

DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Durant School District, I-72, Bryan County, Oklahoma

Central Administration Office Conference Room

Monday, June 2, 2025

12:00 PM

I. Call to Order

President

II. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board

Attendance Taken at 12:00 PM.

Paul Buntz: Present

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Present

Chaz Polk: Present

Janie Umsted: Present

III. Approval of the Consent Calendar**

Motion to approve Item III.A. through III.H. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III.A. Agenda

III.B. Minutes:

III.B.1. May 5, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board of Education

III.B.2. May 5, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

III.C. Treasurer's Report

III.D. Activity Accounts Report

III.E. Financial Reports

III.F. Encumbrances

III.F.1. Fiscal '25 General Fund Numbers 251008-251046 in the Amount of \$129,898.75

III.F.2. Fiscal '25 Building Fund Numbers 251024 in the Amount of \$209,432.00

III.F.3. Fiscal '25 Bond Fund Numbers 251013-251027 in the Amount of \$28,541.51

III.G. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement

III.H. Transfer Capacity as of July 1, for the 2025-2026 School Year

IV. Reports:

None.

V. Comments from the Public (Pursuant to District Policy 2240, a copy of which is available upon request, Comments can be made only by District Patrons concerning items listed on the Agenda)

V.A. Ms. Melanie Knight, Regarding a Policy Change/Update within the Transportation Department

Ms. Melanie Knight addressed the Board concerning a request for them to consider a revision to the current District Policy regarding Monitors on special needs bus routes.

VI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to Approve or not Approve 2025 Summer Activities as Requested by District Personnel

Approval is recommended of authorizing the superintendent to approve or not approve requests made by the district personnel for 2025 summer activities for student participation in various sports and activities. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to Approve Fundraisers As They Are Submitted for the 2025-2026 School Year

Approval is recommended for authorizing the Superintendent to approve fundraisers as they are submitted for the 2025-2026 School Year. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Cooperative Agreement By and Between Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative and Durant School District for Four-Year-Old Educational Programs

Approval is recommended of a Cooperative Agreement by and between Choctaw Nation Interlocal Cooperative and Durant School District for four-year-old educational programs.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX. Board to take Action on the Employment of Stephen H. McDonald & Associates, Inc. as Financial Consultant to the School District.

Approval is recommended for the employment of Stephen H. McDonald & Associates, Inc. as Financial Consultant to the School District. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Board to Consider and Take Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Calling and Holding of a Special Election to be Held in this School District to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

Approval is recommended of a resolution authorizing the calling and holding of a special election to be held in this school district to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Renewal of an OKDHS School-Based Contract Between OKDHS and the Durant School District

Approval is recommended of a renewal of an OKDHS school-based contract between OKDHS and the Durant School District. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. Discussion, Consideration, and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Facility Use and License Agreement Between the Independent Public School District NO. 72 of Bryan County, Oklahoma, a.k.a. Durant Public Schools (Licensor) and the Bryan County Ambulance Authority (Licensee) Starting July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026

Approval is recommended of a Facility Use and License Agreement between the Independent Public School District NO. 72 of Bryan County, Oklahoma, a.k.a. Durant Public Schools (Licensor) and the Bryan County Ambulance Authority (Licensee) Starting July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Contracts for the 2025-2026 School Year

Approval is recommended of the contracts listed below. Motion to approve Item XIII.A. through XIII.C. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII.A. J & J School Services

XIII.B. Bryan County Sheriff's Office, Resource Officers

XIII.C. Miller Office Equipment/Copier Maintenance Agreement

XIV. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the District's Membership in Educational Organizations for the 2025-2026 School Year Listed Below

Approval is recommended of the memberships listed below. Motion to approve Item XIV.A. through XIV.G. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea
Jason Manous: Absent
Joyce Northcutt: Yea
Chaz Polk: Yea
Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIV.A. Bryan County Superintendent's Organization (BCSO)

XIV.B. Durant Chamber of Commerce

XIV.C. Organization of Rural Oklahoma Schools (OROS)

XIV.D. Oklahoma Schools Insurance Group (OSIG)

XIV.E. Oklahoma Association Serving Impacted Schools (OASIS)

XIV.F. Oklahoma State School Boards Association (OSSBA)

XIV.G. Oklahoma Public School Resource Center (OPSRC)

XV. Consideration and Vote on Personnel Recommendations

Other recommendations and resignations are pending, and if available, may be brought to the meeting

Motion to approve Item XV.A. through XV.J. This motion, made by Paul Buntz and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea
Jason Manous: Absent
Joyce Northcutt: Yea
Chaz Polk: Yea
Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

