

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:02 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

Board Members present:

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

Board Members absent:

David Warner, Sr., Brian Hinze

Administrators present:

Superintendent Edna Kennedy, Principals Matthew Wamble and Melinda Fuchs, and Caitlyn Blakey-Staal, Business Manager

Administrators absent:

Assistant Principal Jeremy Johnston, Jason Hodde Athletic Director

Visitors: Antonio Naylor – Reliance Architecture

Joe Carlock – DSA Construction Management

Ryan Lione – Powell Law Group

Chuck Kelley – SKANSKA

Alison Bryce – Banner Press

Joshua Blaschke – KWHI

Jonathan Purvis

Mike Clyde

Sanya Baumbach

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The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Misty Lucherk. A prayer was given by Dean Fuchs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Harmel.
2. Open Forum
Mike Clyde spoke to the board. He stated that transparency is wanted, and he doesn't think it is happening. Mr. Clyde had multiple questions and concerns regarding the architect, construction manager, construction manager agent, attorneys, and Board Policy CV.
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
 - PTI has received our new playground equipment and is trying to wrap up a few other jobs they are in the middle of and then they will schedule ours.
 - We hosted UIL last week with multiple other schools. Shout out to Ms. Robertson for coordinating it, all of the staff for helping, and the coaches who helped our students be prepared for the event.
 - Our students went on the 40 Acres Field Trip and watched a UT women's basketball game in Austin.

- A book author came and read to our students. She was part of the Texas World Wrangler Book Festival.
 - A shout out of thanks to the Boys and Girls Club for meeting our needs during early releases and holidays.
 - Reading Academy Update – It is going well.
 - We were randomly selected for an audit for a portion of our Title program. I am working on it.
- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal stated that he wished the board members a happy holiday season and reported the following:
- Today our Junior High UIL Team traveled to Normangee High School for district competition. We had forty-two seventh and eighth grade students participate this year.
 - We will conduct the STAAR EOC test for our re-test students starting tomorrow, December 7th - 9th for all subjects.
 - A Parent Scholarship Night is scheduled for December 8, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for all senior students and parents to attend. This night will be to review the scholarship process with seniors and parents and to answer any questions before the spring semester.
 - The Burton Panther Band will hold their annual holiday concert on December 15, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the high school gym.
 - I want to recognize the students in our Burton Jr. High Beta Club for volunteering last week at the KBTX Food for Families Food Drive in Brenham. The Beta Club will also be assisting this weekend at the Burton Christmas Market.
4. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. Burton football ended their playoff run Friday losing to Falls City 34-20 in the Regional Final game for Region 4. This group of young men displayed class and sportsmanship in every sense of the word. They represented our school and community in pristine fashion! They worked their tails off and showed us all what happens when you stick together and keep fighting. The 2021 Burton Football Team definitely left their mark in Burton Football history.

High School Basketball and Junior High Basketball is in full swing and will have games and tournaments coming up in the next two weeks leading into the holidays. Our basketball teams are much improved this season, and we look forward to a better year than the last.

Little Dribblers started practicing this week, and they will play games in January.

All in all, we are pleased with all the hard work and dedication that our student athletes have displayed. On behalf of the entire athletic department, we want to thank you all for your support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

5. Superintendent's Report
- a. Dr. Kennedy discussed criteria for construction companies. (DSA)
 - b. An engineer is doing some surveys with radars.
 - c. Shirts will be ready for January - Board Appreciation Month.

- d. Dr. Kennedy thanked the board of trustees and the Burton ISD staff for the love and support that she received when her Dad passed away unexpectedly during the Thanksgiving Break. We are richly blessed to live in a community that makes the district an extension of our personal families. The plant/tree is beautiful.
 - e. Dr. Kennedy stated that our Burton Panthers gave it their all, and she couldn't be more proud of their football season. Thanks for the class they show on and off of the field as well as representing our school and community so positively. She wouldn't have expected anything less from such a great group of students, coaches, and staff.
 - f. Dr. Kennedy also thanked the community that brings in generous donations in support of our school operations and extracurricular activities. We appreciate that we were able to transport the football team, band, and cheerleaders comfortably and safely to and from games on charter buses. Thanks to the group that put together the fan bus.
 - g. She stated congratulations to all UIL participants.
 - h. Dr. Kennedy said that our Drug Testing Policy and Procedures haven't been addressed since 2010. The district has looked at it. It will be posted on the district website.
 - i. The district audit report will be presented at the January 10, 2022 board meeting.
 - j. Dr. Kennedy gave each board member a copy of the superintendent's evaluation document that should be returned to the board president or Rosa by January 4, 2022.
 - k. Alfred Walker, food service consultant and Burton ISD administrators visited three campuses in Navasota to look at cafeteria designs. We saw some great ideas.
 - l. The district is working on baseball/softball field lighting.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0. The quarterly investment report was not included and will be included in the January 2022 consent agenda. The quarterly investment report will be emailed to the board as soon as possible.
7. The Board decided to move items related to the Burton ISD 2021 Bond Projects to a Special School Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Burton High School Auditorium. Several board members wanted a separate meeting to discuss how everything needs to be handled further. Presentations will be given by Joe Carlock – DSA Construction Management, Antonio Naylor – Reliance Architecture, and Ryan Lione – Powell Law Group.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President