

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF VIDEO CONFERENCE/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
 MAY 10, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in a video conference/telephone conference regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public link to the board meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84579625831?pwd=dnl4MVdnZHhCTktXV3lZUTZVQVo5QT09>
 Meeting ID: 845 7962 5831 Passcode: 559343 or by calling the following number +1 (346) 248-7799, Meeting ID: 845 7962 5831 Passcode: 559343.

Board Members present:

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

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	816-282-9955
Jonathan Purvis	979-277-5520
979-203-4591	Sue Pinkerton
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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 Brian Hinze.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Election returns were canvassed. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to accept the following election returns:

	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Brian Hinze	68	77	145
David Warner, Sr.	49	68	117
Boris L. Jumper, Sr.	19	38	57
TOTAL VOTES CAST	136	183	319
Total Voting			
Early Voting	73		
Election Day	<u>110</u>		
Total	183		

Motion passed 7-0.

4. Caitlyn Blakey, Notary Public administered the Oaths of Office to Brian Hinze and David Warner, Sr.
5.
 - a. Nominations for president were opened. Demetrius Colvin, Sr. nominated Misty Lucherk for president. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Harmel that all nominations cease. Motion passed unanimously. Misty Lucherk was elected president by acclamation.
 - b. Nominations for vice-president were opened. Jeff Harmel nominated Demetrius Colvin, Sr. for vice-president. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Fuchs that all nominations cease. Motion passed unanimously. Demetrius Colvin, Sr. was elected vice-president by acclamation.
 - c. Nominations for secretary were opened. Demetrius Colvin, Sr. nominated Jeff Harmel for secretary. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Hinze that all nominations cease. Motion passed unanimously. Jeff Harmel was elected secretary by acclamation.
6. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal presented each board member with a list of all of the end of the school year dates and reported the following:
 - STAAR testing is this week. Thanks to all of the staff who have gone above and beyond in a year with a lot of uncertainties.
 - On Wednesday, we will be celebrating school nurse's day – Mrs. Preuss.
 - Currently, we have 0 positive COVID-19 cases and 0 close contacts.
 - Our campus had a great Teacher Appreciation Week. Thanks for all the donations.
 - Prekindergarten and kindergarten registration was held. Currently, we have the following number of students registered for next school year:
prekindergarten (3-year olds – 18, 4-year olds – 21)
kindergarten – 33 students.
 - Teachers are getting signed up for summer professional development.
 - All kindergarten through third grade teachers will have to do a Reading Academy either next year or the following year so half of the teachers have signed up to start this summer for next school year.
 - GeoSouthern Energy has agreed to donate \$20,000.00 toward the elementary playground renovation. I have a few more pending requests.
 - b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
 - We had a great week of STAAR/EOC testing last week. We will finish up this week taking the 7th/8th grade Reading and Math assessments.
 - I want to give a big shout out to the Burton FFA Livestock Judging team for placing first in State. The team consisted of Weston Hinze (high individual), Chet Fritsch, Waylon Hinze, and Tanna Thiel. The Dairy Cattle team also competed at Tarleton State University and placed 8th in the state. The team consisted of Kelsey Fehrle, Weston Hinze, Cassidy Fuchs, and Mycah Simank.
 - The Burton FFA banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

- Burton academic awards and scholarship recognition will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, and times will be staggered to accommodate larger crowds.
 - The Burton Spring Band Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. on the football field.
 - The athletic awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Burton High School Auditorium. Each athlete will be allowed two guests at the event.
 - We are excited about the upcoming May graduation for the class of 2021. The graduation ceremony will begin at 8:00 p.m. We will allow each student to have four invited guests on the field. We will accommodate all other guests by providing space in the stands.
7. Jason Hodde, athletic director reported that quite a few students in high school track advanced to the regional track meet. The students competed well. However, no students advanced to the state track meet. Eric Flores, Patrick Tavary, and Keagan Fenner competed at the regional powerlifting meet. Softball has finished the season. Baseball won their game against Sabine Pass. A playoff three game series will be played in Giddings against Thrall on Friday and Saturday. Golf made it to the regional meet. Ryan Rosenbaum barely missed it to the state golf meet. Coach Weatherstone is doing a great job with golf. Off season training is going strong. The coaches are thinking about letting athletes have the month of June off and hitting it strong in July. This will still provide plenty of time to prepare for the fall sports. Summer volleyball and basketball leagues will be practicing this summer.

Coach Hodde also expressed his thanks to the teachers for working well with the student athletes.

