

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:11 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

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 Staal, Business Manager

Visitors: Steve Pierce, Representative from Region VI, ESC

Joe Carlock – DSA Construction Management  
Antonio Naylor, Architect – Reliance Architecture, LLC  
Alison Bryce – Banner Press                   816-282-9955  
Joshua Blaschke – KWHI                       979-525-3902  
Jonathan Purvis                                 979-733-0145  
Sanya Baumbach                               979-203-5388  
Janette Mathis

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Misty Lucherk. A prayer was given by Demetrius Colvin, Sr., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Putnam.
2. Open Forum  
None
3. Principals' Report
  - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal presented a newsletter with the new staff on it to each board member and reported the following:
    - The new staff will be asked to attend the July board meeting so that they can be introduced to the board.
    - The elementary campus is in the process of getting ready for the next school year. Currently, the floors are being stripped and waxed. Thanks to everyone who has been working hard.
    - The teachers are attending professional development and planning for next school year.
    - The instructional coach, Mr. Jezisek has started working. He has been calling teachers and sending them a survey. His next step is to start setting up meetings to meet all teachers and to visit with them to see how he can help them.
    - The Boys and Girls Club is in full swing. They have about forty students coming daily.

- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
  - We had our first training of the summer with Allan Lowman from Lowman Consulting. Nine teachers attended the training. Teachers were able to begin planning for next school year.
  - We started our summer school program on June 1<sup>st</sup> which runs from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Six students are attending summer school.
  - Our summer End of Course Bootcamp has also started in order to give students some extra assistance on passing the test. We have ten (ninth and tenth grade) students who have been consistently in attendance.
  - We currently have a junior high math vacancy.
4. Jason Hodde, athletic director reported the following:

This summer we have a boys and girls basketball camp, volleyball camp, and workouts going on. We also have summer leagues taking place around campus that includes basketball, volleyball, and baseball. The weight room and gym will be opened on July 5<sup>th</sup> for summer workouts.
5. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Dr. Kennedy thanked the administration for all of their help.
  - b. Superintendent Kennedy announced that Mr. Eddy Jezisek, new instructional coach has already started working. She discussed his priority list and schedule.
  - c. The Bank of Brenham has requested the use of our school logo (Panther logo) for the purpose of check printing, including any advertising of checks containing such marks. Permission was granted.
  - d. A COVID-19 disclaimer will be sent out for the 2021-2022 school year. Maintenance will need to clean and sanitize, keep schools safe, and provide high air quality. Construction to remodel to meet COVID-19 demands will be addressed as well as any other COVID-19 related issues/needs.
  - e. Dr. Kennedy reviewed the school nurse's annual report with the board. The district will continue to employ the school nurse, Anna Preuss.
  - f. The district/campus instructional planning meeting was held on June 14, 2021. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Grant and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Grant were discussed. The 2021-2022 Parent Involvement Parental Rights and Responsibilities were also discussed as well as other issues and concerns related to campus/district operations. Parents are pleased with communication from the school. They are excited about the new playground and PreK - Kindergarten restrooms.
  - g. Student transfer requests and new staff children attending Burton ISD will be increasing enrollment.
  - h. Dr. Kennedy presented each board member with a school board convention packet.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Steve Pierce presented the board with a handout of preliminary budget projections and historical budget information. Mr. Pierce and the board discussed the preliminary budget projections for the 2021-2022 school year. The board is considering a tax rate of \$0.9778 per \$100 valuation. The rate would consist of

\$0.9029 for maintenance and operation (M&O) and \$0.0749 for debt service (I&S). The district expects to generate \$6.8 million in revenue from the new M&O rate, \$570,000 from the I&S rate, and \$98,000 in state funding. It also plans to have between \$5.3 and \$5.4 million in expenses and a \$1.5 million debt payment.

8. The board discussed the District Facilities Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to call for a potential November bond election. Motion passed unanimously.
9. A motion was made By Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Harmel to approve a contract with Reliance Architecture, LLC. Motion passed unanimously.
10. The board discussed Bond Strategic Planning Services. No action was taken.
11. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Harmel to approve the PreK – Kindergarten restroom building project at a cost not to exceed \$87,000. Motion passed unanimously.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the Region VI, Education Service Center e-Contracts as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
13. The board discussed staff salary increases. A motion was made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve a 2.5 percent (2.5%) pay increase and a \$1500 health insurance premium payment for all employees, plus a step raise for teachers. The amount of the total salary increase for the district will be approximately \$245,900. Motion passed unanimously.
14. No action was taken regarding the Staff Leave Day Policy,
15. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve the Dyslexia Plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
16. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to approve the 2020-2021 application for Low Attendance Days Waiver as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
17. The board discussed the 2021-2022 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Grant Application.
18. The Washington County Appraisal District is requesting that the surplus funds from the 2018-2019 budget and the 2019-2020 budget be obligated as shown below. The total surplus is \$162,221. The surplus from the 2018-2019 budget is \$20,216. The surplus from the 2019-2020 budget is \$142,005.

Propose Assigning to Fund Balance as follows:

Pay off existing Eagleview contract \$7,000

Fleet replacement \$30,000

Replace computers and plotters \$35,000

Software purchases and SB2 costs \$90,221

A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Ms. Putnam to allow the Washington County Appraisal District to obligate these funds as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

19. No action was taken regarding designating Washington County Extension Agents as adjunct staff members.
20. Dr. Kennedy informed the board that Eddy Jezisek has been employed as the instructional coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Jamie Odom has been employed as an elementary teacher for 2021-2022 school year, and Toni Jezisek has been employed as the Physics and Chemistry teacher for 2021-2022 school year.
21. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Harmel to go to executive session at 7:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:44 p.m.
22. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session  
No action was taken.
23. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Hinze to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President