

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Burton High School Auditorium.

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, and Caitlyn Blakey-Staal, Business Manager

Administrators absent:

Assistant Principal Jeremy Johnston, Jason Hodde, Athletic Director

<u>Visitors:</u> Lois Kolkhorst - Texas State Senator	Kristi Hinze
Joe Carlock - DSA Construction Management	Sanya Baumbach
Antonio Naylor - Reliance Architecture	Mike Clyde
Joshua Blaschke - KWHI	Charles Seely
Alison Bryce - Banner Press	Kelly Seely
Kendall Smidovec	Cameron Seely
Jim Kolkhorst	Andrea Fischer
Daniel Douglas	Darrell Fischer
David Kennedy	Chet Fritsch
Nicholas Herr	Paige Fritsch
Jessica Teufel	Waylon Hinze
Debbie Kieke	Weston Hinze
Angie Fritsch	Tanna Thiel
Jane Hinze	Amanda Thiel
Glenwood Hinze	

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Misty Lucher. A prayer was given by Weston Hinze, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chet Fritsch.
2. The Honorable Texas State Senator Lois Kolkhorst presented a proclamation to the Burton FFA and 4-H Livestock Judging Team commending them on their accomplishments last year.
3. Open Forum
Daniel Douglas reported on the Little Dribblers program. Eighty students signed up. They had fifty wins and twelve losses against Somerville, Caldwell, and Dime Box. All Stars is next Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Douglas thanked the board and administrators for the use of the facilities. He also thanked the committee, staff, and students for all their hard work.

Mike Clyde thanked the board for the relocation of the board meetings to the Burton High School auditorium. He stated that board meetings are no longer zoomed and would like the board to consider zooming the board meetings again. Mr. Clyde also asked for students to be included on the community/parent bond committee.

4. Principals' Report

a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal presented each board member with a list of school events dates through the end of March and reported the following:

- Our campus is doing after school attendance make up work for students who have exceeded ten or more tardies or sixteen or more absences.
- The Little Dribbler program will have all star games next Saturday. She thanked everyone involved.
- Last week, we had two students participate in the Washington County Spelling Bee. They did a great job.
- Sixth grade had a math field trip last Friday. The trip went well.
- We wrapped up our American Heart Association fundraiser last Friday. We don't have an amount that the students raised yet. We should be getting that soon.

b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal reported the following:

- I want to applaud my teachers for all their hard work in the classroom. As we move toward Spring, there are a lot of moving pieces with students being out of the classroom, and they continue to challenge students by keeping them engaged in learning whether in person or remotely.
- We recently had a trainer from Region VI on our campus to work with our ELAR team to assist them with classroom resources and planning for the spring semester and continuing into the summer.
- Last week, we held course selections for our seventh grade and ninth through twelfth grade students to get an idea of course offerings for the 2022-2023 school year. We will hold an eighth grade parent night for our eighth grade students going into the ninth grade to get them ready for high school. The meeting will be held on February 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- We have several college visits planned for our Seniors. The first one will take place this Friday, February 18th, and our students will be attending the Rellis Campus in Bryan-College Station. On March 9th, they will take a visit to Blinn College to tour the campus to find out all the wonderful things that Blinn has to offer.

5. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. Basketball season is winding down. Our high school girls finished fifth in district play and were one game out from making the playoffs. However, they have made drastic improvements and have had their first winning season since 2003. They are still young, and we look for some good things to come. Junior high finished their season, and the girls won the district title. The boys came in third. Super proud of these young kiddos. Basketball has been taking some hits over the years, but the future looks bright. Our high school boys have two games left to play. They are still winless, but the attitudes have been good despite the frustrated season. A big thanks and shout out to our basketball coaches for all their hard work.

Power lifting has had three meets so far. They have been very competitive charting several medals in each meet. Keep in mind these meets are 1A through 4A. We are super proud of our students for the way they are competing.

Softball, Baseball, and Track are all in the start of their seasons. Practices have been going on. We have had some scrimmages as well. We have a large number of students doing multiple sports in the spring so our spring will be super busy for athletes and coaches.