8. Superintendent's Report
- a. Superintendent Kennedy reported that letters of reasonable assurance will be issued to non-contract employees and substitutes.
 - b. Dr. Kennedy thanked the administrators, teachers, and staff for teacher/staff appreciation week. The cafeteria staff and Mr. Alfred Walker cooked a meal for the staff.
 - c. COVID-19 update – We have no positive or close contact quarantine related COVID-19 cases. Praises! It is the perfect time to lessen our restrictions on COVID-19 protocols which will be discussed later during the meeting.
 - d. Burton ISD did get chosen in the TASB lottery drawing for the Summer Leadership Institute Board training – June 16 – 19, 2021.
 - e. Graduation protocols will be very similar to last year where each Senior will sit in pods on the field with their allowed four guests. All other attendees will sit in the bleachers. No limit on attendees. Arrival time is set for 7:30 p.m.
 - f. Dr. Kennedy announced that the Senior Billboard and individual Senior signs will be out this week.
 - g. The baseball playoff games are scheduled for Friday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in Giddings against Thrall. The second game will be played on Saturday, May 15th at 12:00 noon. If a third game is needed, it will be played thirty minutes after the end of the second game.
 - h. Education Service Center, Region VI field service representative will be out this week to assist with implementation of the district compensation plan as recommended later during this meeting based on projected student enrollment, revenue, and expenditures. We can then allocate a plan for salary adjustments.

- i. The district is considering a prekindergarten afterschool care utilizing district and/or Boys & Girls Club staff until 5:30 p.m. Charge is to be announced.
 - J The district received a \$20,000 donation from GeoSouthern towards playground renovation. We have reached out to Magnolia Oil and Gas, Chesapeake, Seminole Pipeline, Whitehorne Pipeline, and Aspen Midstream.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
 10. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the purchase of Interactive TVs for the elementary classrooms not to exceed \$16,000. Motion passed unanimously.
 11. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to approve increasing the prekindergarten tuition to \$375 per month beginning tomorrow. The cost for students who have already registered will remain at \$350 per month. Employees will receive a \$100 discount per child. Motion passed unanimously.
 12. The board discussed changing the district's COVID-19 protocols. A motion was made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve the following changes:
 - Masks are optional for staff and students, effective immediately.
 - Daily cleaning will continue to be performed with additional cleaning/disinfecting required if a COVID-19 positive case is identified.
 - Those determined to be in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case will have the option to quarantine if asymptomatic. If symptoms develop, quarantine will be required.
 - Notification will also be adjusted to reflect the option for COVID-19 close contacts to quarantine if asymptomatic, required quarantine if symptomatic.

The following will not change:

- Definition of close contact
- Required seating charts
- Visitors on campus restricted
- Field trip guidelines
- Banquets and end-of-the-year celebration guidelines
- Individuals with symptoms will still follow COVID-19 procedures described in the Reopening plan.
- Cleaning and disinfecting areas where a positive COVID-19 individual has been on campus
- Burton ISD child nutrition staff will use face coverings/masks and gloves while performing job responsibilities.

Motion passed unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Harmel to approve creating an Instructional Coach position for school year 2021-2022. The individual hired to this position would develop and monitor instructional programs, recommend teacher effectiveness strategies and interventions, assist with professional development planning, address remediation and social/emotional needs, and coordinate state test results. Motion passed unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve elementary playground renovations at a cost to not exceed \$120,000. Motion passed unanimously.
15. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve an application for elementary and secondary school emergency relief federal grant funds (ESSER). Motion passed unanimously. Burton ISD is eligible to receive \$362,819 in funds over a three-year period. The application would provide funding to the district in two major categories. One area would address the student learning loss due to COVID-19, and the second area would address the safe re-opening of the public school district. The application also deals with other areas related to COVID-19 issues such as retaining employees, operational needs of the school district due to COVID-19 issues, and teacher support.
16. The board discussed a potential November bond election. The board will meet on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. for board training – Master Facilities Workshop.
17. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve the projected salary/pay structure as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
18.
 - a. I, Donna Putnam, move that we accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to employ Michael Cole as a teacher on a one-year probationary contract. The motion was seconded by Demetrius Colvin, Sr. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cole will be the Junior High Social Studies teacher and head softball coach.
 - b. Dr. Kennedy informed the board that Kayla Rouse has been employed as an elementary instructional aide for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - c. Dr. Kennedy announced the resignation of Michelle Cloud effective at the end of this school year.
19. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to go to executive session at 7:54 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.
20. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
No action was taken.
21. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Harmel to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President