

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2015

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

Board Members present:

Marcus Broesche, Terri Smith, Misty Lucherk, Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Ronnie Hohlt, Felton Cox, Jeff Harmel

Administrators present:

Superintendent Edna Kennedy, Principals Karen Steenken and Melinda Fuchs, and Sheila Ripple, Business Clerk

Visitor: Willy Dilworth, Washington County Chief Appraiser

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Marcus Broesche. A prayer was given by Demetrius Colvin, Sr., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terri Smith.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Karen Steenken, secondary campus principal reported the enrollment at the secondary campus is 173 students. (7th – 25, 8th – 32, 9th – 35, 10th – 41, 11th – 22, 12th – 18).

She also reported the following upcoming events:

February 21, 2015 – Baseball Fundraiser – Golf Tournament

February 24, 2015 – Required Dual Credit Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

February 26, 2015 - Parent Night/Welcome Dr. Edna Kennedy

March 2015 – Junior High Cheerleaders will be selling pizza kits.

Carlie Callahan won a \$10,000 scholarship at the San Antonio Fair.

The Burton Panther Band sent four students to the UIL Region 26 Solo and Ensemble Contest in Round Rock. The students were Evan Tabor (Freshman), Belen Miranda, Austin Lynch (Sophomores), and Jeffery Lomax (Senior). Evan Tabor played a Grade 2 Trumpet Solo and received a first division. Brass ensemble consisting of two trumpets and two trombones played a Grade 2 piece and also received a first division rating.

- b. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the enrollment at the elementary school is 216 students. (Pre-K – 13, K – 37, 1st – 20, 2nd – 29, 3rd – 26, 4th – 28, 5th – 29, 6th – 34).

She also reported the following:

- Benchmarks will be held this week.
- Parent night is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2015, 5 – 7 P.M.
- Book Fair is next week.

4. Superintendent's Report
 - a. President Broesche reported that the March regular board meeting date will be changed to Thursday, March 26, 2015.
5. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed the payment of bills.
7. The second reading of Board Policy Local/Legal Update 101 was held. Superintendent Kennedy recommended the board adopt the policy as is. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Colvin to adopt Board Policy Local/Legal Update 101. Motion passed unanimously. (See attached list.)
8. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the order calling for a School Board Election on May 9, 2015 for the expiring terms of Marcus Broesche and Terri Smith. Motion passed unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherker and seconded by Mr. Harmel to appoint the following election officials:
Election Judge – Suzanne Kessler
Alternate Election Judge and Clerk – Donald Kessler
Clerk - Jewell McDuffie
Early Voting Clerk – Tracie Kramer
Deputy Early Voting Clerk – Sheila Ripple

This motion also appoints Suzanne Kessler – Election Judge, Donald Kessler – Alternate Election Judge and Clerk, and Jewell McDuffie – Clerk to serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board. Motion passed unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the Washington County Appraisal District audit for fiscal year 2013-2014 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Lucherker to adopt a resolution to nominate Leslie Boehnemann as a board member to the Washington County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.
12. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Harmel to approve the application to TEA for a low attendance waiver on December 15 & 16, 2014 due to excessive absenteeism because of student illness attributed to the flu. Motion passed unanimously.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Hohlt to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Colvin to add funds from the sale of the old elementary school property to the district fund balance. Motion passed unanimously.
15. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Hohlt to pay Karen Steenken \$400 per day for eighteen days for serving as interim superintendent in addition to her regular salary. Motion passed unanimously.
16. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Colvin to extend the athletic director contract of Jason Hodde for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion passed unanimously.
17. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherker and seconded by Mr. Hohlt to employ LaNell Lindell as the special education director for the Burton Special Services Cooperative based on the recommendation of the Burton Special Services Cooperative superintendents of Burton, Dime Box, and Round Top-Carmine for school year 2015-2016. Her contract will be for 85 days. Motion passed 6-1. Marcus Broesche, Terri Smith, Misty Lucherker, Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Ronnie Hohlt, and Jeff Harmel voted for. Felton Cox voted against.
18. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Cox to extend the contracts of Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal and Karen Steenken, junior high/high school principal by one year. Mrs. Fuchs and Mrs. Steenken have two-year contracts through June 30, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.
19. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve a contract for Brenda Ritter, counselor for school year 2015-2016 as recommended by Interim Superintendent Karen Steenken. Motion passed unanimously.
20. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherker and seconded by Mr. Colvin to accept the resignation of Charles Hodde, vocational agriculture teacher effective June 25, 2015 due to retirement. Motion passed unanimously.
21. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Colvin to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President