

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
DURAND AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, September 14, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. At 7:00 p.m. Jake Zdunic, Vice President, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

Members Present – Katie Rice, Mandy Marsh, Xak Zdunic, Jake Zdunic , Nick Taylor and John Dennis

Members Absent: Darrick Huff

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Moved by member Dennis and supported by member X. Zdunic that the Board of Education approves the agenda as presented.

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

IV. STUDENT RECOGNITION

2 Middle School Students

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda as presented includes A) Meeting Minutes from August 3, 2026, B) New Personnel –Rebekah Acord (RK Teacher), Amy Belau (RK Teacher), Joseph Lane (Maintenance), Victoria Axtel (Food Service), Kathleen McDonald (BN Preschool Caregiver, Tiara Bedgood (RK Paraprofessional), Tracey Marshall (Food Service), Ashleigh Lauderdale (BN Preschool Caregiver), Whitney Kincaid (MS girls basketball), Daniel Zick (MS boys basketball), and Deborah Tester (Boys Varsity Volleyball) Resignations – Justine Cook (HS Paraprofessional), Rebecca Spencer (RK Teacher), Stacey Zanger (Director of Finance), and Kathleen McDonald (Food Service)

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

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Knapp gave updates on the following:

- 4M adding grounds crew and grounds are looking good and custodians are doing a great job
- Recognition from Dave Schultz to our staff members Brandy Kelly and Ryan Ansorge for a great job hosting PD for the SRESB at our RAC building.
- Mailing of a postcard for the Bond before absentee ballots are out

VII. VOTES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. MASB Delegate

Moved by member Rice and supported by member X. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby appoints Mandy Marsh voting delegate at the MASB 2026 Delegate Assembly and Darrick Huff as the alternate, as presented.

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

B. Non-Affiliated Employee Salary Schedule

Moved by member Taylor and supported by member Marsh that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the Durand Area Schools Non-Affiliated Employee Salary Schedule, as presented.

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

C. Middle School Course Catalog

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

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

D. National FFA Convention

Moved by member Rice and supported by member Marsh that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve Durand FFA students to travel to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 20-24, 2026, as presented.

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

E. FFA State Leadership Conference

Moved by member Taylor and supported by member Rice that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve Durand FFA students to travel to the Leadership Conference in Lansing Michigan on October 7-8, 2026, as presented.

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

F. 2026-2027 Disposal of old and broken items at Bertha Neal

Moved by member Dennis and supported by member Taylor that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the disposal of old or broken items at Bertha Neal, as presented.

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

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

IX. REPORTS AND REVIEWS

Superintendent Knapp

- Homecoming football game on 10/2/26 vs Montrose
- Graduation is on a Friday, 5/14/27
- Amanda and Chelsay are doing a great job at Bertha Neal

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

- Tailgate – Durand vs Corunna made a huge profit
- Volleyball won their tournament
- Possible public meeting regarding the bond in October
- Discussion about vacancy for Director of Finance

X. FUTURE MEETING

- A. Regular Meeting – October 12, 2026 – 7PM – Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- B. Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 28, 2026 – 7PM – Performing Arts Center (PAC)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board Vice President adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM.

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