

DURANT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

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

Central Administration Office Conference Room

Monday, September 14, 2026, 12:00 PM

I. Call to Order

President

II. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board

Attendance Taken at 12:00 PM.

Jason Manous: Present

Joyce Northcutt: Present

Chaz Polk: Absent

Casey Powers: Present

Janie Umsted: Present

III. Approval of the Consent Calendar**

Motion to approve items III.A. through III.J. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Casey Powers, Passed.

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Absent

Casey Powers: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III.A. Agenda

III.B. Minutes:

III.B.1. August 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 '27 General Fund Numbers 270488-270512 in the Amount of \$339,128.83

III.F.2. Fiscal '27 Building Fund Numbers 270518-270537 in the Amount of \$67,518.00

III.F.3. Fiscal '27 Child Nutrition Fund Numbers 270479 in the Amount of \$1,783.50

III.F.4. Fiscal '27 Bond Fund Numbers 270565-270567 in the Amount of \$53,955.55

III.G. Child Nutrition Claim for Reimbursement

III.H. Transfer Capacity as of October 1, for the 2026–2027 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

III.J. Durant Public Schools Emergency Medical Services at District Athletic Practices, Events or Activities

IV. Reports:

IV.A. Mr. Josh Perrin to discuss Transfers and Enrollment.

Mr. Perrin provided an update on the district's current enrollment and student transfers. He shared that the district currently has 3,702 active students, compared with 3,747 at this time last year, putting enrollment approximately 45 students below last year's numbers.

Mr. Perrin also reviewed where students are coming from and where they are going. He noted that 73 students have transferred out of the district for various reasons, including virtual education. At the same time, the district has welcomed 694 transfer students, compared with 658 at this time last year—an increase of 36 incoming transfers.

He explained that 176 additional transfers have been approved for this school year. Mr. Perrin also noted that some students who previously transferred out of the district had remained with the district in good standing, and the district chose to continue allowing those students to attend.

Mr. Perrin said the information provides a helpful picture of the district's overall enrollment, including the students leaving, those coming into the district, and the continued interest from families choosing to transfer into the district.

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 Alternative Education Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year

Approval is recommended of the Alternative Education Plan for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Jason Manous, Passed.

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Absent

Casey Powers: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve Activity Sub-Accounts for the 2026-2027 School Year

Approval is recommended of Activity Sub-Accounts for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Casey Powers and seconded by Jason Manous, Passed.

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Absent

Casey Powers: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Following Committees for the 2026-2027 School Year

Approval is recommended for the following committees listed below. Motion to approve items VIII.A through VIII.B. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Absent

Casey Powers: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.A. Gifted and Talented Committee

VIII.B. Professional Development Committee

IX. 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 2027 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 2027 School Year. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Casey Powers, Passed.

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Absent

Casey Powers: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. 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 Jason Manous and seconded by Casey Powers, Passed.

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Absent

Casey Powers: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XI. 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 Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Casey Powers, Passed.

Jason Manous: Yea

Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Absent

Casey Powers: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

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

XII.A. Family and Medical Leave

XII.B. Emergency Medical Treatment Consent

XIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Approve or Not Approve the Changes in the Negotiated Agreement, Pending Ratification of the Durant Education Association for the 2026-2027 School Year

Approval is recommended of the changes in the Negotiated Agreement, pending ratification of the Durant Education Association for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Joyce Northcutt and seconded by Casey Powers, Passed.

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

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 items XIV.A through XIV.H. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

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

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

Certified – Lorenda Hicks, Durant High School
Certified – Daurah Buchanan, George Washington
Support – Terry Bourne, Durant Public Schools
Support – Leslie Whorton, Durant Public Schools
Support – Jessica Manning, Durant Middle School
Support – Johnathun Atwood, Durant Intermediate School
Support – Janae Mejia, Durant Intermediate School
Support – LaTrista Minor, Washington Irving Elementary
Support – Michelle Torres, Northwest Heights Elementary
Support – Lila Barnes, George Washington Elementary
Support – Makayla Biggerstaff, Robert E. Lee ECC

XIV.B. Employment of Reading Interventionists at Robert E. Lee ECC, Northwest Heights Elementary, George Washington Elementary, and Washington Irving Elementary, Part - Time Temporary Positions for the 2026-2027 School Year (Four days per week - time sheet positions) –

Tamela Wingfield	Suzanne Caldwell	Jennifer Crouse	Shawn Cress
Donna Hailey	Nancy Johnson	Melissa Phelps	Sheri Cavendar
Laura Clark	Mary Wingfield	Juanita Daniel	

XIV.C. Indian Education Tutors for the After-School Tutoring Program at Select Campus Sites, One-Year Temporary Extra Duty Positions for the 2026-2027 School Year

Amanda Cresse-DHS
Christine Herrin, Deborah Lamb, Neurine Schomer-DIS
Miranda Lowe, Traci Tipton-GW

