

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF VIDEO CONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in a video conference/telephone conference regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public link to the board meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89635478799?pwd=T1BQMm5Kc0F1TUdycmJKQjExdnVzQT09>
Meeting ID: 896 3547 8799 Passcode: 372313 or by calling the following number +1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 896 3547 8799 Passcode: 372313

Board Members present:

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

Board Member absent:

Misty Lucherk

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: Joshua Blaschke - KWHI

Jonathan Purvis

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Sanya Baumbach

Christine Hudgen

Sharon Chapman

Barbara Phoenix

My iPhone

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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 Jeff Harmel, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Warner, Sr.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
 - On January 5th, the third – sixth grade teachers did professional development with Lowman Consulting. It was a good professional development that helped get the teachers motivated for the Spring semester as we gear up for STAAR.
 - Education Service Center, Region VI will be on campus January 26th and February 2nd to follow up from a previous training this year.
 - Six students are remote due to COVID-19, either close contact or positive.
 - One student is remote due to doctor's recommendation.
 - Zero staff are quarantined.

- Congratulations to our top three spellers who competed in the spelling bee – Mason Helton, Aaron Buchanan, and Jace Bowers. The next level of competition will be in February.
 - Our students have been practicing and playing in Little Dribblers. We are excited about the skills they are learning.
- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
- We completed Benchmark testing before the holiday break, and teachers are now working to use the data to guide instruction to fill the academic gaps.
 - On January 5th, nine high school teachers received an amazing training by Allen Lowman with Lowman Consulting. Lowman Consulting focuses on specific strategies that assist teachers in preparing students for the STAAR/EOC state assessments through a practical format. We will be working with them throughout the year.
 - The Burton High School Beta Club will sponsor a blood drive on January 26th in the Burton High School Auditorium.
 - Burton High School will conduct the ASVAB for all 11th grade students and selected 12th grade students.
 - We want to wish our cheerleading squad sponsored by Mrs. Rhodes good luck as they travel to Dallas to compete in the UIL Spirit Competition.
4. Jason Hodde, athletic director reported that Little Dribblers is going good. Approximately ninety students have signed up to participate. He thanked the people who have helped coach and volunteer. Coach Hodde is super impressed with the growth of the high school boys' basketball team. The high school basketball teams are improving. Off season is in full swing. Spring sports (track, baseball, and softball) will be cranking up soon. Track meets will be different due to COVID-19. Coaches are putting in a lot of effort. Coach Hodde expressed his appreciation to the school board.
5. Superintendent's Report
- a. Dr. Kennedy stated that January is School Board Recognition Month. She thanked the Board for their service. Staff and students presented thank you notes and other goodies to the board. Food was also provided for the board.
- b. Dr. Kennedy reported that our thoughts and prayers go out to the following:
- Mrs. Misty Lucherk who has been ill.
 - Mrs. Kim Applewhite's father passed away.
 - Mrs. Brenda Ritter and daughter are at home with COVID pneumonia, her son tested positive for COVID, and her husband is in the hospital on a ventilator. Mrs. Ritter has other family members who have also tested positive for COVID.
 - Mrs. Tommie Gilmon's sister passed way.
 - Felton and Carolyn Cox. She is at home with COVID. Felton is in the Brenham hospital with COVID. They are keeping him sedated and trying to keep fluid off of his lungs.
 - All others affected by COVID and/or any other issues during this time.
- c. Currently, the district has three staff members and fifteen students quarantined for either COVID positive, presumed positive, or close contact.

- d. Attendance was down significantly today because of the weather. We may do an attendance waiver.
 - e. Additional Chromebooks have been ordered to accommodate staff and students' remote instruction under the TEA reimbursement program.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
 7. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Harmel to adopt Board Policy Update 116 as recommended by TASB Policy Service. Motion passed 5-0.
 8. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the joint election contract with the City of Burton. Motion passed 5-0.
 9. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the order calling for a School Board Election on May 1, 2021 for the expiring terms of Tracey Cox and David Warner, Sr. Motion passed 5-0.
 10. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Harmel to appoint the following election officials:
Election Judge – Gail Stanley
Alternate Election Judge and Clerk – Susan Broesche
Clerk – Bertha Upshaw
Early Voting Clerk – Tracie Ely
Deputy Early Voting Clerk – Dana Moreno

This motion also appoints Gail Stanley – Election Judge, Susan Broesche – Alternate Election Judge and Clerk, and Bertha Upshaw – Clerk to serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board. Motion passed 5-0.
 11. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the District/Board Student Outcome Goals as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
 12. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the allotted restriction of four of the six months of Operational Fund Balance towards future district needs. Motion passed 5-0. \$260,000 will be taken from the fund balance to address future district projects. A total of \$224,500 in projects will be addressed with this funding, including \$60,000 for technology, \$59,000 for the elementary school playground, \$27,500 for the baseball and softball field lights, \$25,000 for a school marquee, \$20,000 for office vestibules, \$20,000 to extend the elementary school awning, \$8,000 for sealing rock on the high school rock building and installing a roof overhang, and \$5,000 for bus repairs.
 13. Dr. Kennedy informed the board that Barbara Phoenix will be retiring from her position as a custodian effective January 29, 2021 with twenty-two years of service with the district. Barbara Phoenix wrote a letter for each board member. Christine Hudgen will be resigning from her position as custodian effective January 29, 2021. She has eighteen years of service with the district. Latonia Wilson will be resigning from her position as a custodian effective February 5, 2021.

Victoria Bostain will be moved to an instructional aide position instead of being in the technology department.

14. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Ms. Putnam to go to executive session at 7:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.
15. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Warner to extend the contract of Dr. Edna Kennedy, superintendent by one year. The superintendent will have a three-year contract through June 30, 2024. Motion passed 5-0.
16. The board discussed district safety and security in executive session.
17. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Harmel to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President