscal '10 Building Bond Fund Numbers 28-32 in the Amount of \$11,027.51**

### **VI.H. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement**

## **VII. Reports**

### **VII.A. Superintendent's Report**

Discussion:

Dr. Simeroth read a letter from Jackie Dittlinger of Carrollton, TX, that praised the conduct of the students traveling with the Durant High School Debate Team.

### **VII.B. Construction Update**

Discussion:

Richard Crump, Claycomb Associates, gave an update on the construction progress of the new high school. Representatives of Steele Freeman, Construction Managers, were also present.

### **VII.C. 2008-2009 Dropout Report**

Discussion:

Mr. Kenny Chaffin, Principal of Durant Middle School, and Mr. Ron Craig, Principal of Durant High School, presented the Student Dropout Report for the 2008-2009 school year.

**VIII. Comments from the Public**

Discussion:

Mr. David Lively addressed the Board about his concerns for the employment of out-of-state residents as District employees.

**VIII.A. Christina Bennett**

Discussion:

Christina Bennett addressed the Board about her concerns of inappropriate behavior by a teacher at Durant High School.

**IX. Comments from the Board**

Discussion:

Mrs. Cross thanked Mr. Lively and Mrs. Bennett for their comments.

Mr. Piearcy expressed his appreciation for the nice ceremony for the Athletic Hall of Fame awards.

**X. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Contracts via Steele & Freeman Construction Manager for the New High School Project**

Recommend approval of contracts as listed below:

**X.A. Mid-Plains Construction, Inc. for Plumbing in the Amount of \$1,968,750.00**

**X.B. Interkal, LLC for Telescoping Bleachers in the Amount of \$171,249.00**

**X.C. Reiss Painting Company for Painting in the Amount of \$348,950.00**

**X.D. Commercial Fireproofing for Spray Fireproofing in the Amount of \$113,070.00**

**X.E. Lynch Lawn & Landscape for Pavement Markings in the Amount of \$29,923.00**

**X.F. United Fence for Fences and Gates in the Amount of \$23,500.00**

**Primary Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mrs. Tammy Cross and a second by Mr. Tommy Sleeper.

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

**XI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Contract with Miller Office Equipment for a Canon Copier for the Indian Education Department**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of a contract with Miller Office Equipment for lease of a Canon copier for the Indian Education Department; passed with a motion by Mr. Tommy Sleeper and a second by Mr. Dan England.

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

**XIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Quotes for purchase of Hollow Metal Doors and Frames and Finish Hardware for the Robert E. Lee Elementary Multi-Purpose Building Project**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of the low quote in the amount of \$14,790.00 for the purchase of hollow metal doors and frames and finish hardware from Sherman Door & Hardware of Sherman, Texas; passed with a motion by Mrs. Tammy Cross and a second by Mr. Dan England.

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

**XIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Revisions of Job Descriptions for Support Personnel**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of separating the present job description for the "Clerk of the Board" into two separate job descriptions: "Clerk of the Board" and "Business Manager"; passed with a motion by Mrs. Tammy Cross and a second by Mr. Dan England.

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

**XIV. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Proposed Revisions to Board of Education Policies**

**XIV.A. Policy 2170-Board of Education Officers/Treasurer**

**XIV.B. Policy 2200-Consultants**

**XIV.C. Policy 3180-Auditor**

**XIV.D. Policy 3200-Purchasing and Distribution**

**XIV.E. Policy 3210-Public Construction Contracts**

**XIV.F. Policy 3380-Equipment Accountability**

**XIV.G. Policy 3390-Inventories**

**XIV.H. Policy 4230-Policy with Regard to Employees for a Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace**

**XIV.I. Policy 4410-Expense Reimbursement**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of revisions to existing policies of the Board of Education: passed with a motion by Mr. Tommy Sleeper and a second by Mrs. Tammy Cross.

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

**XV. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Adoption of New Policies of the Durant Board of Education**

**XV.A. Policy 3540-Matching or Cost Sharing Contributions under Federal Grant Agreements**

**XV.B. Policy 6730-24/7 Tobacco Use Policy**

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of the adoption of Policy 3540-Matching or Cost Sharing Contributions under Federal Grant Agreements and Policy 6730-24/7 Tobacco Use Policy; passed with a motion by Mrs. Tammy Cross and a second by Mr. Dan England.

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

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

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

**XVI.B. Renewal of Employment Contracts of Mid-Management Administrators and Directors for the 2010-2011 School Year, 25 O.S. 307 B(1)**

**XVI.C. Renewal of the Employment Contract of the Superintendent of Schools, 25 O.S. 307 B(1)**

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

Discussion:

The Board convened in Executive Session at 12:35PM

**Primary Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mrs. Tammy Cross and a second by Mr. Tommy Sleeper.

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

**XVII. Return to Open Session**

Discussion:

The Board returned to open session at 1:16PM

**XVIII. Statement of Executive Session Minutes**

Discussion:

Mr. Rob Piearcy, Board President, read the statement of the Executive Session Minutes.

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

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

Discussion:

The Board accepted the resignations of certified employees Mr. Ron Craig, Durant High School Principal, and Mrs. Connie Manning, teacher at Northwest Heights Elementary.

The Board also accepted the resignation of support employee Mr. Robert "Pete" Jones, Durant High School Custodian.

**XIX.B. Renewal of Employment Contracts of Mid-Management Administrators and Directors for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Discussion:

The Board recommended the renewal of Employment contracts for the following Mid-Management Administrators and Directors for the 2010-2011 School year: Kenny Chaffin, Tod Harrison, Cindy Newell, Mike Dills, Katy Pruitt, David Brese, Dale Perrin, John Williamson, Carrie Gosnell, Tony Tubbs, Brent Cavender, Drew Young, Byron Cordell, Todd Hughes, Larry Bennett, Dale Welsh, Terry Bourne and Billy Whittenburg.

**XIX.C. Renewal of the Employment Contract of the Superintendent of Schools**

Discussion:

The Board approved the renewal of the Employment contract for Dr. Jason Simeroth as Superintendent of Schools.

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

Discussion:

The Board approved the employment of Jimmy Hodson, Andrew Knight, Jr., and Gayelynn Whitmire as Non-Certified Teacher Substitutes.

The Board also approved the employment of Melissa Rowland as a Child Nutrition Substitute and Doug Armstrong as a Custodial Substitute.

**Primary Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mrs. Tammy Cross and a second by Mr. Tommy Sleeper.

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

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

None.

**XXI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Recess to Durant High School**

Discussion:

Due to time constraints the Board did not recess to Durant High School.

**XXII. Return to Open Session at Durant High School**

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

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20PM.

**Primary Motion Passed:** Recommend adjournment of the meeting; passed with a motion by Mr. Dan England and a second by Mrs. Tammy Cross.

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

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President, Board of Education

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Clerk, Board of Education