

DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

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

Central Administration Office Conference Room

Monday, December 8, 2025

5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

President

II. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board

Attendance Taken at 5:30 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. November 03, 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 260760–260814 in the Amount of \$67,719.21

III.F.2. Fiscal '26 Building Fund Numbers 260789-260800 in the Amount of \$46,622.81

III.F.3. Fiscal '26 Bond Fund Numbers 260792-260811 in the Amount of \$2,389.99

III.G. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement

III.H. Transfer Capacity as of January 01, 2026, 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)

None.

VI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Schedule of Meetings of the Durant Board of Education for the 2026 School Year

Approval is recommended of the Schedule of Meetings of the Durant Board of Education for the 2026 School Year. 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. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Revisions to the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar, Changing September 04, 2026, from a Distance Learning Day to a Regular In-Person School Day and Moving the Professional Development Day from March 26, 2027, to April 02, 2027

Approval is recommended of a revision to the 2026-2027 school year calendar changing September 04, 2026 from a distance learning day to a regular in-person school day and moving the professional development day from March 26, 2027 to April 02, 2027. Motion to approve. 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

VIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the DISD 2027-2028 School Calendar

Approval is recommended of the DISD 2027-2028 School Calendar. 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

IX. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve a Christmas Bonus for all Eligible Contracted Employees

Approval is recommended of a Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$325 for all eligible contracted employees prorated based upon attendance. 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 RFP 2025-1104, Priority 2 (E-rate 2026-2027) which includes Next Generation Firewall and BMIC- Network Maintenance for Durant School District.

Approval is recommended of RFP 2025-1104 Priority 2 (E-rate 2026-2027) which includes Next Generation Firewall being awarded to United Systems in the amount of \$34,436.02 and BMIC- Network Maintenance being awarded to Chickasaw Telecom in the amount of \$18,500.00 for Durant School District. 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

XI. 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 XI.A. throughy XI.E. 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.A. Resignations Received Since the Last Meeting of the Board of Education

Certified – Kelly Briley, Washington Irving Elementary

Support – Kaci Menchaca, Washington Irving Elementary

Support – Katie Atwood, Washington Irving Elementary

Support – Rhythm Aswal, Washington Irving Elementary

XI.B. Employment of Certified Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year

XI.B.1. Special Education Teacher for the Durant Schools, Part-Time, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Lou Ann Mullens

XI.B.2. ELA and Math Teacher at Durant Intermediate School, One-Year Temporary Position for the remainder of the 202-2026 School Year – Kimberley Bush

XI.B.3. Special Education Teacher at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Stuart Pearson

XI.B.4. Elementary Teacher at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Amberlyn Walsworth

XI.C. Employment of Support Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year

XI.C.1. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant Intermediate School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Crystal Phillips

XI.C.2. Kindergarten Teacher Assistant at Northwest Heights Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Jorlyn Cobbs

XI.C.3. First Grade Teacher Assistant at Northwest Heights Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Danielle Paddor

XI.C.4. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year (Duration of Need) – Irma Raygadas

XI.C.5. Transportation Employee, Bus Driver (AM and PM routes) One-Year Temporary Position for the 2025-2026 School Year – Flavil George

XI.D. Employment of DISD Students through the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Transition Work Study Program for the 2025-2026 School Year – Miguel Ramirez

XI.E. Additions to the Lists of Substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year

Desiray Emerton

Leah Frith

Mataya Eklund

Dakota Logan

Melissa Hammel

Amberelyn Walsworth

Tom French

Kaiten Hudson
Faith Kruebbe

Kaylinn Crank

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

None.

XIII. Comments from the Superintendent

Excited to honor the Teacher of the Year winners from each site!

XIV. Comments from the Board

None.

**XV. Motion to Reconvene this Board Meeting to the Professional Development Center
Located at 1303 Waco Street**

Motion to approve made at 5:49 PM. 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. Reconvene this Board Meeting from the Central Administration Office Conference Room
to the Professional Development Center**

Board Meeting reconvened at 5:52 PM.

XVII. Recognition of Nominees for the Durant Teacher of the Year

Mr. Moring welcomed all the guests that were present to honor the individual site's Teacher of the Year and said the honorees are teacher of the year because of how they care for their kids. A short video introduction of each teacher was shown that provided a look into their classroom, recognition from their site Principal, and from their students. Each teacher was presented with a School Bell from the District along with items from Sodexo and Dr. Pepper. Mr. Moring said that it is very humbling to be able to work with these teachers. He said that every teacher leaves a little part of themselves with their students, and that being an educator is a way to create change in the world by serving as a spark that can erase the negativity prevalent in our society. This year's Honorees were as follows:

REL-Early Childhood Center – Rebecca Coker

George Washington Elementary – Sarah Baskin

Northwest Heights Elementary – Lindsey Kaler

Washington Irving Elementary – Misty Cedillo

Durant Intermediate School – Sharla Mullens

Durant Middle School – Helena Guidry

Durant High School – LeaAnn Wyrick

XVIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Adjourn

Recommend adjournment of the meeting; motion to adjourn at 6:24 PM. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Janie Umsted, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Yea

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

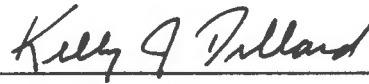
Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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 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 8th day of December 2025.

School Seal



Kelly J. Dillard, Clerk of the Board