

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 28, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Burton High School Auditorium.

Board Members present:

Misty Lucherk, Demetrius Colvin, Sr., David Warner, Sr., Dean Fuchs, Donna Putnam, Brian Hinze

Board Member absent:

Jeff Harmel

Administrators present:

Superintendent Edna Kennedy, Principal Melinda Fuchs, and Caitlyn Blakey-Staal, Business Manager

Administrators absent:

Principal Matthew Wamble, Assistant Principal Jeremy Johnston, and Jason Hodde, Athletic Director

Visitors: Antonio Naylor - Reliance Architecture

Joe Carlock - DSA Construction Management

Stad Tomlinson - DSA Construction Management

Alison Bryce - Banner Press

Johnnie Pitts

Sanya Baumbach

Susan S. Kiel

Mike Clyde

Bruce Bockhorn

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 Brian Hinze.

2. Open Forum

Johnnie Pitts addressed the board about people from school parking in front of her house on East Cedar Street. She doesn't want people parking in her yard.

Mike Clyde requested the board to consider zooming the board meetings again.

Mr. Clyde stated that people have questions regarding the bond, and he would like to see communication with the public. He wants a student on the advisory committee. Mr. Clyde also requested a football schedule.

3. Principals' Report

- a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal presented a 2022 Spring Events Calendar to the board and reported the following:

- Mrs. Fuchs wished Ms. Putnam a Happy Birthday.

- She stated condolences to the family of Ms. E. The campuses will be providing some meals this week for the family.
 - The elementary campus will be doing their benchmarks this week and next week to help them know their student needs.
 - The district has continued to provide teachers with planning support.
 - Mrs. Fuchs thanked the teachers for all of their hard work and also those that have been doing after school tutorials. She knows it is a long day and then to stay later is appreciated.
 - We are in the process of looking at summer staff development, next year's master schedule based on student needs and student numbers. PreK and kindergarten registration is in April. We have been reaching out to families to make sure we are serving our community.
 - Mrs. Fuchs stated that she sent an email to the board regarding an update on the playground. Concrete has been poured for the basketball court.
- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal presented a 2022 Spring Events Calendar to the board and reported the following:
- The High School Academic team traveled to Normangee to participate in the district meet and placed second overall. Fourteen students will advance to the regional round which will be held in Corpus Christi on April 22nd and 23rd. Big congratulations to all the students who competed and great job to Coach Ramsey for preparing our students for the competition.
 - Burton High School will host a Saturday STAAR/EOC Blitz session on April 2nd from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for ELA 1 and 2 to help students prepare for their upcoming assessment.
 - We are looking forward to our Junior and Senior Prom "Golden Dreams" scheduled for April 9th from 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 - Mr. Wamble gave a report on Burton FFA results at San Antonio, Houston, and Rodeo Austin.
4. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. Congratulations to all our powerlifters this season. We had three students advance to regionals and one athlete to state. Eric Flores and Vivian Lehman were regional qualifiers. A big shout out goes to Eli Saunders for a seventh place finish at the State powerlifting meet this past week. He lifted his personal best of 860 total pounds! We are super proud of him and all the powerlifters this season. A big thank you goes to Coach Ramsey for coaching these athletes and helping them with their accomplishments.

Softball and baseball are in full swing. Softball has improved this year. They are currently 3 and 3 in district as they head into the second round of district play tomorrow against Snook. Baseball is currently playing tonight in Iola. They are at the midway point in the first round of district play.

The junior high track meet is tonight. The junior high teams have been very competitive this year. Our girls won first at the Smithville meet and have made strong showings in other meets. The boys have finished in the top 5 in each of their meets as well. High school track is still in their invitational track season. District meets will be next week. Their next track meet is in Fayetteville this Thursday. This will be their last meet to prepare for the district meet that will be held in Snook. Both teams have had strong showings in all of the meets thus far with the girls winning the Lexington meet and the boys finishing third last Thursday. We are

looking forward to the district meet and hopefully winning some district titles. We have a lot of athletes and coaches involved in multiple activities this spring including Stock Shows, UIL Band, UIL Academics, and One Act Play. We are proud of how these young men and ladies represent our community and school in so many ways. Thank you for all of your support!

5. Superintendent's Report
 - a. The facilities bond project update was presented. Plans are to move classrooms affected by renovations in the cafeteria building by the end of the school year and address the start of the next school year transitions. A plan for parking and classrooms during construction has been worked out. Containers will be needed to store items, and dumpsters will be needed when we start cleaning out. The district is considering staffing concerns.
 - b. Dr. Kennedy stated that the Community Advisory Committee meeting went well on March 24th.
 - c. Dr. Kennedy reported that the One Act Play did well.
 - d. Dr. Kennedy stated that the district is ready to open up the campus/district to all regular operations and invite parents, family, and guests back. The district has been slowly transitioning back to this process, and she wanted to make it official. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to open the campus/district back up. Motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Dr. Kennedy said that the district has addressed afternoon student pick-up procedures at the elementary campus for parents. The street in front of Mrs. Johnnie Pitts home is public parking and as much as it is a significant nuisance to her, we understand and will continue to ask parents to be in the car line to pick up their students. The most important factor is that it is a safety hazard to cross Main Street to pick up their child and then cross back over Main Street with their child. We appreciate our parents and families who follow safety protocols.
 - f. Required Board Training (Team Building) is scheduled with John Conley from Region VI, ESC on May 9th at the regular board meeting.
 - g. Graduation will be held in the gym.
 - h. Summer Leadership Institute training is scheduled for June 15th – June 18th in San Antonio.
 - i. The district is working on a football schedule.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Certification of Unopposed Candidates was presented to President Misty Lucher by Secretary Jeff Harmel. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Warner to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Motion passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Hinze to order the cancellation of the board election scheduled for May 7, 2022 due to the fact that it is an unopposed election. Motion passed 6-0. The following candidates were certified as unopposed and are hereby elected: Demetrius Colvin, Sr. and Jeff Harmel.

9. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the TASB Risk Management Fund Amended Interlocal Participation Agreement as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
10. The board discussed the purchase of a school automobile. A motion was made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Ms. Putnam to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Equinox at a cost of \$25,677.00. Motion passed 6-0.
11. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Colvin to go to executive session at 7:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:49 p.m.
12. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Colvin to extend the probationary contracts of Jeremy Johnston – assistant principal, Angela Rhodes – counselor, and Eddy Jezisek – instructional coach for school year 2022-2023 as recommended by Superintendent Edna Kennedy. Motion passed 6-0.
 - b. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve term contracts for the following personnel for the Burton Special Services Cooperative based on the recommendation of the Burton Special Services Cooperative superintendents of Burton, Dime Box, and Round Top-Carmine for school year 2022-2023:
Kristi Hess – Special Education Director (226 days)
Holly Horton – Diagnostician (197 days).
Motion passed 6-0.
 - c. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve probationary contracts for the following personnel for the Burton Special Services Cooperative based on the recommendation of the Burton Special Services Cooperative superintendents of Burton, Dime Box, and Round Top-Carmine for school year 2022-2023:
Michelle Ketrick – Speech/Language Pathologist (187 days)
Kelly Ponce – Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (197 days).
Motion passed 6-0.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President