

DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

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

Central Administration Office Conference Room

Monday, February 2, 2026

12:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Vice-President

II. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board

Attendance Taken at 12:00 PM.

Paul Buntz: Absent
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 Jason Manous, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Absent
Jason Manous: Yea
Joyce Northcutt: Yea
Chaz Polk: Yea
Janie Umsted: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III.A. Agenda

III.B. Minutes:

III.B.1. January 12, 2026, 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 260894-260957 in the Amount of \$47,573.44

III.F.2. Fiscal '26 Building Fund Numbers 260905-260943 in the Amount of \$56,888.00

III.F.3. Fiscal '26 Bond Fund Numbers 260908-260955 in the Amount of \$10,568.00

III.G. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement

III.H. Transfer Capacity

IV. 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.

V. Reports:

V.A. Mr. Moring to recognize LeaAnn Wyrick as the DISD Teacher of the Year Rescheduling Mrs. Wyrick to the March, 2026 Board Meeting.

V.B. Mr. Moring to recognize George Washington Teachers for their Team Effort in UFLI Implementation and Increasing Student Attendance

Mrs. Crabtree, Principal of George Washington Elementary, presented an overview of the school's continued efforts to recognize and strengthen academic performance, emphasizing that recent successes are the result of a strong, collaborative team effort across all grade levels and departments. She introduced staff representatives in attendance from 1st grade, Karen Rowland, Ashley Hilburn essential group, RAP teacher Nancy Johnson, Kara Conner from 2nd grade, Ellen Marcy, RAP teacher, Molly Pierce, 3rd grade, Chelsea Frazier, 4th grade, Emily Dean, kindergarten, Emma Rogers from their special education department and Vicki Woody, assistant principal. Mrs. Crabtree noted that the school's progress is driven by teachers working together daily to improve student outcomes.

This year, they focused on three priority areas referred to as the "3 R's": Reading, Relationships, and Resources. In Reading, RAP teacher Ellen Marcy explained how George Washington implemented the UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) program to address gaps in foundational literacy skills, particularly word recognition and phonics. Although UFLI is designed for grades K-2, the school expanded implementation through fourth grade to address existing learning gaps. Teachers provide 30 minutes of instruction four days per week, with an emphasis on fidelity. RAP teachers offer additional targeted support for struggling students. First grade teacher Karen Rowland explained that early results are promising, including a significant reduction in the number of first-grade students requiring reading plans upon entering second grade. Staff reported noticeable growth in both decoding and spelling skills. Eight teachers will attend the UFLI Institute in Orlando for further training, and additional professional development will be provided locally to expand program knowledge.

In the area of Relationships, the school has prioritized rebuilding strong connections with families and improving student attendance, recognizing the direct link between attendance and academic success. Efforts include parent communication after multiple absences, personal phone calls, home visits when needed, and collaboration with the School Resource Officer, truancy court, and the District Attorney's office. Assistant Principal Vicki Woody explained how this communication flows, and that monthly attendance challenges provide

positive incentives for students and classes. These combined efforts have resulted in improved attendance and individual student success stories.

Under Resources, the school has implemented a "teachers teaching teachers" initiative, encouraging staff to observe one another's classrooms, reflect on effective strategies, and apply best practices in their own instruction. This has strengthened collaboration, consistency, and professional growth across the campus.

Mrs. Crabtree concluded by thanking the board and district leadership for their continued support, noting that the school's measurable literacy gains, improved attendance, and strengthened instructional practices reflect a shared commitment to student success.

VI. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the 2026-2027 Durant High School Course Planning Guide

Approval is recommended of the 2026-2027 Durant High School Course Planning Guide. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Absent

Jason Manous: Yea

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 an Application for Sanctioning of the "Flyin' Lion Foundation" as an Official Support Organization Benefiting the Durant Aviation Students and Aviation Education Program

Approval is recommended of an application for sanctioning of the "Flyin' Lion Foundation" as an official support organization benefiting the Durant aviation students and aviation education program. Motion to table made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Tabled.

Paul Buntz: Absent

Jason Manous: Yea

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 Declaring as Surplus Property, Various Miscellaneous Items from the Custodial Department to be Disposed of at the Superintendent's Discretion.

