

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 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

Board Member absent:

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

Alex Davila - Reliance Architecture

Joe Carlock - DSA Construction Management

Stad Tomlinson - DSA Construction Management

Mark Whitehead - KWHI

Alison Bryce - Banner Press

Jonathan Purvis

Mike Clyde

Courtney Kunkel

Stephen Burns

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Misty Lucherk. A prayer was given by Demetrius Colvin, Sr., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Putnam.
2. Open Forum  
None
3. Principals' Report
  - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal presented a 2022 Spring Events Calendar update to each board member and reported the following:
    - We celebrated our paraprofessionals and assistant principal, Mr. Johnston last week.
    - Our campus has enjoyed having an open campus. We have had parents eat lunch with their children.
    - We are beginning an elementary Beta Club. The National Beta Club recognizes elementary as fourth and fifth grade. I have asked Mr. Wamble to incorporate sixth grade into the Junior High School Beta Club.

- Spring benchmarks have been completed which will give us good data to use to help the students prepare for the upcoming STAAR test.
  - The master schedule committee has met. We are working on the master schedule.
- b. Matthew Wamble, secondary campus principal presented a copy of important dates for the 2022 seniors to the board and reported the following:
- We had a very successful 2022 prom this past weekend. The students had a great time, and they were all dressed to impress. I would like to thank Patricia Thaler, Vicki Bernet, Toni Jezisek, Angela Rhodes, Carobeth Bockhorn, Jessica Teufel, Delaina Callahan, Michele Ebner, and all the many parents who took part in helping us get prepared for the special occasion. Also, a big Thanks for all the parents and businesses that donated door prizes. I also want to recognize our 2022 Queen - Ms. Cassidy Fuchs and King - Mr. Weston Hinze.
  - We are in the thick of testing season. Students and teachers are working really hard to prepare for an amazing success. We will hold our next Saturday Blitz on April 30th.
  - Congratulations to our FFA Wildlife Team that qualified for the state competition being held next week. The team consisted of Weston Hinze, Vicente Veliz, Chet Fritsch, and Zane Aschenbeck.
  - Mrs. Rhodes and the junior class will be attending the HYPE Career Fair on April 27th in Bryan/College Station. This will be an opportunity for students to explore high growth in demand career choices in the Brazos Valley area.
4. Dr. Kennedy presented the athletic director's report. Coach Hodde wanted to start off by saying that he is super proud of all the athletes and coaches this month. Our athletes and coaches have had to juggle multiple activities and have done an awesome job in doing so.

Golf has finished their district meet. Four boys and two girls have advanced to the regional meet in Corpus next week. Tanner Gore, Kaiden Kalkhake, Pierson Spies, and Mitchell Hensley will represent the boys. Michaela Wilke and Briana Torres will represent the girls. Congratulations to the golfers as they advance to the next round.

Track just finished their district meet last week. We are proud to say that our boys are District 26 2A Champs, and our girls were runners up. Super proud of all of them for all their hard work. Sixteen boys and thirteen girls will advance to the area track meet this week in Deweyville.

Softball has had a good month. They are currently tied for second place with Somerville with just a few games left to go in district play. Super proud of them and their efforts. It's nice to see our softball team competing for one of the top spots in the district again.

Baseball is on a six game winning streak and is tied for first place with Mumford. They are at the midway point in district play. We look forward to seeing what the next few weeks will bring.

5. Superintendent's Report
  - a. President Misty Lucher reported on board training hours for each board member. (See attached Exhibit A.)
  - b. Superintendent Kennedy reported that letters of reasonable assurance will be issued to non-contract employees and substitutes.
  - c. Antonio Naylor, architect and Joe Carlock, construction management agent presented the facilities bond project update.
  - d. Dr. Kennedy reported that the district is working out details to move the baseball and softball games to accommodate the Area Track Meet due to the impending weather.
  - e. The 2022 Graduation will be held on May 20, 2022 at Panther Stadium at 8:00 p.m.
  - f. Dr. Kennedy stated that she is having teacher meetings in groups and individually. Most teachers feel like there is good communication, compassion, accolades for teachers and students, and school spirit. Generally, feeling positive about the school climate. There is a lot of support from the administration. The teachers really like the planning day each six weeks and that there are not a lot of meetings just to meet.
  - g. ABM custodial services has improved greatly.
  - h. Dr. Kenney announced areas to consider addressing for the next school year are competitive salaries, bus driver/coaches driving stipends, consistent discipline management and student expectations specifically with cell phone usage, and dress code.
  - i. Dr. Kennedy stated staffing considerations for next school year are Intervention Specialist for grades 3+ and special classes at the elementary school to include Keyboarding, Art, P.E., Music, and STEM.
  - j. Dr. Kennedy reported that a more stream-lined curriculum from PreK-12 that would build on skills from one grade level to the next while still allowing teachers to be creative and innovative was recommended and a character building curriculum was suggested that can be consistently implemented district-wide.
  - k. A keyless entry system for access into the gates, buildings, and classrooms would be much more efficient.
  - l. Team Building Board of Trustees -Team of Eight training - Roles and Responsibilities will be held on May 9th at 5:30 p.m. following the regular meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m.
  - m. Raise Your Voice presentation where local school districts unite for the future of testing and school accountability in Texas is scheduled on April 28th at 6:00 p.m. at The Yegua Center, Somerville ISD.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the TASB Risk Management Fund's new comprehensive coverage program proposal for 2022-2023 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for school year 2022-2023 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

9. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve contracts for teachers as recommended by Superintendent Edna Kennedy. Motion passed 6-0. (Copy attached.)
10. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin to go to executive session at 6:39 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.
11. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session  
No action was taken.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Harmel and seconded by Mr. Colvin to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President