

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF VIDEO CONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in a video conference/telephone conference regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public link to the board meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/92784358127?pwd=cE40L0Z5NVJGSWNBSUhjWIMyRFEzdz09>
Meeting ID: 927 8435 8127 Password: 965454 or by calling the following number +1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 927 8435 8127 Password: 965454

Board Members present:

Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Jeff Harmel, Tracey Cox, David Warner, Sr., Ande Bostain

Board Member Absent:

Misty Lucherk

Administrators present:

Superintendent Edna Kennedy, Principals Matthew Wamble and Melinda Fuchs, Assistant Principal Jeremy Johnston, and Caitlyn Blakey, Business Manager

Administrator absent:

Jason Hodde, Athletic Director

Visitors: Joshua Blaschke – KWHI
Alyssa Faykus – Banner Press
Linda Sue Pinkerton
Jonathan Purvis

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Demetrius Colvin, Sr. A prayer was given by Demetrius Colvin, Sr., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ande Bostain.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
 - Students are doing great with the safety protocols which include masks, hand washing, hand sanitizer, etc.
 - The elementary campus currently has twenty-six students who are receiving instruction remotely. We originally started the year off with sixty-eight students. Parents feel comfortable sending their children back to school. We are trying to get the students back on campus who are not at home due to health concerns.

- The teachers have been awesome. They are working extra to ensure the on-campus and remote students are successful. Thanks to the parents whose children are needing to do remote for health concerns. Thanks to the board for providing one on one with iPads or chrome books.
 - Mrs. Anna Preuss, the new district nurse, is a great addition to Burton ISD.
 - Our students are competing in the Washington County Fair this week. Good luck to them.
 - The elementary campus will be having a BBQ Chicken Drive thru on September 23rd.
 - We have been administering beginning of the year assessments to figure out student needs. Education Service Center, Region 6 will be coming on campus next week to work with our teachers with guided reading. We are also employing substitute teachers in order to provide extra time for teachers to plan.
- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
- The school year is going well, and it feels like we are finally getting into rhythm. Teachers are doing an amazing job in the classroom. This week we have created a schedule to allow substitute teachers to come into the building and give teachers a half day to plan.
 - We currently have fourteen students who are receiving instruction remotely. We originally started off with thirty-two students. Some students were allowed to return to campus after the progress report which ended last Friday.
 - We conducted several home visits last week to make contact with several of our remote students who are struggling academically and with attendance. All meetings were successful.
 - Many of our students are competing this week at the Washington County Fair. We want to wish them good luck as they represent Burton High School and the Burton community.
 - Our UIL academic teams will begin to meet next week during the academic Flex period. Coach Ramsey and Mrs. Bernet have been doing a great job organizing and leading the way for our district.
4. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. The volleyball and football teams are going strong. They are making progress. Cross country is back up and running. Coach Ramsey does amazing in getting the numbers up. The district is building and strengthening the athletic program with dedicated coaches and athletes. District competition is starting this week in volleyball and football. First cross country meet is also this week. She thanked all our coaches for all their hard work and commitment to our athletic programs.

Currently, our greatest challenge has been having enough tickets for everyone with the new COVID-19 regulations. At fifty percent capacity, the Burton ISD football stadium holds a total of 350 fans, 175 home and 175 visitors. The Burton ISD gym holds 52 fans, 26 home and 26 visitors. Dr. Kennedy stated that the district is planning to start doing online ticket sales next week and will release more information about that soon.

5. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Kennedy reported the following:
 - The current district enrollment is 483 students. (279 students – elementary, 204 students – secondary)
 - At a future board meeting, we will review the district FIRST rating, preliminary 100.
 - Virtual training opportunities for staff and board are available through ESC 6, TASA, TASB, and other organizations.
 - Dr. Kennedy wished good luck and congratulations to our fair participants.
 - After the annual audit report, we will discuss district fund balance and start long-range facilities preparation and planning.
 - Dr. Kennedy reviewed the school board election calendar to note Early Voting timelines and location.
 - A pre-bid meeting is set for September 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss office renovations. We are looking for contractors to do a smaller scope of work.
 - The district has not had any positive COVID-19 results. It is great to have Nurse Anna Preuss available to address not only COVID issues but many other health concerns.
 - The district is trying to increase public awareness through Breaking News – BTX, Burton ISD Facebook, Twitter, and the Burton ISD website.
 - Dr. Kennedy expressed praises and compliments to our administrative team, teachers for working extra hard, and all of our support staff. We appreciate everything that everyone does and brings to the table to be #TEAMBURTON.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Bostain and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Bostain to go to executive session at 6:29 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:11 p.m.
8. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Bostain and seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve a \$500 stipend for teachers teaching University of Texas OnRamps. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. A motion was made by Mr. Bostain and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve \$1,000 recurring stipends for staff members in the Guardian Program. The Guardian Program allows certain confidentially designated district employees to carry handguns on school grounds. Motion passed unanimously.
9. The board discussed district safety and security in executive session.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Bostain to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President