

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF VIDEO CONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in a video conference/telephone conference regular session on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:01 p.m. in the Public link to the board meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81628219955?pwd=RzZlIdHhBcHZRd0JPanpDVmVqU1pSZz09>
Meeting ID: 816 2821 9955 Password: 665038 or by calling the following number +1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 816 2821 9955 Password: 665038

Board Members present:

Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Misty Lucherk, David Warner, Sr., Ande Bostain

Board Member absent:

Jeff Harmel

Administrators present:

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

Visitors: Alyssa Faykus – Banner Press

Jonathan Purvis

Elizabeth Jurica

Sanya Baumbach

My iPhone

Kate Miller

816-282-9955

Courtney Kunkel

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:
 - During Fire Prevention Week, the Burton Volunteer Fire Department brought a fire truck for Pre-K and Kindergarten.
 - Education Service Center, Region 6 will be on campus next Monday, October 19th to follow up with the teachers who attended the Guided Reading training.
 - The PTO will be cooking their famous “stew” on October 24th for a fundraiser at the fire station.
 - Teachers are meeting with parents which is a requirement since we are a Title I campus.
 - A huge thanks for the support to employ a district nurse.
 - The elementary campus has twelve remote students as of today.

- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
- The secondary campus currently has twelve remote students. His campus started the year with forty-five remote students so they are glad to get students back on campus.
 - Burton ISD teachers had a great day planning today with their content areas. As we go into the month of November, we will start planning for academic benchmarks.
 - October 14th is National SAT Day. The ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students will take the PSAT/SAT test. The twelfth grade students will take the SAT test.
 - Our Burton Beta Club sponsored a successful blood drive on September 30th. We had a total of eighteen individuals qualify to give blood. Big Thanks to Mrs. Angela Rhodes for organizing this event.
 - Our Homecoming week will be pushed back until the week of October 28th. The Burton Panthers will take on Granger High School on Wednesday, October 28th. We are still planning to have a Homecoming Parade on Main Street, but we need to discuss an appropriate date for the event.
4. Jason Hodde, athletic director reported that scheduling of games this year has been complex with the postponing of games due to Covid-19. He expressed thanks to the administration for being flexible. All junior high school games will remain the same date and time. Varsity football games will have to be played every five days after October 23rd. The updated varsity football schedule is as follows:
Friday, October 23, 2020 Burton vs. Granger at Granger 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 Burton vs. Milano 7:00 p.m. Homecoming
Monday, November 2, 2020 Burton vs. Bartlett in Burton 7:00 p.m. Senior Night
Saturday, November 7, 2020 Burton vs. Somerville at Somerville 12:00 noon.

Cross Country is going well. We hosted our first meet here last week. Coach Ramsey and Coach Taplin have done a great job.

5. Superintendent's Report
- a. Dr. Kennedy reported that the administrators have been meeting and working together regularly to meet all the needs of the district.
- b. She congratulated the Burton FFA Livestock Judging Team that competed at Northern International Livestock Exposition (Billings, MT): Virtual Livestock Judging Contest. Chet Fritsch was the high individual, Weston Hinze was second high individual, Waylon Hinze was third high individual, and Tanna Thiel was fourth high individual. Burton FFA placed first as a team. This was the first time the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE): Livestock Judging was virtual. Burton FFA was the only team signed up from Texas to compete. There were thirty-five teams in the Senior FFA division and were from Washington, Montana, Idaho, Nebraska, and Arkansas. Overall Burton FFA had a great day winning the Nile livestock judging contest.
- c. A Burton High School student tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last present on campus on Tuesday, October 6th. Contact tracing determined that this student had close contact with five other students and one staff member. Those students and the staff member were sent home in accordance with CDC guidelines. These students are expected to return to campus for in-person instruction on October 21st as well as the staff member. The district immediately addressed additional cleaning and sanitizing in all areas of

potential exposure in the evening, over the weekend, and again today with no students present on campus. Our staff has done an amazing job of following district implemented guidelines and prioritizes the health and safety of all our students and staff. Due to confidentiality requirements, Burton ISD can release no further information at this time.

- d. Dr. Kennedy thanked the custodians for pitching in and doing extra cleaning.
- e. Bus drivers came in today and cleaned their buses.
- f. The district is working on getting a new phone system.
- g. Dr. Kennedy read the financial advisor report. The district is refinancing some of our outstanding bonds (2008 bond series). The interest rate was lowered from 4.2% to 2.09%. This will save the district \$283,360 in future interest costs.
- h. Dr. Kennedy stated that students are making better progress at school. She read a letter that is being sent out to parents to let them know Friday, October 16th will be the last day for remote instruction. She understands that not everyone will agree with this decision. However, this is a consideration we did not take lightly and after doing our due diligence we believe this is the best option for our students and staff. We will continue to make it a priority to address health, safety, and implement thorough cleaning protocols.
Students will only have access to remote learning or be allowed to complete classroom assignments at home if they are under a mandatory quarantine by the COVID-19 team, a physician, or medical clinic, or if they have a qualifying medical condition that would put them at risk for being present on campus. The board stated that they agreed students need to be back on campus.
- i. Demetrius Colvin read a letter from Tracey Cox which stated she is resigning from the board immediately. Mr. Colvin thanked her for her service as a board member as well as for her years of teaching and parenting.

6. A motion was made by Mr. Bostain and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
7. Elizabeth Jurica presented the 2019-2020 ESL Program Evaluation to the board.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Bostain and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to approve the Burton Elementary Campus Improvement Plan for 2020-2021 as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the Burton Secondary Campus Improvement Plan for 2020-2021 as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Bostain and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the District Improvement Plan for 2020-2021 as presented. Motion passed 4-0.
11. I, Ande Bostain, move that we adopt and approve the resolution selecting a delivery method for the Burton ISD Secured Vestibules Project. The motion was seconded by Misty Lucherk. Motion passed 4-0.
12. I, Demetrius Colvin, Sr., move that we adopt and approve the resolution selecting an architect for the Burton ISD Secured Vestibules Project. The motion was seconded by David Warner, Sr. Motion passed 4-0.

13. I, Ande Bostain, move that we adopt and approve the resolution adopting a prevailing wage rate for the Burton ISD Secured Vestibules Project. The motion was seconded by David Warner, Sr. Motion passed 4-0.
14. I, Demetrius Colvin, Sr., move that we adopt and approve the resolution delegating authority to the Superintendent to negotiate the necessary construction contracts on behalf of the Board of Burton ISD for the Burton ISD Secured Vestibules Project. The motion was seconded by Ande Bostain. Motion passed 4-0.
15. I, Misty Lucherk, move that we adopt and approve the resolution adopting an international building code for the Burton ISD Secured Vestibules Project. The motion was seconded by David Warner, Sr. Motion passed 4-0.
16. No action was taken regarding the custodial services proposal.
17. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Warner to go to executive session at 7:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.
18. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
No action was taken.
19. The board discussed district safety and security in executive session. The safety audit report was also presented in executive session.
20. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Bostain to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President