

DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

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

Central Administration Office Conference Room

Monday, September 8, 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.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

III.A. Agenda

III.B. Minutes:

III.B.1. August 13, 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 '26 General Fund Numbers 260491-260594 in the Amount of \$269,285.33

III.F.2. Fiscal '26 Building Fund Numbers 260503-260595 in the Amount of \$6,618.50

III.F.3. Fiscal '26 Bond Fund Numbers 260509-260591 in the Amount of \$35,423.49

III.G. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement

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

III.I. Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Response Plan

III.I.1. Durant High School Chase Morris Plan

III.I.2. Durant Middle School Chase Morris Plan

III.I.3. Durant Intermediate School Chase Morris Plan

III.I.4. George Washington Elementary Chase Morris Plan

III.I.5. Northwest Heights Elementary Chase Morris Plan

III.I.6. Washington Irving Elementary Chase Morris Plan

III.I.7. Robert E. Lee ECC Chase Morris Plan

IV. Reports:

IV.A. Mr. Moring to recognize the DHS Boys Soccer Team for Academic Achievement

Coach John Wilmoth introduced the Durant High School Boys Soccer Team from this past spring. This team was named the Academic State Champions for Class 5A boys soccer. Coach Wilmoth said the team had a 3.75 overall team GPA and he is proud and honored to coach this great group of young men. All the Board congratulated them on such an outstanding achievement!

IV.B. Mrs. Sharlena Hamby to discuss the JAG program.

The Durant High School Jobs Across America (JAG) program instructor Sharlena Hamby gave a report on JAG and how it is working in our District. She stated that this program has been in force for 43 years across the Nation. Oklahoma and Durant Schools are in their 1st year with this program that prepares students for the workforce. The JAG program has a funding stream from many large companies across the nation who are willing to invest in our future workforce. Ms. Hamby said the ages of the students in the program range from Sophomore in high school through their Freshman year in college. She currently has 30 students in the program and anticipates it growing each year.

IV.C. Delinda Knox to discuss Texoma Foundation Grant

Delinda Knox with Safe Schools spoke about the recent receipt of the Texoma Community Foundation Grant. This foundation covers Marshall and Bryan counties in Oklahoma along with Grayson and Fannin Counties in Texas. Ms. Knox shared that Durant Schools is fiscally responsible for a \$1,000,000 grant with focused efforts on Bryan County. The Durant Schools mental health team will be working alongside all the Bryan County schools in an effort to align their processes closer to our model here in Durant. She has presented the information to the Superintendents in Bryan County and they are grateful for the assistance.

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. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Superintendent's Recommendations for the Consideration and Adoption of the Following New and Revised Policies

Approval is recommended for the following policies listed below, required and recommended by the attorneys at Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold. Motion to approve Item VI.A. through VI.G. 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

VI.A. Title IX — Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

VI.B. Direct Threat

VI.C. Disciplinary Removal of Children with Disabilities

VI.D. Disproportionality

VI.E. Parent Revocation of Consent for Services

VI.F. Special Education Certification Reimbursement

**VI.G. Emergency Medical Services at District Athletic Practices, Events or Activities —
Revision**

VII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Alternative Education Plan for the 2025-2026 School Year

Approval is recommended of the Alternative Education Plan for the 2025-2026 School Year. 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

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

Approval is recommended of Activity Accounts for the 2025-2026 School Year. 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

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

Approval is recommended for the district's Gifted and Talented Committee and the Professional Development Committee for the 2025-2026 School Year. Motion to approve Item IX.A. through IX.B. 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

IX.A. Gifted and Talented Committee

IX.B. Professional Development Committee

X. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Authorizing the Clerk of the Board to Submit to the State Department of Education the Estimate of Needs for the 2026 School Year

Approval is recommended authorizing the Clerk of the Board to submit to the State Department of Education the Estimate of Needs for the 2026 School Year. 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

XI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Contract with Chatterbox Speech Therapy, LLC for a Virtual Speech-Language Pathologist for the 2025-2026 School Year

Approval is recommended for a contract with Chatterbox Speech Therapy, LLC for a virtual speech-language pathologist for the 2025-2026 school year. 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

XII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Preschool Services Between Choctaw Nation Head Start and Durant Public School District

Approval is recommended of a memorandum of understanding for preschool services between Choctaw Nation Head Start and Durant Public School District. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Jason Manous, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

XIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Special Education Services Between Choctaw Nation Head Start and Durant Public School District

Approval is recommended of a memorandum of understanding for special education services between Choctaw Nation Head Start and Durant Public School District. 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

XIV. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve an Overnight Out-of-State Trip for the Durant High School Band to Travel to Corpus Christi, Texas to Participate in the American Classics Buccaneer Music Festival on May 7-10, 2026

Approval is recommended 150 band students and 20 sponsors to travel to Corpus Christi, Texas to participate in the American Classics Buccaneer Music Festival on May 7-10, 2026. 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

