

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2010

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Burton High School cafeteria.

Board Members present:

Sam Gibson, David Dealy, Terri Smith, Marcus Broesche, Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Roy Schmidt, Ronnie Hohlt

Administrators present:

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

Visitors: Willy Dilworth, Washington County Chief Appraiser

Tim Gescheidle, Architect

William R. Krueger – Jones & Carter, Inc.

Clay Firby – Collier Construction

Tracie Kramer

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gibson. A prayer was given by Demetrius Colvin, Sr., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Gibson.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal reported the enrollment at the elementary school is 216 students. (Pre-K – 12, K – 28, 1st – 26, 2nd – 40, 3rd – 16, 4th – 23, 5th – 36, 6th – 35).

Next, she introduced Ms. Tracie Kramer as the recommended candidate for the second grade Reading/Language Arts/Social Studies position.

She also reported that students from the elementary school participated in the UIL Meet in Snook on December 6 and 7, 2010. Twenty-four students participated on Monday, and twenty-seven students participated on Tuesday. Special thanks to Mrs. Melinda Fuchs for organizing our participation, thanks to our students for demonstrating their skills, and thanks to teachers and staff for coaching events and actively attending the UIL Meet.

The elementary Christmas program is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Karen Steenken, secondary campus principal reported the enrollment at the secondary campus is 156 students. (7th – 15, 8th – 18, 9th – 34, 10th – 30, 11th – 30, 12th – 29).

She also reported that the junior high participated in the UIL Meet. The band concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Mrs. Steenken presented an update on athletic events and praised the football team for an outstanding season.

4. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Willy Dilworth spoke to the board regarding the possible appeal of value of property not granted an agriculture exemption.
 - b. President Sam Gibson reported on board training hours for each board member. (See attached Exhibit A.)
The board requested that Mr. Palmer research different options for board training.
 - c. Superintendent Palmer distributed superintendent evaluation documents to the board.
 - d. Superintendent Palmer reviewed the Texas FAST Ratings Report.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Hohlt to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed the payment of bills. A motion was made by Mr. Dealy and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve payment of the bills. Motion passed unanimously.
7. I, David Dealy, move that we accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to employ Tracie Kramer as a teacher on a one year probationary contract with the stipulation that she must pass the PPR test before March 2011. The motion was seconded by Demetrius Colvin, Sr. Motion passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Broesche to approve Drainage Plan ASI #1, Alternate Plan 3 at a cost of \$12,700. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken on alternate plans 2 and 6.
9. No action was taken regarding changes to the water line.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Schmidt to adopt a resolution setting the amount of fund balance to retain at \$800,000. (about 3-4 months reserve) Motion passed unanimously.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Hohlt to Make Education a Priority. Motion passed unanimously.
12. The Board reviewed the Board Effectiveness Audit. (See copy attached.)

13. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Schmidt to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President