

**DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Durant School District, I-72, Bryan County, Oklahoma**  
**Northwest Heights Elementary School Library**  
**Monday, October 6, 2008**  
**5:30 PM**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Dan England called the meeting to order in the Northwest Heights Elementary School Library at 5:30 p.m., October 6, 2008. The Clerk of the Board called the roll, and those present were Tammy Cross, Dan England, Rob Piearcy, Tom Lackey and Tommy Sleeper. Also present were Dr. Jason Simeroth, Superintendent; Larry Scott and Duane Merideth, Assistant Superintendents; and Sharon Wadley, Clerk of the Board.

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 September 2, 2008.

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 635-1330 in the Amount of \$12,230,426.42

FY 09 Building Fund Number 3 in the Amount of \$97,031.88

FY 09 Building Bond Fund Numbers 22-31 in the Amount of \$61,283.52

FY 09 Construction Bond Fund Number 2-8 in the amount of \$8,999.00

Also approved were:

FY 08 General Fund Numbers 10966-11052 in the Amount of \$263,652.72

FY 08 Building Fund Number 30 in the Amount of \$35,020.00

FY 08 Building Bond (2005) Number 66-68 in the Amount of \$20,277.17

FY 09 General Fund Numbers 433-1212 in the Amount of \$1,862,840.48

FY 09 Building Fund Numbers 1-2 in the Amount of \$115,131.88

FY 09 Building Bond 2005 Fund Numbers 7-16 in the amount of \$28,595.69

## Reports

### Administrative Reports

Dr. Simeroth reported on positive events throughout the district.

Larry Scott reported on district testing results which showed good improvement at all levels.

### Comments From The Public

None.

### Comments From the Board

None.

## Business

### Public Hearing on the Proposed Operating Budget for FY 2009

Sharon Wadley, Clerk of the Board, presented the proposed operating budget for FY 2009.

### Approval of Contract

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of a contract with Miller Office Equipment for lease of copiers at various district sites. Tammy Cross 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 Requests for Out-of-State, Overnight Trips

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of requests from the Durant High School Choir to participate in the Alamo Showcase of Music in San Antonio, Texas, April 3-6, 2009, and Durant Middle School Student Council to attend the Student Council Fall Leadership Conference on November 12-14, 2008, in Poteau, Oklahoma. (While the Middle School trip is not out-of-state, sponsors and students will have hotel accommodations in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, due to no vacancies in Poteau.) Both trips will be funded through student and organization fund raising activities. No General Fund monies will be used to fund either trip. 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 Fund Raising Activities

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of a fundraising request from Durant Intermediate School PSO group. This group was not yet formed at the time earlier fundraising activities were approved and it was requested that this new PSO be allowed to submit their fundraising activities at this time. Tom Lackey 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. Pearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

### Approval of Revisions to the Support Personnel Handbook

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of revisions to the Support Personnel Handbook as presented. (Addition of 1 day of Bereavement leave upon the death of a grandparent, and the addition of a job description for Attendance Clerk.) Rob Pearcy 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. Pearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

### Approval of Calendar Committee

Dr. Simeroth recommended the approval of membership in the Calendar Committee as presented for the 2009-2010 school year. Membership consists of a faculty representative from each site (seven), three parents, two site administrators, and a central office administrator. 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. Pearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

### Consideration of Executive Session, 5:50 p.m.

Tom Lackey 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); employment of certified and support personnel for the 2008-2009 School Year, 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. Mr. Dan England, President of the Board, called for the vote: Office #1 - Mrs. Cross - yes; Office - #2 - Mr. Pearcy - yes; Office #3 - Mr. Sleeper - yes; Office #4 - Mr. Lackey - yes; Office #5 - Mr. England - yes.

### Reconvene in Open Session, 6:18 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:18 p.m.

### 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, employment of certified and support personnel, 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:

- Steve Wlodarczyk, Durant High School Principal
- Suzanne Willis Caldwell, OPAT educator position only
- Cinda DeWerff, Child Nutrition Employee
- Gene Lain, Teacher Assistant at Vision Academy

Dr. Simeroth recommended the employment of the following:

- Ron Craig, Interim Durant High School Principal, full-time, temporary position
- Lisa Henagar, Atoka ABE Site
- Lou Ann Lucero, Madill Department of Corrections, ABE instructor
- Elizabeth Walthall, Durant ABE Day Site
- Deborah Lamb, Robert E. Lee Special Education Teacher, part-time, temporary
- Jeffrey Bradford, Teacher Assistant at Vision Academy, full-time, temporary
- Kolton Pratt, Transportation Department monitor

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

Tommy Sleeper 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.

New Business

None.

Adjournment, 6:21 p.m.

Tammy Cross made a motion to adjourn 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.

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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 2008.

School Seal

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Sharon K. Wadley, Clerk of the Board