

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Burton High School Auditorium.

Board Members present:

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

Board Member absent:

Jeff Harmel

Administrators present:

Superintendent Edna Kennedy, Principal Melinda Fuchs, Jason Hodde, Athletic Director, and Caitlyn Blakey-Staal, Business Manager

Administrators absent:

Principal Micah Goebel and Assistant Principal Jeremy Johnston

Visitors: Robert Westbrook, Representative from Region VI, ESC

Joe Carlock - DSA Construction Management
Stad Tomlinson - DSA Construction Management
Antonio Naylor - Reliance Architecture
Alex Davila - Reliance Architecture
Joshua Blaschke - KWHI
Jonathan Purvis
Sanya Baumbach

Mike Clyde
Patricia Clyde
Bailey Gober
Ned Ross

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Misty Lucherik. A prayer was given by Dean Fuchs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Putnam.
2. Open Forum
Mike Clyde expressed his concerns regarding construction of the new football stadium. He stated that the visitor side and press box will be in the sun.
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Melinda Fuchs, elementary principal reported the following:
 - I gave each of the board members a print out with a list of the beginning of the school year events dates and the proposed enrollment of 306 students.
 - It was great to have everyone back today.
 - We will be doing staff development/work days the next week and a half.
 - We are looking forward to having the students back on August 17th.
 - It was awesome to see the team effort from our staff and community helping those in the line of the fire.

- b. Dr. Kennedy presented the secondary campus principal report. Mrs. Goebel has been greeted by warm welcomes to the district. She thanked all of the many staff and community members who helped when her home was at risk during the recent fires.

The high school has participated in required committee meetings and professional staff development regarding campus procedures. The campus also addressed HB 4545. They are ready to welcome back students to Meet the Teachers/Meet the Panthers on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Schedules for 7th - 12th grades will be available.

Current projected enrollment for the secondary campus is 215 students.

- 4. Jason Hodde, athletic director reported that football and volleyball fundraisers are taking place right now. This is the first season, Burton ISD has had cross country 2 a days. There are thirty students participating in cross country. All coaches will be updating their schedules online. There are eighteen girls participating in volleyball. They had a scrimmage in Giddings last week. All football games will be away. The students have been receptive to the changes. Junior High football has two openings. They will not be playing our district teams. They will be playing some local teams. The Varsity football team has thirty boys, and the JV football team has thirteen boys. The first football scrimmage will be Thursday, August 11th. Home district football games will be played in Giddings. Homecoming will be celebrated at a volleyball game.
- 5. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Facilities Bond Project Update

Antonio Naylor, president of Reliance Architecture gave an update on construction for the bond project. Joe Carlock and Stad Tomlinson of DSA Construction also gave updates on the bond project.
 - b. Robert Westbrook, representative from Region VI, ESC gave an Internal Control Presentation.
 - c. Dr. Kennedy thanked everyone who has been working hard to prepare for the new school year. The next week and a half the district will be having staff development.
 - d. A District Education Improvement Committee Meeting was held recently.
 - e. Texas A & M University School of Nursing in partnership with Burton ISD will be offering a mobile clinic to our community. Texas A & M University School of Nursing has secured a \$4 million grant for the next four years to bring a mobile clinic to the district. The clinic will serve students and the public one day a week.
 - f. The first Health Fair sponsored by Burton Bridge Ministry was a huge success with various vendors from the surrounding area present to provide important health and wellness information. Thanks to the band and cheerleaders for performing and bringing that Panther Spirit to the event.
 - g. All portables and ramps have been removed by McDade ISD. Their facilities personnel will begin working on removal of the stadium bleachers and press box. McDade ISD is still interested in purchasing the football stadium lights and poles. We received a quote for removal and then we store them @ \$18,000. My recommendation would be that we let McDade ISD purchase and remove them.

- h, Fiber and cable for network and technology has been run. Bluebonnet Electric, their project management team, and engineers have been very proactive in determining where temporary and permanent service will be provided throughout the district. It looks like a six week turn around for this phase of the project. Thanks to Bluebonnet Electric for all their work.
 - i. Board meetings will be moved to the library.
6. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 7. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to set August 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. as the date to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate at the Burton High School Auditorium. Public comments on the budget and tax rate will be allowed at this meeting. Following any public comments, the board will adopt the budget and set the tax rate. Motion passed 6-0.
 8. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Warner to publish the proposed tax rate at \$1.0546 (\$0.8546 Maintenance & Operation and \$0.2000 Interest & Sinking Fund). Motion passed 6-0.
 9. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the district teacher appraisal calendar as presented. Motion passed 6-0. (Copy attached.)
 10. A motion was made by Mr. Hinze and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the employee handbook as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 11. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve the student handbook/code of conduct as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 12. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve the Burton Elementary Campus Improvement Plan for 2022-2023 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 13. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the Burton Secondary Campus Improvement Plan for 2022-2023 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 14. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Hinze to approve the District Improvement Plan for 2022-2023 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
 15. The board discussed the updated Texas Education Agency Public Health Guidance. A motion was made by Ms. Putnam and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the updated Texas Education Agency Public Health Guidance as presented. Motion passed 6-0. There will be no remote learning.

Burton ISD Staff Covid Guidelines for 2022-2023 school year

Following Texas Education Agency Public Health Guidelines published 08/01/2022

Public school systems are to operate in compliance with existing state laws and regulations, including all executive orders issued by the governor of Texas in

response to the COVID-19 pandemic that are currently in effect.

- Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask.
- Burton ISD will exclude students and staff from attending school in person who have or are suspected of having COVID-19. Exclusion shall continue until the conditions for re-entry are met:
 - * For individuals with symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and other symptoms have improved.
 - * Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms, must stay home at least 5 days after the day they were tested.Burton ISD does not require a Negative test result for re-entry.

Personal, state days, or sick time must be used for any days missed.

16. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Ms. Putnam to approve continuing Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to provide meals to all students at no charge. Motion passed 6-0.
17. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Warner to approve the purchase of an interior keyless access control system at a cost of \$53,480.00 from KLC Video Security. Motion passed 6-0.
18. The board discussed the proposed budget.
19. The board discussed district safety and security in executive session.
20. Dr. Kennedy announced that Carobeth Fuchs Bockhorn will be retiring with an effective retirement date of August 31, 2022.
21. A motion was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mr. Hinze to go to executive session at 7:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.
22. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session
No action was taken.
23. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mr. Fuchs to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President