

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

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in a video conference/telephone conference regular session on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:07 p.m. in the Public link to the board meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83044737822?pwd=U3pkSIFmUUNZRXNaSEJjOXhKS1VDUT09>  
Meeting ID: 830 4473 7822 Passcode: 342735 or by calling the following number +1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 830 4473 7822 Passcode: 342735

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, and Caitlyn Blakey, Business Manager

Administrator absent:

Jason Hodde, Athletic Director

<u>Visitors:</u> Joshua Blaschke – KWHI	817-454-3854
Jonathan Purvis	My iPhone
979-277-5520	Linda Pinkerton

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 Misty Lucherk.
2. Open Forum  
None
3. Principals' Report
  - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
    - We did middle of the year testing last week to have time to analyze data to establish a plan for the Spring semester. A parent report is being sent home.
    - Goals for PreK – Third Grade: at least 85% of our students will be on Tier I according to Istation Reading and Math at the end of the school year.
    - TEA has released no A-F grades for campuses/districts for this school year, but I have stressed the importance of this school year.
    - Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Burton and sponsors donated 122 bikes, t-shirts, and helmets that will be handed out on Wednesday and Thursday to students who were nominated.
    - Mrs. Fuchs expressed thanks for the COVID-19 stipend that all Burton ISD staff received from the district.
    - She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
  - This week we are conducting academic benchmarks in the STAAR/EOC tested subjects. This will give us solid data on where our students are at before we test in the spring.
  - The Burton High School Band will have their annual holiday program on this Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - Last week, our junior high students competed in the A+ UIL Academic competition. This year each school conducted the events on campus. We should get the final results back this week. Our students did a great job competing. They represented Burton ISD well.
  - A big shout out to the Burton Beta Club sponsored by Mrs. Angela Rhodes. They have been doing an amazing job volunteering throughout the community. They did the following:
    1. Helped gather toys for the Toys for Tots Drive.
    2. Assisted in handing out meals for the Brazos Valley Food Bank.
    3. Participated at the Burton Christmas Market by assisting with the children's games.
  
4. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. The boys' basketball coaching change is to Coaches Jason Hodde, Clinton Smith, and Jamie Smith. The Little Dribblers teams have ninety students participating which is up by twenty-five students from last year. The teams are as follows: three – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys, one – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls, one 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys, one 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls, two – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys, and two 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls.
  
5. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Dr. Kennedy reported a donation to the Burton High School Scholarship Fund to honor the Estate of Donald Derrick in the amount of \$895,410.73 which will be added to the \$125,000 that started this scholarship fund on April 15, 2020.
  - b. Willy Dilworth, Washington County Chief Appraiser is retiring December 31, 2020. A retirement reception honoring Willy is scheduled for January 3, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Dr. Kennedy thanked him for his dedicated service to the Washington County School Districts and the community. A replacement has been interviewed and offered the position.
  - c. A superintendent meeting with Representative Ben Leman is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns related to education as we move in the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
  - d. TEA announced that A-F ratings will be paused and STAAR testing will have some flexibility so that districts can gain some insight into how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted student learning.
  - e. The district is still negotiating custodial services with ABM.
  - f. Andy Lamson started on the Office Vestibule projects today which is quite obvious. Please pardon the inconvenience.
  - g. Dr. Kennedy reported that a committee has been set up to address facility needs and upgrades across the district. She stated that the district is "way behind on facilities". District staff are currently meeting to discuss facility upgrades and capital outlay projects. At the January board meeting, it will be determined how to designate fund balance for capital outlay facilities improvements projects. Some of the projects mentioned by Dr. Kennedy included increasing classroom space, HVAC and technology upgrades, improvements to the cafeteria kitchen,

band hall, and gym, replacing the baseball and softball stadium lights and improving the restrooms, improving the playground at the elementary school, putting an awning in front of the elementary school to better protect students from the weather, general maintenance, and other miscellaneous projects. Dr. Kennedy stated that district officials will meet with a financial advisor on Tuesday to continue discussions on district projects.

6. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to approve the consent agenda as presented with changes to the November 9, 2020 minutes. Misty Lucherk did not vote for board officers. Donna Putnam made the motion 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. The motion was seconded by David Warner, Sr. Motion passed 6-0.
7. The board discussed district safety and security.
8. The 2019-2020 Financial Audit Report was presented by Robert Gatillia, CPA representing Singleton Clark and Company. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the audit. Motion passed 6-0.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President