

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF VIDEO CONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
 NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in a video conference/telephone conference regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public link to the board meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460152056?pwd=VXpUQjlQandneE9pTWIGRXJ5UDFMdz09>
 Meeting ID: 834 6015 2056 Password: 540945 or by calling the following number +1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 834 6015 2056 Password: 540945

Board Members present:

Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Jeff Harmel, Misty Lucherk, David Warner, Sr., Dean Fuchs, Donna Putnam

Administrators present:

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

<u>Visitors:</u> Joshua Blaschke – KWHI Alison Bryce – Banner Press Linda Pinkerton Sanya Baumbach Elizabeth Jurica	Sandra Wilke My iPhone 817-454-3854 iPad Rhonda Kunkel
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The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Demetrius Colvin, Sr. A prayer was given by Dean Fuchs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Warner, Sr.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Election returns were canvassed. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to accept the following election returns:

	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Sue Pinkerton	91	145	236
Misty Goldberg Lucherk	194	233	427
Dean Fuchs	193	233	426
Ricky Ripple	53	126	179
Donna Boehnemann Putnam	170	171	341
Boris L. Jumper, Sr.	37	49	86
TOTAL VOTES CAST	738	957	1,695

Total Voting	
Early Voting	270
Election Day	<u>354</u>
Total	624

Motion passed 4-0.

4. Caitlyn Blakey, Notary Public administered the Oaths of Office to Misty Lucherk, Dean Fuchs, and Donna Putnam.
5. Nominations for re-organization of the board were opened. David Warner, Sr. nominated Misty Lucherk for president, Demetrius Colvin, Sr. for vice-president, and Jeff Harmel for secretary. Jeff Harmel made a motion to retain the same current officers of Demetrius Colvin, Sr., president; Jeff Harmel, vice-president; and Misty Lucherk, secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin that all nominations cease. Motion passed unanimously.

A vote was taken. David Warner, Sr. voted for Lucherk for president, Colvin for vice-president, and Harmel for secretary. Demetrius Colvin, Sr. and Jeff Harmel voted to retain the same current officers. Dean Fuchs and Donna Putnam abstained. The same current officers were elected as follows:

Demetrius Colvin, Sr. - president

Jeff Harmel - vice-president

Misty Lucherk - secretary.

Vote passed 2-1 to retain the same current officers.

6. Superintendent Kennedy presented an overview of the School First (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). Dr. Kennedy announced the rating the district received from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. Burton Independent School District received the status Passed, Superior Rating of 100.
7. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
 - The library will be hosting a book fair this week online and in person in the library.
 - On Wednesday, we will honor the Veterans.
 - On Friday, we will spread kindness to celebrate World Kindness Day.
 - This past week at the football game we had many elementary students perform what they learned at their cheer camp.
 - Mrs. Fuchs expressed thanks to the Graham Masonic Lodge in Brenham for celebrating our 2019-2020 teachers of the year. Stephanie Sullivan was the elementary teacher of the year.
 - A bad weather drill was held this past Friday, and the students did a great a job following the necessary protocols.
 - On November 20th, we will have early release and will be off for the Thanksgiving holidays from November 23rd – 27th.
 - We have asked the custodians to make sure they are cleaning and disinfecting everything.

- I have ordered dividers for all elementary classrooms that have tables where students sit next to each other.
 - I just want to say again the teachers and staff have been amazing working throughout this pandemic. It really has created more work and stress for everyone, and they have risen to the occasion.
- b. Dr. Kennedy presented the following secondary campus principal's report:
- A Veteran's Day Virtual Program will be pushed out to teachers on Wednesday, November 11th.
 - The band participated in a marching competition this last Saturday and received a second division rating, a third-place trophy, and best soloist.
8. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. Coach Hodde reported that this month has been a bit of a challenge for Burton Athletics, however the athletes and coaches have battled through different kinds of adversity to make strong finishes in some of their programs. We have had to juggle schedule changes, students being out, and a lot of sharing of students due to many programs overlapping this time of year. It's been a great team effort! He also wanted to thank the coaches, board, and administration for their hard work and dedication to this school district and to the athletic department.

Our volleyball team finished the regular season with another district championship but suffered a tough loss to Granger in the Bi-district round. Coach Kieke and her staff did an awesome job with a very young and inexperienced team. The girls really improved from start to finish. We look for great things in the future from this group and are very proud of all their accomplishments this season. Our junior high volleyball team had a great year finishing second in the district behind RTC. They finished with a 6-2 record, and the future looks very promising.

Cross Country has been huge success this season. We have reached record numbers in cross country participation charting roughly forty boys and girls running this year. The high school girls claimed the District title this year, and the boys were second. We have advanced six girls and five boys to the regional meet in Corpus Christi. Those athletes will be competing tomorrow. We are very proud of our Cross Country teams and their Coaches, Kurt Ramsey and Chris Taplin.

Football advanced to the playoffs on Saturday with a win against Somerville. We finished the season with a 4-6 record and a 4-2 record in District. The football playoffs were forfeited due to COVID-19 concerns. Our junior high team fought hard all season and improved a great deal. Unfortunately, they were not able to win a game this year, but their efforts and hard work should be commended.

Basketball is just now getting started for high school girls and junior high girls and boys.

9. Superintendent's Report
- a. Dr. Kennedy expressed thanks to Ande Bostain for his service on the board and for his positive support as a board member, parent, and community member. She welcomed Misty Lucherk back to the board and new board members Dean Fuchs and Donna Putnam.

- b. Dr. Kennedy also thanked the Administrative Team (Mrs. Fuchs, Mr. Wamble, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Rhodes, Coach Hodde), Safety and Security Coordinator (Mr. Snow), and District Nurse (Mrs. Anna Preuss) for working closely to ensure the safest and best possible learning environment for our students.
 - c. The Masonic Graham Lodge in Brenham recognized Teachers of the Year with awards being presented to Carl Matthies – High School, Vicki Bernet – Junior High, and Stephanie Sullivan – Elementary School. Congratulations to these educators and all of our staff including bus drivers, maintenance, custodians, cafeteria workers, etc. for their hard work every day and their extra effort during this COVID-19 virus.
 - d. Education Foundation Mini-Grants totaling \$7,607.51 were awarded to teachers for various special projects.
 - e. Central Administration, Elementary, and High School Office Vestibules bids were accepted. There is a delay in getting materials particularly glass. That will put the project out six to eight weeks.
 - f. An upcoming facilities planning meeting with staff is scheduled.
 - g. Safety, fire, and weather drills are completed.
 - h. A vaccination clinic was held on-site for staff and community.
 - i. COVID-19 symptoms and cases are increasing.
 - j. The district addressed extra cleaning and sanitizing today as well as social distancing, face coverings, handwashing, and healthy habits.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin to go to executive session at 6:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.
11. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
- a. A motion was made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Harmel to direct the superintendent to take administrative action related to executive session discussion. Motion passed 6-0.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Warner to accept the resignation of board member, Tracey Cox. Motion passed 6-0.
14. The board discussed paying off the Burton State Bank bus loans. A motion was made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to pay off the Burton State Bank bus loans at a cost not to exceed \$112,000. Motion passed 6-0.
15. No action was taken regarding the custodial services proposal.
16. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve a \$1,000 one-time COVID-19 staff incentive pay stipend for all Burton ISD staff at a cost of \$91,968.32 (administrators, teachers, office staff, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance, aides, etc.) Motion passed 6-0.
17. The board discussed district safety and security in executive session.

18. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President