

**DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Durant School District, I-72, Bryan County, Oklahoma**  
**Robert E. Lee Elementary School Library**  
**Monday, March 2, 2009**  
**5:30 PM**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Dan England called the meeting to order in the Robert E. Lee Elementary School Library at 5:30 PM, March 2, 2009. The Clerk of the Board called the roll, and those present were Tammy Cross, Dan England, and Rob Piearcy. Tommy Sleeper was absent. Also present were Dr. Jason Simeroth, Superintendent; Duane Merideth and Larry Scott, Assistant Superintendents; and Sharon Wadley, Clerk of the Board.

Seating of Newly Elected Board Member

HB 2063 requires that newly elected members of the Board of Education be seated at the first regular, special or emergency school board meeting after the member has been certified as elected, and that the Board of Education elect a President and Vice President at this meeting. Mark Campbell, District Judge, administered the oath of office to newly elected board member Bart Granger, Office #4.

Reorganization of the Board of Education

Rob Piearcy made a motion to nominate Mrs. Tammy Cross as President with a second from Bart Granger. Tammy Cross made a motion to nominate Rob Piearcy as Vice President with a second from Bart Granger. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Granger - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

District Judge Campbell administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers.

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.

Dan England made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with a second from Rob Piearcy. Mrs. Tammy Cross, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Piearcy - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Granger - 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 February 2, 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 2207-2419 in the Amount of \$181,406.47

FY 09 Building Bond Fund Numbers 53-60 in the Amount of \$2,089.26

Also approved were:

FY 08 General Fund Numbers 11113-11126 in the Amount of \$52,875.28

FY 08 Building Fund Number 32 in the Amount of \$8,500.00

FY 09 General Fund Numbers 4390-5214 in the Amount of \$2,078,958.33

FY 09 Building Bond 2005 Fund Numbers 46-49 in the Amount of \$5,725.67

ReportsAdministrative Reports

Dr. Simeroth commented on activities throughout the district. Tyler McLain, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student from Northwest Heights Elementary School, sang Amazing Grace. Tyler recently sang this song at the Special Olympics Talent Show.

Comments From The Public

None.

Comments From the Board

Mrs. Cross was congratulated for being nominated as Board President and Mr. England was recognized for his dedication and contributions during his tenure as President.

BusinessApproval of Out-of-State, Overnight Trips

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of requests for out-of-state, overnight trips for the Durant High School baseball team to participate in invitational games to be played on Whataburger Field in Corpus Christi, Texas, March 16-18 2009, and for the Durant Middle School Choir to participate in the Ozark Showcase in Branson, Missouri, April 23-26, 2009. Rob Pearcy made a motion to concur with the Superintendent's recommendation with a second from Bart Granger. Mrs. Tammy Cross, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Pearcy - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Granger - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

Consideration of Executive Session, 5:40 PM

Dan England 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 Mid-

Management Administrators and Directors for the 2009-2010 school year, 25 O.S. 307 B(1); employment of graduate assistants for the athletic department, 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). Rob Pearcy seconded the motion. Mrs. Tammy Cross, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Pearcy - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Granger - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

#### Reconvene in Open Session, 5:50 PM

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:50 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 Mid-Management Administrators and Directors, employment of graduate assistants for the athletic department, 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:

- Patty Bowen, extra duty coaching position only
- Patricia Haynie, English teacher at Durant High School, retiring at the end of the 2008-09 school term
- Wesley Smithart, Athletic Director, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year
- Brooke Coley, Northwest Heights Elementary, currently on leave of absence
- Carie Dry, Durant Intermediate School, currently on leave of absence
- Estelle Dollar, Catherine Mayhue and Regina Riley, Child Nutrition employees

Dr. Simeroth recommended the renewal of contracts for the 2009-10 school term for Mid-Management Administrators and Directors:

- Kenny Chaffin, Principal DMS
- Tod Harrison, Principal DIS
- Cindy Newell, Principal NWH
- Mike Dills, Principal REL
- Katy Pruitt, Principal WI
- David Brese, Asst. Principal DHS
- Dale Perrin, Asst. Principal DHS
- John Williamson, Asst. Principal DMS
- Carrie Gosnell, Asst. Principal DIS
- Tony Tubbs, Director Vision Academy
- Brent Cavender, Director Indian Education
- Byron Cordell, Asst. Athletic Director DHS
- Todd Hughes, Chief Technology Officer ADM
- Larry Bennett, Technology Director ADM
- Dale Welsh, Special Education Director ADM

- Terry Bourne, Director Maintenance
- Billy Whittenburg, Director Transportation

Dr. Simeroth recommended the employment of Jeff Newman and Evan Whitehead as graduate assistants for the athletic department.

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

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

New Business

None.

Adjournment, 5:55 PM

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

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President

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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Sharon K. Wadley, Clerk of the Board