

DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

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

Central Administration Office Conference Room

Monday, October 6, 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 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. September 08, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

III.B.2. September 22, 2025, Special 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 260596-260665 in the Amount of \$103,379.24

III.F.2. Fiscal '26 Child Nutrition Fund Numbers 260613 in the Amount of \$3,765.00

III.F.3. Fiscal '26 Bond Fund Numbers 260597-260668 in the Amount of \$479,444.90

III.G. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement

III.H. Transfer Capacity

IV. Reports:

IV.A. Mr. Chris Gregg to discuss the Durant High School Band and their recent and upcoming competitions.

District Band Director Chris Gregg gave a report on the current competition season. Mr. Gregg introduced Section Leader Caden Smith and Sparkler Leader Emma White to the Board who came to represent the Band Students. He reported that the Band has been very successful in their recent competitions, which included Outstanding Drum Major, Color Guard, and Drum Line, along with winning their Class at a recent competition. Mr. Gregg said the students are excited to present the show in its entirety at the upcoming football game halftime show on Friday night. The 8th grade band will be joining them in the stands that night as well, which adds excitement for the students and parents. He also stated that he is very grateful to all the people in the room who are a tremendous support to the Band and he feels very blessed to be a part of this District. He said their students and program represent Durant well and that this is the greatest place to raise a family!

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. Mr. Jordan Davenport, Regarding the issue of not being allowed to wear his Choctaw Regalia in his Senior Yearbook Photo.

Mr. Jordan Davenport, a student at Durant High School, addressed the Board regarding a request to allow him to wear Choctaw Regalia in his Senior Yearbook Photo.

V.B. Mrs. Melanie Knight, Regarding Policy and Procedure for Public Participation in School Board Meetings.

Mrs. Melanie Knight spoke about Board Policy 2240 — Board of Education Meeting Public Participation requesting a review/revision of said policy. Mrs. Knight also spoke about agenda postings and notifications on the District "Roar" app that were outside the scope of her request to address the Board as part of V.B.

V.C. Mrs. Melanie Knight, requested to speak to the Board regarding Agenda Item VI. Regarding Indian Policies and Procedures for the Durant School District for the 2025-2026 School Year. This request was made immediately prior to the Board meeting at 11:40 AM.

VI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Indian Policies and Procedures for the Durant School District for the 2025-2026 School Year

Approval is recommended of the Indian Policies and Procedures for the Durant School District 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

VII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Declaring as Surplus Property, Various Miscellaneous Items from Child Nutrition to be disposed of at the Superintendent's discretion.

Approval is recommended for the declaration of surplus property, various miscellaneous items from Child Nutrition to be disposed of at the Superintendent's discretion. 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

VIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve an Overnight Out-of-State Trip for the Durant FFA to Travel to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National FFA Convention to Receive the 3-Star National Chapter Award on October 28-31, 2025

Approval is recommended for 13 FFA students and 2 sponsors to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana to receive the 3-Star National Chapter Award on October 28-31, 2025. 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. 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 IX.A. through IX.F. 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. Resignations Received Since the Last Meeting of the Board of Education

Certified – Melissa Phelps, George Washington Elementary

Support – Robert Hall, Durant Intermediate School

IX.B. Designation of Adjunct Faculty for the 2025-2026 School Year

Jordan Nichols - Area Code 8550; Technology Engineering

IX.C. Employment of Certified Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year

IX.C.1. Physical Education Instructor and Weightlifting Instructor at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Tony Robinson

IX.D. Employment of Support Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year

IX.D.1. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant Middle School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Jaci Hatton

IX.D.2. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant Intermediate School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Cruze Avalos De Alejos

IX.D.3. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant Intermediate School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Heather West

IX.D.4. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Debra Riley

IX.D.5. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Ashlee Richie

IX.D.6. Transportation Employee, Bus Monitor, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (6-Hour Position) – Tyler Wesley

IX.E. Employment of DISD Students Through the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Transition Work Study Program for the 2025-2026 School Year

Aaron McKay

Mary Marquez

IX.F. Additions to the Lists of Substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year

Heather West Moss

Caleb Lord

Aiden Hearn

Julie Henderson

Casen Dills

Emma Albright

Addison Couch
Mali Sparks

Mya Parish

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

None.

XI. Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Moring said that next week there is a Parent Teacher Conference on Tuesday evening, October 14th, followed by Fall Break. He said that Wednesday, October 8th is National Bike, Walk, Roll to School Day and that the Safe Schools program will be hosting a Hispanic Heritage event that evening and the community is invited to attend.

XII. Comments from the Board

Mrs. Joyce Northcutt stated that the District is so blessed to have Mr. Gregg and his staff working with our students. She said that they represent our District well and that she is in awe that they take the 6th grade students and have them playing Christmas music by the end of their first semester. Mrs. Janie Umsted thanked all the guests for attending the meeting including all of the Choctaw leadership, staff, and students. She said it made her proud to be a member of the Choctaw Nation.

XIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Adjourn

Recommend adjournment of the meeting; motion to adjourn at 12:25 PM. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Jason Manous, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

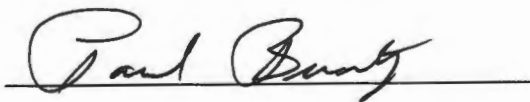
Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

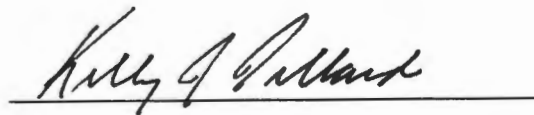
Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0



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 6th day of October 2025.

School Seal:



Kelly J. Dillard, Clerk of the Board