Our Little Dribbler teams have been doing great. The Burton teams are 52-10 overall in regular league play. Our program has been a huge success. All of the divisions will start all star play this weekend in Somerville. Based on the regular season, we should be able to bring home some division championship trophies.

6. Superintendent's Report

- a. Dr. Kennedy reported that last week was National School Counseling Week. She expressed her thanks to Angela Rhodes, counselor and to the assistants - Courtney Kunkel and Katie Kieke. They are here to help support and serve the needs of our students and school community, working together as we navigate through school and life.
- b. Dr. Kennedy announced that the last day to file for a place on the school board election ballot is Tuesday, February 18th. Demetrius Colvin, Sr. and Jeff Harmel's positions are up for election. Both have signed up.
- c. The Boy and Girls Club is working on their budget. Burton ISD is helping fund the Boys and Girls Club program through ESSER Grant monies. This year services offered included PreK availability for after school. The Boys and Girls Club is looking at several scenarios for their budget for the next school year. We just want to ensure that Burton ISD continues to support having their after school and summer programs here.
- d. Dr. Kennedy presented the nurse's office activity report. The district has recruited Joy Fuchs and Joan Goebel to serve as substitute nurses.
- e. Angela Rhodes presented the counselor survey.
- f. Burton ISD participates in several purchasing cooperatives which includes TASB BuyBoard, Harris County Purchasing Cooperative, Choice Partners, Region Service Centers, and others as recommended and made available for purchases. DSA as our construction management agent will competitively bid out all services for the bond building project.
- g. Antonio Naylor and Joe Carlock gave the building projects update.
- h. Dr. Kennedy gave an update regarding the January Tax Report. Current collections as of today, February 14th are at 93.92 percent.

7. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

8. A public hearing was held to discuss the District and Campus 2020-2021 Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR). The reports were presented by the following: Elementary - Melinda Fuchs, Jr. High/High School - Matthew Wamble, and District - Dr. Edna Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy stated that the 2020-2021 Academic

Performance Report (TAPR) - 2021 Accountability Rating was Not Rated. Declared State of Disaster, 2021 Special Education Determination Status: Meets Requirements.

9. The board discussed adjustments to the 2021-2022 school calendar and professional staff development days. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Hinze to use built in additional minutes for students for days missed due to inclement weather on February 4th and 5th and adjust the number of staff days for all staff. Motion passed 7-0.
10. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
11. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mrs. Lucherker to appoint a community/parent bond committee. Motion passed 7-0.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the purchase of additional playground improvements at a cost not to exceed \$70,000. Motion passed 7-0.
13. The board discussed the purchase of a school bus. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the purchase of two new school buses at a cost of \$220,238.00. Motion passed 7-0.
14. The board discussed prekindergarten tuition. Previously, discussions were held in regards to consideration to increase prekindergarten tuition to possibly \$25 more per month for non-qualifying, non-district resident, and non-staff member students. The Child Care Management Services Division of the Texas Workforce is offering free childcare for a year to families who apply therefore, it is recommended that we leave the tuition the same at \$275 per month for staff and \$375 per month for all others. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Harmel to leave the tuition the same at \$275 per month for staff and \$375 per month for all others. Motion passed 7-0.
15. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Warner to go to executive session at 7:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 8:04 p.m.
16. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
 - a. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Hinze to extend the athletic director contract of Jason Hodde by one year. Mr. Hodde has a two-year contract through August 31, 2024. Motion passed 7-0.
 - b. A motion was made by Mr. Hinze and seconded by Ms. Putnam to extend the contracts of Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal and Matthew Wamble, junior high/high school principal by one year. Mrs. Fuchs and Mr. Wamble have two-year contracts through June 30, 2024. Motion passed 6-1 for Melinda Fuchs. Dean Fuchs abstained. Motion passed 5-2 for Matthew Wamble. Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Jeff Harmel, Dean Fuchs, Donna Putnam, and Brian Hinze voted for. Misty Lucherker and David Warner, Sr. voted against.

17. Dr. Kennedy announced the resignation of Michael W. Cole, teacher and coach effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
18. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Warner to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President