

DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

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

Central Administration Office Conference Room

Monday, July 14, 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: Present

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 Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

III.A. Agenda

III.B. Minutes:

III.B.1. June 2, 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 260001-260364 in the Amount of \$5,111,648.13

III.F.2. Fiscal '25 Building Fund Numbers 260012-260350 in the Amount of \$387,892.37

III.F.3. Fiscal '25 Child Nutrition Fund Numbers 260032-260309 in the Amount of \$2,909,837.20

III.F.4. Fiscal '25 Bond Fund Numbers 260006-260141 in the Amount of \$2,985,018.57

III.F.5. Fiscal '25 Sinking Fund Numbers 260195 in the Amount of \$4,433,285.00

III.G. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement

III.H. Transfer Capacity

IV. Reports:

Mr. Moring told the Board that our current enrollment is at 3,722 students. We have 93 Pre-K students registered and are predicting 3,850 to 3,900 students when school starts. He also reported that our summer maintenance work is winding down. The District had major sewer repairs at Northwest Heights Elementary, and refresh of carpet and paint at the High School, along with some work at the Middle School. The remodel of the former Ag Classroom Building to change over to an aviation building is getting close as well. Mr. Moring told the Board that we are partnering with VYPE sports this year to maintain our athletic schedules and events. He also said that the District will be releasing a statement soon regarding the student meal funding that State Superintendent Ryan Walters had introduced to media recently.

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)

None.

VI. Board to Consider and Take Action on a Motion Approving the Renewal of the Sublease Agreement Dated January 1, 2020, between the District and Bryan County School Finance Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, as Required under the Provisions of the Agreement in the Amount of \$30,230,000.00

Approval is recommended of the renewal of the Sublease Agreement dated January 1, 2020, between the District and Bryan County School Finance Authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as required under the provisions of the agreement in the amount of \$30,230,000.00. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VII. Board to Consider and Take Action on a Motion Approving the Renewal of the Sublease Agreement Dated June 1, 2020, Between the District and Bryan County School Finance Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, as Required Under the Provisions of the Agreement in the Amount of \$29,875,000.00

Approval is recommended of the renewal of the Sublease Agreement dated June 1, 2020, between the District and Bryan County School Finance Authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as required under the provisions of the agreement in the amount of \$29,875,000.00. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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

Approval is recommended for the following resolutions. Motion to approve Item VIII.A. through VIII.D. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VIII.A. Adopt a Resolution that designates an Official Depository for District Funds, GF, BF, CN, Bond, Activity and Sinking Funds at First United Bank for the 2025-2026 School Year

VIII.B. Adopt a Resolution Permitting the Deposit of Interest Earnings from the General Fund into the Building Fund, All Others are to be Placed into their Respective Funds for the 2025-2026 School Year

VIII.C. Adopt a Resolution Permitting the Deposit of Interest Earnings from the Bond Fund into the Building Fund and/or Sinking Fund for the 2025-2026 School Year

VIII.D. Adopt a Resolution designating American Fidelity Assurance Company as the Administrator of the Section 125 Plan, which will be administered at no cost to the district

IX. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Mr. Moring, Superintendent of Schools as the Authorized Official Approved to Sign Claims for Reimbursement through the Grants Management System

Approval is recommended for Mr. Moring, Superintendent of Schools as the authorized official approved to sign claims for reimbursement through the Grants Management System. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

X. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation for the Consideration and Adoption of the Following New Policy

Approval is recommended for the following policy listed below, required and recommended by the Attorneys at Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

X.A. Personal Wireless Devices and Electronic Accounts, New Policy

XI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Handbooks for Durant High School, Durant Middle School, Durant Intermediate School and Pre-K through Fourth Grade Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year

Approval is recommended for the Handbooks for Durant High School, Durant Middle School, Durant Intermediate School and Pre-K through Fourth Grade Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year. Motion to approve Item XI.A. through XI.D. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

XI.A. Durant High School Handbook

XI.B. Durant Middle School Handbook

XI.C. Durant Intermediate School Handbook

XI.D. Pre-K - Fourth Grade Handbook

XII. 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 XII.A. through XII.D. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