XIV.D. Indian Education Tutors for In-School Tutoring Program at Select Campus Sites, One-Year Temporary Positions for the 2026-2027 School Year

Madison Thompson-NWH
Karma McDonald-WI

XIV.E. Employment of Certified Personnel for the 2026-2027 School Year

XIV.E.1. Special Education Instructor at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary (Part-Time) Position for the 2026-2027 School Year – Joli Jorgenson

XIV.E.2. Special Education English Instructor at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year – Alissa Andrews

XIV.E.3. History Teacher at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year – Trevor Golden

XIV.E.4. Seventh Grade Math Teacher at Durant Middle School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year – Tim Cox

XIV.E.5. First Grade Teacher at George Washington Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year – Callie McCollough

XIV.F. Employment of Support Personnel for the 2026-2027 School Year

XIV.F.1. Job Coach at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year – Caleb Gentry

XIV.F.2. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant High School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Kimberlyn Esparza

XIV.F.3. Secretary at Durant Middle School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year – Sheila Smith

XIV.F.4. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant Intermediate School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Chasity Holloway

XIV.F.5. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Durant Intermediate School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – James Hearn

XIV.F.6. Library Aide at Durant Intermediate School, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year – Rebekah LeRoy

XIV.F.7. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Christopher Dunn

XIV.F.8. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Kirsy Curry

XIV.F.9. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Washington Irving Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Lani Horner

XIV.F.10. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Northwest Heights Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Victoria Salgado

XIV.F.11. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Northwest Heights Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Victoria Edwards

XIV.F.12. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Northwest Heights Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Vickie Scott

XIV.F.13. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Northwest Heights Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Holli Hendrix

XIV.F.14. Special Education Teacher Assistant at George Washington Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Breanna Keeler-Sneed

XIV.F.15. Special Education Teacher Assistant at George Washington Elementary, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Kymberly Berry

XIV.F.16. Special Education Teacher Assistant at Robert E. Lee ECC, One-Year Temporary Position for the 2026-2027 School Year (Duration of Need) – Skyla Coulter

XIV.F.17. Transportation Employee, Bus Driver (6Hour) Position – Philip Wesley

XIV.F.18. Transportation Employee, Bus Driver (AM & PM routes) Position – Jon Shepard

XIV.G. Employment of DISD Students through the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services Transition Work Study Program for the 2026-2027 School Year

Keira Fanero

XIV.H. Additions to the Lists of Substitutes for the 2026-2027 School Year

Amyee Knipping

Hannah Rose

Paxton Ezell-Fox

Cassidy Ringels

Joann Whittenburg

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

None

XVI. Comments from the Superintendent

Superintendent Moring shared a heartfelt remembrance of two longtime Durant Public Schools educators who passed away over the weekend. He recognized Bud Lowrance, a former Durant High School principal who served the district for 16 years, and Mary Ann Stewart, who dedicated 28 years to Durant Schools as both a teacher and librarian.

Mr. Moring shared the funeral arrangements for both and asked everyone to keep their families in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

XVII. Comments from the Board

The board members, along with Mr. Moring expressed their sadness to be losing two longtime members of the maintenance team, Terry Bourne and Leslie Whorton. With a combined experience of 60 years of maintenance knowledge, their departure will be a significant loss to the district. Everyone was thankful for the dedication.

XVIII. Discussion, Consideration and Vote to Adjourn

Recommend adjournment of the meeting. Motion to adjourn at 12:26 PM. This motion, made by Jason Manous and seconded by Joyce Northcutt, Passed.

Jason Manous: Yea

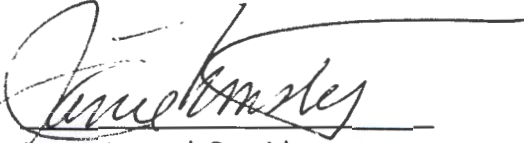
Joyce Northcutt: Yea

Chaz Polk: Absent

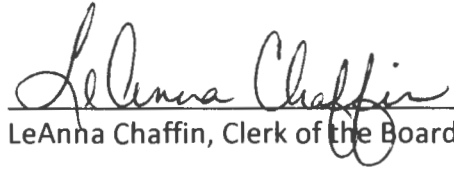
Casey Powers: Yea

Janie Umsted: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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Janie Umsted, President

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LeAnna Chaffin, Clerk of the Board

REGULAR MEETING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)

COUNTY OF BRYAN)

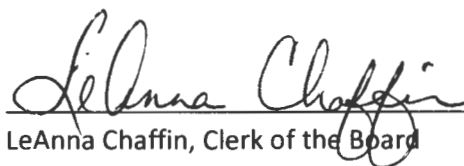
I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Education of Durant School District No. I-72 of Bryan County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that prior to December 15th of the last calendar year the date, time and place of this regular meeting was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bryan County, Oklahoma.

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 September 2026.

School Seal:




LeAnna Chaffin, Clerk of the Board