Certified – Michael Walker, Durant High School
Certified – Joseph Parsons, Durant High School
Certified – Kristal Brown, Durant High School
Certified – Roger Mitchell, Durant High School
Certified – Erainna Winnett, Durant Middle School

Certified – Lisa Diane Cowan, Durant Intermediate School
Certified – Wilda Regina Brewer, Northwest Heights Elementary
Support – Carre Welcher, Durant Middle School
Support – Ashley Keeler, George Washington Elementary
Support – Elizabeth San Millan, REL Early Childhood

XV.B. Assistant Principal at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Amanda Reynolds

XV.C. Renewal of Contract of the Asbestos Compliance Coordinator for the Durant Public School District for the 2025-2026 School Year – Terry Bourne

XV.D. Renewal of Contracts for Certified Personnel Currently Employed on Temporary Contracts for the 2025-2026 School Year – List attached

XV.E. Employment of Certified Personnel for the POSSE Choctaw Nation Summer School, Temporary Positions for the 2025 Summer School Session – Traci Tipton

XV.F. Employment of Certified Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year

XV.F.1. English Instructor at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Lenore Pfaff

XV.F.2. Science Instructor at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Haley Hollenbeck

XV.F.3. Speech/Debate/Drama Instructor at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Marella Smith

XV.F.4. Special Education Teacher at Durant High School, Part-Time One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Donna Young

XV.F.5. Special Education ELA Teacher at Durant Middle School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Rachel Stinchcomb

XV.F.6. Seventh Grade Math Teacher at Durant Middle School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Ambera Mack

XV.F.7. Fifth Grade Math/Science Teacher at Durant Intermediate School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Breanna Self

XV.F.8. Fourth Grade Teacher at Northwest Heights Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Gena Smith

XV.G. Employment of Support Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year

XV.G.1. Nurse Assistant at Durant Middle School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Anita Gobert

XV.G.2. Kindergarten Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Julia Goucher

XV.G.3. Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Assistant at Robert E. Lee ECC, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Makayla Biggerstaff

XV.H. Employment of Support Personnel for the POSSE Choctaw Nation Summer School, Temporary Positions for the 2025 POSSE Summer School Session – Brittany Stafford

XV.I. Renewal of Contracts of Support Personnel Currently Employed on Continuing Contracts for the 2025-2026 School Year – List attached

XV.J. Additions to the Lists of Substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year - None

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

Motion to approve the hiring of Stacy Hricko, English Instructor at Durant High School due to the resignation of Kristal Brown. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XVII. Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Moring gave a construction update that the Ag Classroom Building is now complete. He also reported that the greenhouse is under construction and the old Ag Classroom Building is being renovated to house the Aviation Program. Mr. Moring also stated that there are many updates going on throughout the District including having the Band truck and trailer re-wrapped/painted, paint & carpet refresh at Durant High School, Bathroom Accessibility remodel at Durant Middle School, and major plumbing/sewer repairs at Northwest Heights Elementary. He also said that there are 230 students attending the Choctaw Posse Summer School at George Washington Elementary.

XVIII. Comments from the Board

Board Members Joyce Northcutt, Chaz Polk, Paul Buntz, and Janie Umsted all expressed thanks to Melanie Knight for coming to speak to the Board regarding her transportation concerns. Ms. Northcutt also asked Matt Swearingen from the local newspaper to please thank his graduating daughter for her beautiful rendition of the National Anthem at the recent Durant High School graduation ceremony. She along with all the Board Members were very moved by her singing and said it set the tone for the evening.

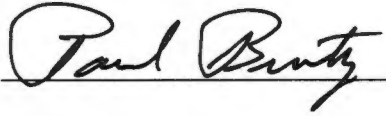
XIX. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Adjourn

Recommend adjournment of the meeting; motion to adjourn at 12:36 PM. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Absent

Joyce Northcutt: Yea
Chaz Polk: Yea
Janie Umsted: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Buntz", written over a horizontal line.

Paul Buntz, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly J. Dillard", written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Dillard, Clerk of the Board

REGULAR MEETING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)

COUNTY OF BRYAN)

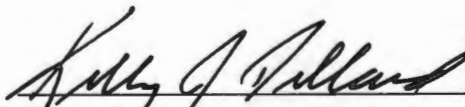
I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Education of Durant School District No. 1-72 of Bryan County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that prior to December 15th of the last calendar year the date, time and place of this regular meeting was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bryan County, Oklahoma.

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 2nd day of June 2025.

School Seal:




Kelly J. Dillard, Clerk of the Board