

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:01 p.m. in the Burton High School Auditorium.

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, and Caitlyn Blakey-Staal, Business Manager

Administrators absent:

Assistant Principal Jeremy Johnston, Jason Hodde Athletic Director

Visitors: Antonio Naylor - Reliance Architecture
Jared Longoria, Auditor
Lucas Janda - Live Oak Public Finance, LLC
Joshua Blaschke - KWHI
Alison Bryce - Banner Press

Mike Clyde
Sanya Baumbach
Bruce Bockhorn

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Misty Lucherk. A prayer was given by Jeff Harmel, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Warner, Sr.
2. Open Forum
None
3. The 2020-2021 Financial Audit Report was presented by Jared Longoria, CPA representing Singleton Clark and Company. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the audit. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal presented each board member with a list of school events dates through the end of February and reported the following:
 - I just want each of you to know how much we appreciate you.
 - As of this moment, the elementary campus has seven staff out with COVID and five students out who are positive. We have others out who feel ill and are getting tested. We are trying our very best to continue having school as normal.
 - Playground update: One of the play structures has been installed. The salesman from the company came to look at the drainage before installing any of the other equipment. I have included a picture of the new playground structure on the sheet with the events dates.

- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:
- Thank you for all you do for the students and staff at Burton ISD!
 - Congratulations to our Burton FFA Dairy Team on finishing Second Place at the Fort Worth Livestock Show. The team consisted of Cassidy Fuchs, Chet Fritsch, Weston Hinze, and Tanna Thiel.
 1. Cassidy Fuchs placed sixth high individual.
 2. Weston Hinze placed seventh high individual.
 3. Chet Fritsch placed twelfth high individual.
 - Burton High School will host our annual Blinn Dual/UT OnRamps Night on January 27th at 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents and students to get more information about class offerings.
 - We have our first spring Blood Drive scheduled to be held this week on January 20th in the Burton High School Auditorium.
 - Our students are scheduled to take the ASVAB on campus on January 26th. All eleventh grade students will take the exam, and any twelfth grade student who is interested in the Armed Services after graduation.
 - We currently have seven to eight staff members and eighteen students out with COVID-19 or some other sickness.
5. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. High school and junior high school basketball are in full swing. The girls and boys have just started District play. They are playing tonight in Somerville. The Friday game has been postponed due to COVID affecting Iola. We are currently in the process of rescheduling. There are no high school games this weekend.

Powerlifting has also started. We have roughly about seven boys and six girls participating. They will compete in four meets this year.

Little Dribbler games will be played this weekend in both gyms in Burton. Our Burton teams have been doing well in all divisions and representing our school and community well.

Softball practices have started this week. We currently have thirteen girls playing.

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!

6. Superintendent's Report
- a. Dr. Kennedy stated that January is School Board Recognition Month. She thanked the Board for their service. Staff and students presented thank you notes, cards, a vest, shirts, sports pictures, etc. to the board. Food was also provided for the board. Dr. Kennedy reviewed the proclamation from Governor Abbott in regards to School Board Recognition Month.
 - b. Dr. Kennedy encouraged the board to watch the Open Meetings Act training video as a refresher. A reminder that our meetings are conducted in the "open" and that we want to provide as much transparency as possible so that citizens are informed throughout the bond and upcoming building process. We do

acknowledge that a member of the public may address the board regarding items being considered on the agenda. There was never any intention to not allow for public comment.

- c. Antonio Naylor with Reliance Architecture presented an update on the Buildings/Facilities Bond Project. We are currently working on contract negotiations with consultants, coordinating with survey, civil engineering, and Geotech services to implement concept overlay and conceptual design. TxDot assessment is being used to help with traffic flow and community access to district facilities. We hope to have a project schedule that begins mid-summer, early Fall 2022. Site-work is within budget.
 - d. COVID cases - Dr. Kennedy reported that low attendance waivers and other waivers may be available from TEA.
 - e. Dr. Kennedy stated that the district is trying to maintain our staff attendance. We need substitute bus drivers and substitutes for teachers.
 - f. The district has four days of additional instructional minutes that can be used.
7. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Harmel to approve an order by the Board of Trustees of the Burton Independent School District Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Burton Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2022; Levying a Tax and Providing for the Security and Payment Thereof; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Purchase Contract and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement Relating to such Bonds, Approving the Preparation of an Official Statement; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating Thereto. Motion passed 7-0.

The bond funds will have a 2.73 percent interest rate and will need to be repaid in thirty years. The bond is eligible to be refinanced in the fall of 2030. The bond funds are scheduled to be deposited to the district on February 17, 2022.

9. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Harmel to approve the joint election contract with the City of Burton. Motion passed 7-0.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the order calling for a School Board Election on May 7, 2022 for the expiring terms of Demetrius Colvin, Sr. and Jeff Harmel. Motion passed 7-0.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to appoint the following election officials:
Election Judge – Gail Stanley
Alternate Election Judge and Clerk – Sharon Chapman
Clerk – Bertha Upshaw
Early Voting Clerk – Tracie Ely
Deputy Early Voting Clerk – Dana Moreno

This motion also appoints Gail Stanley – Election Judge, Sharon Chapman – Alternate Election Judge and Clerk, and Bertha Upshaw – Clerk to serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board. Motion passed 7-0.

12. The board reviewed and discussed the TEA COVID Updates. The board agreed to keep the current COVID-19 resolution in place which grants each employee who tests positive for COVID-19 up to an additional ten leave days. The district will continue to follow CDC and TEA guidelines. Staff should communicate with the school nurse and administration regarding their recovery period to determine whether they could return to work after five days.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Hinze to go to executive session at 7:04 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m.
14. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
No action was taken regarding the superintendent's evaluation, contract, and salary.
15. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President