XII.A. Big Five Community Services/ Four-Year-Old Program Services

XII.B. Baskin Enterprises, Inc. Texoma Vending Machines

XII.C. Southeastern Oklahoma State University/ Use of Paul Laird Field

XII.D. School Psychological Services for the Durant School District

XII.D.1. KayLee Crenshaw- School Psychologist

XII.D.2. Doug McMillan- Psychologist

XIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Adoption of the 1086 Hours as the Durant ISD Standard for the 2025-2026 School Year with no Change in the Number of Days

Approval is recommended of the Adoption of the 1086 hours as the Durant ISD Standard for the 2025-2026 School Year with no change in the number of days. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

XIV. 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 XIV.A. through XIV.I. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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

Certified – Stacy Hricko, Durant High School
Certified – Katie Boydston (Williams), Durant Middle School
Certified – John (Trey) McCullough, Durant Middle School
Certified – Valerie Cline, Washington Irving Elementary
Support – Marsha Boyd, REL Early Childhood Center
Support – Timothy Henson, Transportation

XIV.B. Employment of a Facilities and Construction Coordinator for the Durant School District, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Duane Merideth

XIV.C. Employment of a Career and Technology Education Director for the Durant School District, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Cheryl Conditt

XIV.D. Employment of a Licensed Professional Counselor, School-Based Mental Health Grant (Temporary Grant Contract) for the 2025-2026 School Year – Hannah Manous

XIV.E. Employment of Certified Personnel for the 2024-2025 School Year

XIV.E.1. English Instructor at Durant High School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Tara Nelson

XIV.E.2. Science Instructor at Durant High School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Ryan Shahan

XIV.E.3. Math Instructor at Durant High School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Christy Uzzel

XIV.E.4. Assistant Band Director at Durant High School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Harley Thomas

XIV.E.5. Spanish Instructor at Durant High School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Rachel Routledge

XIV.E.6. Science Instructor at Durant High School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Jan Kelley

XIV.E.7. Head Girls Basketball Coach at Durant High School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Tony Robinson

XIV.E.8. Head Girls Soccer Coach at Durant High School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Ryan Cook

XIV.E.9. Special Education Math Teacher at Durant Middle School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Christy Gibby

XIV.E.10. Special Education Math Teacher at Durant Intermediate School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Courtney Monroe

XIV.F. Employment of Support Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year

XIV.F.1. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant Intermediate School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Vickie Scott

XIV.F.2. Nurse Assistant at Robert E. Lee ECC, One Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Kasi Farmer

XIV.G. Renewal of Contracts for Grant Funded Personnel Contingent Upon Grant Funding Availability for the 2025-2026 School Year

Delinda Knox, Safe Schools
Abbey Rowley, LPC
Kalyn Stephens, LPC
Garrett Scott, Prevention Specialist
Yubelis Williams-Diaz, Prevention Specialist
Leah Nabors, Social Service Provider

XIV.H. Renewal of Contracts for Support Personnel Currently Employed on Temporary Contracts for the 2025-2026 School Year – See attached list

XIV.I. Additions to the Lists of Substitutes for the 2024-2025 School Year – None

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

Mr. Moring introduced as new business that he had received resignation letters from Donna Young, SPED at Durant High School, Jaselyn Biggs, Teacher Assistant at George Washington Elementary, and Carson Atwood, Teacher Assistant at George Washington Elementary. He also had a letter for a new hire, Sabetha Sands, Durant Middle School Teacher/Coach. These items were received prior to the meeting and after the agenda was posted.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

XVI. Comments from the Superintendent

None.

XVII. Comments from the Board

Mrs. Joyce Northcutt inquired about the progress on a stoplight for the Gerlach/First Street intersection. Mr. Moring stated that the current schedule is for it to be placed during the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Paul Buntz stated that the Car Albert Road leading to Durant High School is getting bad and the State Maintenance department needs to be contacted since they are

responsible for upkeep on this road. Mrs. Northcutt asked about the custodial contract and Mr. Moring said it is getting better.

XVIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Adjourn

Recommend adjournment of the meeting; motion to adjourn at 12:46 PM. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

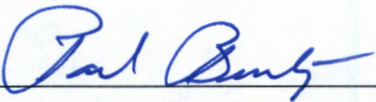
Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

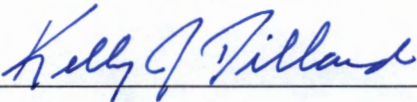
Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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Paul Buntz, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "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. I-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 14th day of July 2025.

School Seal:



Kelly J. Dillard, Clerk of the Board