

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF VIDEO CONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in a video conference/telephone conference regular session on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:01 p.m. in the Public link to the board meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85077348459?pwd=bjNtR1NOMmhaZVNOR2J5VTBhcFJMdz09>
Meeting ID: 850 7734 8459 Passcode: 102700 or by calling the following number +1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 850 7734 8459 Passcode: 102700

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

Visitors: Alison Bryce – Banner Press
Joshua Blaschke – KWHI
Jonathan Purvis
979-277-5520
Vicki Bernet
Avery Applewhite
Maddie McCoy-Hood
Daisy Cleboski
Peyton Sigsbee

Vivian Layman
Samantha Angell
Bailey Gober
Google User
Ande Bostain
Sanya Baumbach
Courtney Kunkel
Luke Fuchs

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 Jeff Harmel.
2. Open Forum
Vicki Bernet brought the following students: Avery Applewhite, Maddie McCoy-Hood, Daisy Cleboski, Peyton Sigsbee, Vivian Layman, Samantha Angell, and Bailey Gober to do a presentation – The Human Impact on the Environment, a recycling project for the campus.
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
 - We are starting the last six weeks, and it's a busy time of the year so I gave each of you all of the end of the year dates for the elementary campus.
 - We administered our Spring benchmark recently, and it provided us good data to make sure our students are ready for the next school year.

- The Washington County Boys and Girls Club will be offering a summer program for our students.
 - Recently, we did a parent survey for the elementary campus. It offered good feedback. We are always looking for ways to improve.
- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
- We had a successful first round of testing last week and are very proud of how all of the students and teachers responded. We are preparing now for testing in May.
 - Our UIL Academic team placed second at the district meet held at Normangee High School. Nineteen students qualified to compete at the regional meet that will be held at Thrall High School on April 16th.
 - This past Saturday we had a very successful prom! We crowned our 2021 prom king and queen: King – Cooper Lucherk and Queen – Kelsey Fehrle.
 - Burton FFA Judging Results: Tarleton State University – The team placed 3rd out of 217 teams. The dairy team placed 19th out of 99 teams. Angelo State University Livestock contest – The team placed 1st out of 114 teams. Rodeo Austin Virtual Contest – The team placed 1st out of 39 teams. Brazos County Youth Livestock Show – The team placed 2nd out of 61 teams. Houston Livestock Show – The team placed 1st and 48th out of 207 teams.
4. Jason Hodde, athletic director reported the junior high track season is finished. The girls won district, and the boys placed fourth. High School is in the middle of track season. The girls placed third at the district meet, and the boys placed fifth. All of the girls' relays advanced to the area track meet. The area track meet is Wednesday, April 14th in Snook. The baseball team has been winning lots of games and doing well. High School softball is struggling. They have not won a game. Junior High softball continues after several cancellations. All junior high sports have ended except softball. Coach Taplin and Coach Thaler are starting workouts with the sixth graders to aid in the transition to junior high school.
5. Superintendent's Report
- a. President Demetrius Colvin, Sr. reported on board training hours for each board member.
 - b. Dr. Kennedy thanked the administrative team and congratulated Mr. Jeremy Johnston for assistant principal week.
 - c. Dr. Kennedy reported Burton ISD was awarded Food Service District of the Month in the Walker Quality Services March Newsletter. Over the course of one month, Burton ISD had a 200% increase in breakfast in the classroom and a 25% increase in lunch participation. Dr. Kennedy told the board that she and Alfred Walker thanked Amy Jozwiak for all of her hard work.
 - d. ABM Custodial Services is working through transitioning to more efficient products. There are already major improvements in the cleaning service. The dining room, auditorium, and hallway floors have been stripped and waxed. They look great.
 - e. COVID-19 report – Currently, five elementary students are in quarantine through April 19th due to exposure. There have been no COVID-19 cases in the district for quite some time.
 - f. Washington County Emergency Management will provide COVID-19 vaccinations to the remaining staff on site who wish to take the vaccination. Currently, sixty-nine staff members have been vaccinated out of the district's eighty-four staff members.

- g. Dr. Kennedy stated that she plans to put an item on the agenda next month to discuss leaving mask wearing to the discretion of parents of students and individual discretion for staff.
 - h. The administrators are participating in the Texas Association of School Board Officials Bond Planning training today and tomorrow.
 - i. Community meetings in groups and individually are being held to determine the district needs and to consider a bond proposal. Dr. Kennedy stated that we need 100% board support and a community member to take the lead in the bond process.
 - j. Dr. Kennedy presented each board member with a flyer announcing the Burton ISD Campus Open House on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tours will begin at the elementary campus. This will allow visitors to the Burton Cotton Gin Festival and Burton alumni baseball game to come look at the district's facilities.
 - k. Dr. Kennedy also stated that a website is being created which will contain information on the district's facilities planning. The website will be designed to help the public better understand what the district's facility needs are.
 - l. Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio registration will open April 28th. The conference is scheduled for June 16, 17, and 18, 2021.
6. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 7. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to approve the TASB Risk Management Fund's new comprehensive coverage program proposal for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 8. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for school year 2021-2022 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 9. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to approve Lightspeed as the provider of the district internet content filter for school year 2021-2022. Motion passed 6-0.
 10. A motion was made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the board resolution extending the depository contract for funds. The district's bank depository contract is with Burton State Bank. The contract will be extended for an additional two-year term from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. Motion passed 6-0.
 11. No action was taken regarding a prekindergarten tuition increase.
 12. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to approve budget amendments for 2020-2021 as presented. Motion passed 6-0. (Copy attached.)
 13. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin to employ Kristi Hess as the special education director for the Burton Special Services Cooperative based on the recommendation of the Burton Special Services Cooperative superintendents of Burton, Dime Box, and Round Top-Carmine for school year 2021-2022. Her contract will be for 226 days. Motion passed 6-0.

14. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve contracts for the following personnel for the Burton Special Services Cooperative based on the recommendation of the Burton Special Services Cooperative superintendents of Burton, Dime Box, and Round Top-Carmine for school year 2021-2022:
Holly Horton - Diagnostician (197 days)
Michelle Ketrick – Speech/Language Pathologist (187 days).
Motion passed 6-0.
15. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve contracts for teachers as recommended by Superintendent Edna Kennedy. Motion passed 6-0. (Copy attached.)
16. The board discussed district safety and security. The district has been doing training.
17.
 - a. I, Jeff Harmel, move that we accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to employ Kelley Diller and Victoria Bostain as teachers on a one-year probationary contract. The motion was seconded by Misty Lucherk. Motion passed 6-0.
 - b. Dr. Kennedy announced that Shelley Nies will be retiring at the end of this school year. Kristine Schock will be resigning at the end of this school year. Tammy Rosenbaum resigned from her position as a custodian effective April 9, 2021.
18. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President