Approval is recommended for the declaration of surplus property, various miscellaneous items from the custodial department to be disposed of at the superintendent's discretion. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Absent

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve RFP 121925 for Band Instruments and Equipment for the Durant School District

Approval is recommended of RFP 121925 from Saied Music in the amount of \$61,649.01 and Ada Music Center in the amount of \$11,000.00 for band instruments and equipment for the Durant School District. Motion to approve the acceptance of these bids. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Jason Manous, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Absent

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Renewal of the Contract of the Superintendent for the Term Beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028

Approval is recommended of the renewal of the contract of the superintendent for the term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. Motion to table made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Jason Manous, Tabled.

Paul Buntz: Absent

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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. through XI.F with the exception of the portion of Item XI.B.- Athletic Director. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Absent

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to remove Athletic Director Contract renewal from within XI.B. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Absent

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve the Contract Renewal of the Athletic Director that was a part of XI.B. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Absent

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Nay

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

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

Support – Crystal Davault, Durant Middle School

Support – Meadow Tiffie, Durant Middle School

Support – Crystal Phillips, Durant Intermediate School

Support – Justin Scheckles, Washington Irving Elementary

Support – Brittany Meads, Washington Irving Elementary

XI.B. Renewal of Contracts of Assistant Superintendent, Directors, and the Treasurer for the 2026-2027 School Year

Name	Position	Site
Kenny Chaffin	Assistant Superintendent	Administration
Sharon Wadley	Treasurer	Administration
Tony Tubbs	Athletic Director	Durant High School
John Wilmoth	Visions Academy	Durant High School
Charlene Hibbs	Director	Indian Education
Lori McCoy	Director	Special Education
Beth Bean	Director of Curriculum	Administration
Larry Bennett	Chief Technology Director	Administration
Andi Hudson	Technology Director	Administration
Terry Bourne	Director	Maintenance
Jesse Bateman	Director	Transportation

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

N/A

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

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

XI.D.2. Nurse/Secretary for Choctaw Nation POSSE Summer School, One Year Temporary Position for the 2026 Summer School Session – Tonya Burgess

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

Roslynn Ables

Tessa Jorgenson

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

Kinlee Hill

Eric Pershica

Karma McDonald

Anna Brown

Keisha Murray

William Wallis

Carre Welcher

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

None.

XIII. Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Moring gave an update on the recent weather issues. He said the District received a large amount of sleet that packed as ice causing travel and safety issues. We experienced some minor damage, including damage to a few gutters and the collapse of both playground awnings at Robert E. Lee. Our Maintenance Staff have been working to remove the damaged structures and clear large areas of ice, especially at the high school where there is a substantial amount of concrete. The district's tractor and skid steer were heavily used, and repairs are needed on a blade and bucket. Maintenance staff and custodians worked long hours Thursday and Friday, and the City also assisted with clearing streets around campuses, particularly at Robert E. Lee, Washington Irving, and the middle school, where shaded areas made melting difficult. Mr. Moring said an announcement about possible make-up days is expected soon, but the district appears to be in good shape on required instructional hours and may not need to make up much time. Looking ahead, virtual days will be limited next year and will require state approval and a declared emergency.

In other updates, February 13 has been designated as "Robinson Night" during the basketball games, when the District will present a plaque to the Robinson family for the gym renaming between the girls' and boys' games. The DHS gym named after the Robinson family is a way to honor Coach Will Robinson who, along with his daughter Clara, passed away from a car accident in December 2024.

Other ongoing items are the erosion control work that is underway on the east side of the high school, and a new sign and decorative gate for the baseball and softball complex that should be completed within the next few weeks before the upcoming home games.

XIV. Comments from the Board

Jason Manous thanked Mr. Moring for making sure all of our students and staff were safe during the recent inclement weather.

XV. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Adjourn

Recommend adjournment of the meeting; motion to adjourn at 12:43 PM. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Chaz Polk, Passed.

Paul Buntz: Absent

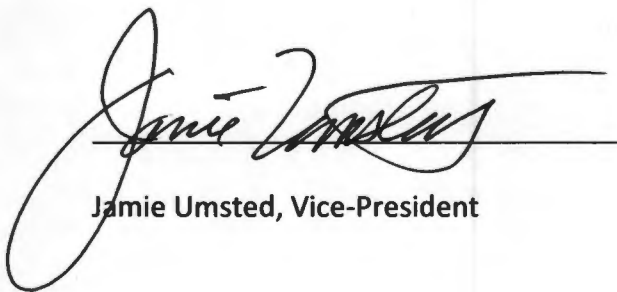
Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1



Jamie Umsted, Vice-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 2nd day of February 2026.

School Seal:



Kelly J. Dillard, Clerk of the Board