

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
DURAND AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, August 3, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. At 7:00 p.m. Darrick Huff, President, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

Members Present –Darrick Huff, Katie Rice, Mandy Marsh, Xak Zdunic, Jake Zdunic ,
and John Dennis

Members Absent: Nick Taylor

Moment of silence for Robert Cawson

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Moved by member Marsh and supported by member Rice that the Board of Education approves the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** (0). Motion Adopted.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by member Rice and supported by member Dennis that the Board of Education hereby approves the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes, and personnel as presented.

Consent Agenda as presented includes A) Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2026, and Special Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2026, B) New Personnel –David Inman (7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Resignations – Kristin Delaney (Robert Kerr Teacher) and teacher probationary periods as follows:

1st year probationary teacher – Hailee Oszust – BN

2nd year probationary teacher – Madison Dolehanty – MS

Rebecca Spencer – RK

3rd year probationary teacher – Charlene Baker – MS.

Nicole Bowman – HS

Alex Knipp – HS

Chelsea Schaub – HS

4th year probationary teacher – Robert Howard – RK

Sydnee Whitehead – BN/RK

Tenure – Ryan Ansorge – HS/MS

Michael Burley – MS

Kelly Johnson – RK

Nicole Sebok – MS

Deborah Tester – HS

Miranda Thoen – RK

Elizabeth Frawley – MS

Madison Hatherill – BN

Courtney Jones – RK

Lisa Kaul – BN
Sheila Remenar - HS

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** (0). Abstain (0) Motion Adopted.

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Knapp gave updates on the following:

- Loss of Bertha Neal Principal, Robert Cawson with service information
- Counselors to be available when school starts.

VI. VOTES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. 2026-2027 Durand High School Course Catalog

Moved by member Marsh and supported by member J. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolves to approve the 2026-2027 Durand High School Course Catalog, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

B. 2026-2027 Durand High School Student Handbook

Moved by member X. Zdunic and supported by member Rice that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve 2026-2027 Durand High School Student Handbook, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

C. 2026-2027 Bertha Neal and Robert Kerr Student Handbook

Moved by member Dennis and supported by member Marsh that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the 2026-2027 Bertha Neal and Robert Kerr Student Handbook, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

D. 2026-2027 Middle School Course Catalog

Moved by member Rice and supported by member X. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the 2026-2027 Middle School Course Catalog, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

E. 2026-2027 Middle School Student Handbook

Moved by member Rice and supported by member J. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the 2026-2027 Middle School Student Handbook, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

F. 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook

Moved by member Marsh and supported by member J. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

G. NEOLA Policies

Moved by member Dennis and supported by member Rice that the Board of Education hereby adopt the following new/revised/replacement board policies for inclusion in the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education of Durand Area Schools, as presented.

1. Policy 0100 - Copy of Definitions
2. Policy 1410 - New- Staff Ethics
3. Policy 2370.01 - Revised- Online/Blended Learning Program
4. Policy 2417 - Revised -Comprehensive School Health Education
5. Policy 3120.09 - Rescind- Volunteers
6. Policy 4120.09 - Rescind- Volunteers
7. Policy 4210 - New -Staff Ethics
8. Policy 5136 - Replacement- Wireless Communication Devices
9. Policy 5336 - New- Care of Students with Diabetes
10. Policy 6320 - Purchasing
11. Policy 6325 - Federal Grants/Funds
12. Policy 7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence
13. Policy 8120.09 - Volunteers
14. Policy 8402 - Emergency Operations Plan
15. Policy 8655 - Specialized Transportation for Student with IEP's
16. Policy 4430 - Leaves of Absences

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

H. Resolution to authorize bond election

Moved by member Rice and supported by member Marsh that the Board of Education hereby resolved to authorize the bond election on November 3, 2026, and approve the ballot language, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

I. Interim Secretary for Bertha Neal

Moved by member Marsh and supported by member J. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the appointment of an interim secretary at Bertha Neal to start the 2026-2027 school year based on the recommendation by the superintendent, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

J. Interim Principal for Bertha Neal

Moved by member Rice and supported by member Marsh that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the appointment of an interim principal at Bertha Neal to

start the 2026-2027 school year based on the recommendation by the superintendent, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

VIII. REPORTS AND REVIEWS -None

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member J. Zdunic spoke about Mr. Cawson and what a great person/administrator he was and what a great loss this is.

X. FUTURE MEETING

- A. Regular Meeting– September 14, 2026 – 7PM – Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- B. Regular Meeting – October 12, 2026 – 7PM – Performing Arts Center (PAC)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.

John Dennis
Secretary of the Board of Education
Prepared by saw.
Board Approved: