

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF VIDEO CONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in a video conference/telephone conference regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public link to the board meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83842292656?pwd=UFN1MEpiTW1TMHpQNEc4aFJZOWsrUT09>  
Meeting ID: 838 4229 2656 Passcode: 192239 or by calling the following number +1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 838 4229 2656 Passcode: 192239

Board Members present:

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

Board Member absent:

David Warner, Sr.

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> Alison Bryce – Banner Press	Luke Fuchs
Joshua Blaschke – KWHI	Courtney Kunkel
Lucas Janda -Live Oak Public Finance	My iPhone
Jason Barron - ABM Services	Sanya Baumbach
Jonathan Purvis	979-525-3902

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 Misty Lucherk.
2. Open Forum  
None
3. Lucas Janda of Live Oak Public Finance presented a bond update and planning report. Janda told the board to consider raising the debt service portion of the tax rate which is currently \$ .07490 per \$100 valuation as it could help pay off the district's debts sooner and potentially reduce the tax rate needed to fund a new bond.
4. The board discussed the ABM Custodial Services Contract. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the ABM Custodial Services Contract at a cost of \$135,420. Motion passed 5-0. The contract will include three employees in addition to the two custodial employees already at Burton ISD. The service will include cleaning, supplies, and insurance. Dr. Kennedy stated that current employees will maintain the same employment structure.

5. Principals' Report
  - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
    - All of our students returned to campus today unless they are positive for COVID-19 or have had close contact. We have fourteen students remote as of tomorrow.
    - Mason Helton will be competing in the Spelling Bee Wednesday for the Regional Bee.
    - The teachers are figuring out how to use the interactive TVs to engage students and to promote learning.
    - We have had great feedback from the Education Service Center, Region VI consultants. They will meet with all elementary teachers this month to discuss improving our PreK program and to increase student learning.
    - On Thursday, our campus will analyze the fourth-grade writing benchmark to see any areas that we need to focus on before the STAAR test.
  - b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
    - The Burton Livestock Team competed in the Patriot Livestock judging competition on February 7<sup>th</sup> in Abilene, Texas. The team placed first place overall. Tanna Thiel (3<sup>rd</sup> high individual), Waylon Hinze (12<sup>th</sup> high individual), Weston Hinze, and Chet Fritsch
    - Last week was National Counselors week. We want to recognize Mrs. Angela Rhodes for the amazing job she does serving the staff and students at Burton Independent School District.
    - Burton High School will be hosting their second blood drive of the year hosted by the Burton Beta Club on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - The Burton Beta Club will also be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring event throughout the month of February in the Soup or Sock collection drive.

6. Jason Hodde, athletic director presented the following updated boys' basketball schedule due to COVID-19 for the next week:  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – Snook @ Burton at 6:00 p.m.  
February 10<sup>th</sup> – Burton @ Somerville at 6:00 p.m.  
February 12<sup>th</sup> – Burton @ Mumford at 5:00 p.m.  
There will be a possible game on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> against Iola if the game is needed.

The girls did not finish their season due to COVID-19. They had three games left, and the district certification deadline was up.

Baseball, softball, and track have started, and things are going well.

7. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Dr. Kennedy stated that National Counselor's Week was last week. She thanked Angela Rhodes for being our PreK through twelfth grade counselor. Mrs. Rhodes definitely has been making day to day, if not minute by minute adjustments. Mrs. Rhodes is also the Beta Club Sponsor and the Cheerleader Sponsor.

- b. Dr. Kennedy also congratulated the Livestock Team that competed at the Bexar County National Invitational Virtual Contest last week. The team placed first overall. The team consisted of Chet Fritsche (2<sup>nd</sup> high individual), Tanna Thiel (3<sup>rd</sup> high individual), Waylon Hinze (4<sup>th</sup> high individual), Weston Hinze (5<sup>th</sup> high individual), Amanda Broadus (10<sup>th</sup> high individual), and Dawson Rudloff (47<sup>th</sup> high individual). There were 62 teams and 342 individuals that competed in this contest from 14 different states.
  - c. Dr. Kennedy gave the following COVID-19 update:
    - Two staff positive at the high school, 2 staff close contact – quarantine
    - Three students positive at the elementary school, seven students positive at the high school, thirteen students close contact at the elementary, and six students close contact at the high school.
  - d. Dr. Kennedy stated that some board members and administrators went to Flatonia last week to visit for bond planning purposes. She shared photos and videos with the board. Dr. Kennedy asked the group where else they would like to visit for bond planning purposes.
  - e. The district is forming a parent committee to offer input for bond planning.
  - f. An architect is looking at options for the elementary school awning.
  - g. Dr. Kennedy announced that David Warner, Sr. and Boris Jumper, Sr. have signed up to run in the May 2021 school board election.
  - h. TASB Summer Leadership Board Training is June 16 (Legislative) – June 19, 2021 in San Antonio.
8. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
  9. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve an adjustment to the professional staff development days. Motion passed 5-0.
  10. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
  11. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the Walker Quality Services Consulting Agreement for cafeteria services as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
  12. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Harmel to purchase a walk-in freezer at a cost of \$33,049.00. Motion passed 5-0.
  13. The board discussed the Texas Sanitizer Pros LLC proposal. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the Texas Sanitizer Pros LLC proposal as presented. Motion passed 5-0. The contract will be for once-a-month sanitation services at a cost of \$1,775 a month and will be in effect through the remainder of the school year.
  14. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Ms. Putnam to go to executive session at 7:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.

15. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
  - a. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Ms. Putnam to extend the athletic director contract of Jason Hodde by one year. Mr. Hodde has a two-year contract through August 31, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Ms. Putnam to extend the contracts of Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal and Matthew Wamble, junior high/high school principal by one year. Mrs. Fuchs and Mr. Wamble have two-year contracts through June 30, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.
  - c. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to extend the contract of Jeremy Johnston, assistant principal for school year 2021-2022 as recommended by Superintendent Edna Kennedy. Motion passed 5-0.
  - d. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Harmel to extend the contract of Angela Rhodes, counselor for school year 2021-2022 as recommended by Superintendent Edna Kennedy. Motion passed 5-0.
  - e. No salary adjustments were approved for staff.
16. The board discussed district safety and security in executive session.
17. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mrs. Fuchs to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President