XV. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve an Overnight Out-of-State Trip for the Durant High School Sparklers Dance Team to Travel to Disney World in Orlando, Florida to Participate in the Danceline Elite Texas All-State Parade on March 4-8, 2026

Approval is recommended for 5 sparkler dance team students and 5 sponsors to travel to Disney World in Orlando, Florida to participate in the Danceline Elite Texas All-State Parade on March 4-8, 2026. 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. 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 XVI.A. through XVI.I. 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.A. Resignations Received Since the Last Meeting of the Board of Education

Support – Erin Cheney, Child Nutrition

Support – Jaimelle Wood, Washington Irving Elementary

Support – Mandi Gage, District Wide

Support – Keith Milligan, Transportation

XVI.B. Employment of Reading Interventionists at Northwest Heights Elementary, George Washington Elementary, and Washington Irving Elementary, Part - Time Temporary Positions for the 2025-2026 School Year (Four days per week - time sheet positions)

Northwest Heights

Shawn Cress

Sharon Ledbetter

Laurie Robertson

George Washington

Nancy Johnson

Ellen Marcy

Sheri Cavender

Kara Conner

Washington Irving

Laura Clark

Mary Wingfield

Juanita Daniel

XVI.C. Indian Education Tutors for the After-School Tutoring Program at Select Campus Sites, One Year Temporary Extra Duty Positions for the 2025-2026 School Year

Amanda Cresse – Durant High School
Christine Herrin – Durant Intermediate School
Tracy Risner – Durant Intermediate School
Neurine Schomer – Durant Intermediate School
Miranda Lowe (Palmer) – George Washington Elementary School
Traci Tipton – George Washington Elementary School

XVI.D. Indian Education Tutors for In-School Tutoring Program at Select Campus Sites, One-Year Temporary Positions for the 2025-2026 School Year

Terecia Webb – Northwest Heights Elementary
Jeanie (Kay) Pierce – Washington Irving Elementary
Buddy Pierce – Washington Irving Elementary

XVI.E. Employment of a Monitor for Virtual Speech Services for Durant School District, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Elaina Dark

XVI.F. Employment of Certified Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year – N/A

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

XVI.G.1. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Northwest Heights Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Madison Jones

XVI.G.2. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Marc Ferguson

XVI.G.3. First Grade Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Julie Harrison

XVI.G.4. Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Assistant at Robert E. Lee ECC, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Megan Murphree

XVI.G.5. Transportation Employee, Bus Driver, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (8-Hour Position) – Justin William Stafford

XVI.G.6. Transportation Employee, Bus Monitor, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (6-Hour Position) – Jamie Jones

XVI.G.7. Administrative Assistant to the Director of Child Nutrition, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Lisa Wilson

XVI.H. Employment of DISD Students through the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Transition Work Study Program for the 2025-2026 School Year

Robert Ellis	Hayden Henning
Issi Posey	Dillon Shearin

XVI.I. Additions to the Lists of Substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year

Peyton Giles	Lauren Stuard	Trace Sherill
Lydia Eldridge	Mistie Bishop	Geralyn Haney
Keith Milligan		

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

None.

XVIII. Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Moring reported that the State Superintendent has mentioned a change in State testing. He said the District will continue to utilize the same benchmark testing that is currently used. He stated that while he feels the proposed changes would be beneficial, they will likely get bogged down in politics. Mr. Moring reminded everyone that the Homecoming parade is tonight and that the festivities for the week are going well. He is looking forward to the Homecoming game Friday night! Lastly, he reminded everyone that the Bond election is coming up on Tuesday, September 9th and to please get out and vote!

XIX. Comments from the Board

Mrs. Northcutt stated how much she enjoyed the open house for the Ag Classroom Building. She stated that this is a wonderful program serving 190 students. She enjoyed hearing from Mr. & Mrs. Adams as well. She also thanked Mr. Moring for getting the word out about the Bond election and stated how much the video including kids was enjoyed.

Mr. Buntz also stated that he was very impressed with the Ag Classroom Building. and he thanked Matt Swearingen with the Durant Democrat for his coverage of the Bond election.

XX. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Adjourn

Recommend adjournment of the meeting; motion to adjourn at 12:49 PM. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

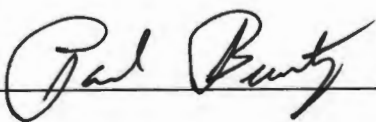
Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

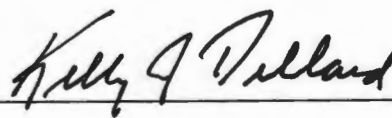
Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0



Paul Buntz, President



Kelly Dillard, Clerk of the Board

REGULAR MEETING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)

COUNTY OF BRYAN)

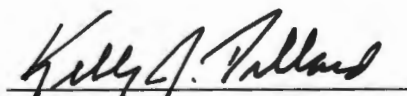
I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Education of Durant School District No. I-72 of Bryan County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that prior to December 15th of the last calendar year the date, time and place of this regular meeting was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bryan County, Oklahoma.

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 8th day of September 2025.

School Seal:





Kelly J. Dillard, Clerk of the Board