

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

Board Members present:

Misty Lucher, 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, and Caitlyn Staal, Business Manager

Administrator absent:

Jason Hodde, Athletic Director

Visitors: Alison Bryce – Banner Press

Joshua Blaschke – KWHI

Jonathan Knowles

Lindee Knowles

Eddy Jezisek

Elizabeth Jurica

Mike Clyde

Sanya Baumbach

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Misty Lucher. A prayer was given by Donna Putnam, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Hinze.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Superintendent Kennedy presented an overview of the School First (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). Dr. Kennedy announced the rating the district received from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. Burton Independent School District received the status Passed, Superior Rating of 90.
4. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
 - We wrapped up Fire Prevention Week last week. Thanks to the Burton Volunteer Fire Department for bringing their fire trucks. She thanked the Brenham Fire Department for providing a fire prevention skit.
 - A representative from the Boys and Girls Scouts came to our campus to recruit some students.
 - Our teachers have signed up to coach students for UIL. We will start those events in November and will have in-person meets in December.
 - Mrs. Fuchs thanked the Burton Education Foundation for providing mini grants to our teachers for classroom materials.

- Our campus is using Education Service Center, Region 6 to assist some teachers to help improve instruction.
 - At the present time, our campus does not have any teachers or students positive for COVID-19.
- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal introduced Jonathan Knowles and his wife Lindi to the board and reported the following:
- At the present time, our campus does not have any teachers or students out with COVID-19.
 - October 13, 2021 is National SAT Day. We will offer the PSAT/SAT to all students in grades 9-12 at no cost to the students.
 - We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 25 – 29, 2021 to promote a drug free school environment.
 - We will celebrate Burton Homecoming next week with the following events:
 - Homecoming Parade – October 20th at 5:30 p.m.
 - Homecoming Pep Rally – October 22nd at 2:00 p.m.
 - Football Game – October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
 - Homecoming Dance – October 23rd – 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
5. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. Fall sports are in full swing, and Burton athletics are very busy. I would like to thank the entire coaching staff and administration for a great start to the fall season. I also want to commend all athletes for representing our school in a positive manner.

Volleyball is currently 20-17 and 8-1 in district play. They currently sit second in the district behind Fayetteville. They will play Fayetteville tomorrow night with a chance to even the first spot in district play. We want to congratulate our junior high volleyball team for getting third in a very competitive 5A tournament this past weekend at A & M Consolidated. The junior high volleyball team has had a very successful year thus far and have been dominating this season.

Cross Country has been busy as well. They have been charting some good times as they get ready for their district meet in Caldwell at Davidson Creek Park on Thursday. The boys placed third in their previous meet this past weekend, and the girls placed fourth.

The football team is 5-1 thus far and 2-0 in district. Their next game is Friday in Bartlett at 7:00 p.m. Homecoming is scheduled for October 22nd against Granger. The football team participated in the Burton Bridge Ministry cleanup and rebuild project two weekends ago. Varsity football players helped Burton Bridge Ministry clean yards, pastures, and rebuild parts of homes in efforts to help the ones that are less fortunate. Turnout was a success. I would like to thank all the players and coaches who attended and helped.

Basketball practice starts up in two weeks for the girls and a week later for the boys.

6. Superintendent's Report
- a. Dr. Kennedy said thanks for all the scheduled homecoming activities. She also thanked Mrs. Fuchs for organizing the UIL events. Dr. Kennedy expressed thanks to all of the staff for everything that they are doing to help keep all of our students on campus.

- b. The auditor will present the annual audit report in a few months.
 - c. Dr. Kennedy thanked Mr. Mike Clyde for his PAC committee work, and the board for their support.
 - d. Dr. Kennedy said to send prayers for the two students who were involved in an accident.
 - e. The district has a new app and website to increase communication.
 - f. The next scheduled board meeting is November 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. followed by board training (Team Building) at 6:00 p.m. The bond election will be canvassed at the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.
 - g. Dr. Kennedy asked to change the December board meeting date to December 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
 - h. The board received a thank you note from Lora Ripple.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Colvin to adopt a resolution to nominate Joseph W. Antkowiak, Leslie Boehnemann, Jr., John Schaer, Charles Gaskamp, and Johanna Fatheree as candidates to serve on the Washington County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion passed 7-0.
9. Elizabeth Jurica presented the 2020-2021 ESL Program Evaluation to the board. Burton ISD is filing a waiver with the state due to the fact that not all of our staff are ESL certified. One teacher is currently getting certified.
10. A motion was made by Mrs. Lucherk and seconded by Mr. Harmel to approve the Burton Elementary Campus Improvement Plan for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve the Burton Secondary Campus Improvement Plan for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the District Improvement Plan for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
13. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve a 10-Day Staff COVID-19 Resolution as amended. Motion passed 7-0. The resolution provides up to ten additional days of leave for school employees who test positive during the 2021-2022 school year. The employee must provide confirmation to the district of a positive test. The leave days will only be granted on a one-time basis for an employee.
14. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve adding an additional early release date to the 2021-2022 school calendar (Additional early release date for hosting elementary UIL – December 2, 2021). Motion passed 7-0.
15. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports Plan as presented. Motion passed 7-0. The plan is a direct grant valued at \$120,000 over three years, \$60,000 each for the elementary and secondary campuses. The funds will be used on dyslexia tools and reading at the elementary school and approved tutor vendors at the high school.

16. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the Remote Conferencing – Return to School Instruction Plan as presented. Motion passed 7-0. The plan allows students with a temporary medical condition to participate in remote classes for no more the twenty instructional days throughout the school year. The medical condition must be documented by a physician, or the student must have been excluded from attending school because of a test result or formal diagnosis.
17. The board discussed a district property survey. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Harmel to approve hiring a surveyor to obtain a current district property survey. Motion passed 7-0.
18. The board discussed Geotechnical Investigation and Design Recommendations Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve a contact with Geotechnical Investigation and Design Recommendations Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services. Motion passed 7-0.
19. The board discussed district safety and security. The safety audit report was presented.
20. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Hinze to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President