

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 6:33 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

Board Members present:

Terri Smith, Marcus Broesche, Nicole Harmel, Sam Gibson, Ronnie Hohlt  
(Ronnie Hohlt arrived at 6:34 p.m.)

Board Members absent:

Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Misty Lucherk

Administrators present:

Superintendent James Palmer, Principals Karen Steenken and Cheryl DaBera, and Rosa Blum, Tax Collector

Visitors:

Wanda Meier	Carobeth Bockhorn	Lauren Hodde
Molly Russ	Jeanell Dallmeyer	Jessica Taplin
Lisa Bobbitt	Bruno Castel	Lacy Eckert
Kelly Quinton	Brenda Ritter	Amy Leasure
Tracy Cox	Larry Silcox	Jessica Teufel
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 Sam Gibson.
2. Open Forum  
Amy Leasure, spokesperson, for the professional teaching staff requested a special meeting regarding the August 15, 2012 Banner Press article relating to their salaries.
3. Principals' Report
  - a. Karen Steenken, secondary campus principal reported the enrollment at the secondary campus is 159 students. (7<sup>th</sup> – 35, 8<sup>th</sup> – 34, 9<sup>th</sup> – 17, 10<sup>th</sup> – 18, 11<sup>th</sup> – 27, 12<sup>th</sup> – 28).

She also reported that her campus is planning an intervention program.

- b. Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal reported the enrollment at the elementary school is 200 students. (Pre-K – 14, K – 26, 1<sup>st</sup> – 26, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 25, 4<sup>th</sup> – 37, 5<sup>th</sup> – 21, 6<sup>th</sup> – 26).

She also reported that school improvement letters were sent to all parents in the district on September 13, 2012. A copy was submitted to the Texas Education Agency on September 14, 2012 which keeps us in compliance with guidelines to date.

Mrs. DaBera stated that early Benchmarking in Reading and Math have allowed us to identify At-Risk/Targeted students for improvement. RtI (Response to Intervention) and computer-aided intervention sessions have already begun.

4. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Superintendent Palmer reported that a water line that supplies water to the bus barn and administration office is being repaired.
  - b. The district is still waiting on door locks and trim for completion of the cafeteria construction project.
  - c. Mr. Palmer gave a progress report on the elementary gym floor repairs and reviewed the findings of air conditioning work done during construction. Brenham Heating and Air is making some changes to the air conditioning system. The district insurance company is paying for all the repairs except for the deductible of \$1,000. The board discussed the possibility of reimbursement of the \$1,000 from the persons responsible for the work during construction.
  - d. He also reported that Sheila Ripple is at home recuperating from her surgery.
  - e. The district received a thank you card from the Hodde family.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed the payment of bills.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mrs. Harmel to approve the changes to the Giddings Special Services Cooperative Shared Services Arrangement Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Broesche to approve an agreement designating Washington County Extension Agents as adjunct staff members. Motion passed unanimously.
9. No action was taken regarding adding the school counselor as the signatory for LPAC documents.
10. No action was taken on the sale of the old elementary school property.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Broesche to go to executive session at 7:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:32 p.m.
12. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
  - a. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Gibson to extend the real estate contract with Hodde Real Estate Company for six months, from September 23, 2012 to March 23, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Gibson to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President