

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

Board Members present:

Terri Smith, Marcus Broesche, Nicole Harmel, Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Ronnie Hohlt

Board Members absent:

Sam Gibson, Misty Lucherk

Administrators present:

Superintendent James Palmer, Principals Karen Steenken and Cheryl DaBera, and Sheila Ripple, Business Clerk

Visitor: Tiffany Compton-Falk – Hodde Real Estate Company

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Terri Smith. A prayer was given by Marcus Broesche, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ronnie Hohlt.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Karen Steenken, secondary campus principal reported the enrollment at the secondary campus is 156 students. (7th – 34, 8th – 34, 9th – 18, 10th – 17, 11th – 28, 12th – 25).

She also reported the following upcoming events:

February 27, 2013 – Softball & Baseball Hamburger Fundraiser

February 28 – March 2, 2013 – Burton Softball Tournament

March 3, 2013 – Regional Bowling

March 7 – 9, 2013 – Burton Baseball Tournament

March 18, 2013 – One Act Play

- b. Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal reported the enrollment at the elementary school is 204 students. (Pre-K – 14, K – 27, 1st – 26, 2nd – 26, 3rd – 28, 4th – 35, 5th – 22, 6th – 26).

She also presented the following report:

NCLB Report Card: A link is posted on the district website and is also available at www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4638&menu_id=789. Elementary (Title I school) parents will receive letters notifying them of access to this report and paper copies of the report will be located at the administration

office and each campus office. These reports include information for the district (by campus):

- disaggregated assessment results
- graduation rates
- AYP (Adequate Yearly Performance)
- Title I Schools and Stage of Intervention
- professional qualifications of teachers

After School Tutorials have begun and 20-25 students attend each day (Monday-Thursday).

Volunteers have begun assisting with the After School Snack Program and in classrooms.

Parent Involvement Night (2/21/13) was well attended and successful.

The PTO Sponsored Bookfair (2/19/13-2/22/13) was well attended and successful.

STAAR PRACTICE Test # 3 for grades 3-6 will be conducted the week of March 4th. Students identified below established requirements will be required to attend Saturday school for 4-5 weeks prior to the State Assessment. This will be funded through a grant.

Title I, Grade Level Meetings and the 5th Grade Student Success Meeting will be scheduled for the week of March 25th.

4. Board President's Report
 - a. President Terri Smith presented the Board Effectiveness Report. The responses and overall average score indicate the board is comfortable with the direction, the vision, and communications between board members and the superintendent. The board believes everyone is acting in the best interests of Burton ISD, the taxpayers, parents, staff, and students.
 - b. President Smith reported that the March regular board meeting date will be changed to March 25, 2013.
5. Superintendent's Report
 - a. The board received a thank you card from the family of Carolyn E. Fuchs.
 - b. Superintendent Palmer reported that the fence and gate construction on the school property is complete at a cost of \$8,500. The district will receive a grant of \$4,500 to help with the cost. The fence and gates were added to increase security and safety for the staff and students. Further actions are being considered.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
7. The board reviewed the payment of bills.
8. The first reading of Board Policy Update 96 was held.

9. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Hohlt to approve the 2013-2014 school calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Colvin to appoint Cheryl DaBera, Karen Steenken, and Jonathan Purvis as the instructional materials allotment team for the district. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Tiffany Compton-Falk of Hodde Real Estate reported that she has shown the old elementary school property to up to five prospective buyers this past month. The district is considering adding Highway 290 access to make the property more desirable.
12. No action was taken regarding the 2013-2014 teacher pay scale. The district received information on hikes to health insurance for staff that was of serious concern.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Broesche to go to executive session at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 8:22 p.m.
14. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
 - a. A motion was made by Mrs. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin to employ the following personnel 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:
Ida LaNell Lindell – Special Education Director for 82 days at a cost of \$325 per day (\$26,650), and Kelly Majewski – Diagnostician for 197 days at a cost of \$54,084. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Colvin to extend the contracts of Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal and Karen Steenken, junior high/high school principal by one year. Mrs. DaBera and Mrs. Steenken have two-year contracts through June 30, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.
15. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Hohlt to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President