

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:08 p.m. in the Burton High School cafeteria.

Board Members present:

Sam Gibson, David Dealy, Terri Smith, Karen Tappe, Demetrius Colvin, Sr.

Board Members absent:

Marcus Broesche, Roy Schmidt

Administrators present:

Superintendent James Palmer, Principals Karen Steenken and Cheryl DaBera, Sheila Ripple, Business Clerk

Visitors: Tim Gescheidle, Architect

Ken Gwyn

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gibson. A prayer was given by David Dealy, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Gibson.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Karen Steenken, secondary campus principal reported the enrollment at the secondary campus is 152 students. The secondary campus is working with elementary teachers to bring accelerated reading to junior high students.

Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal reported the enrollment at the elementary school is 187 students. (Pre-K – 13, K – 22, 1st – 38, 2nd – 18, 3rd – 23, 4th – 27, 5th – 32, 6th – 14)

The Burton Elementary PTO Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the La Bahia Hall.

Burton Elementary 5th grade students participated in the 2009 Luminant Scholar Program, an essay-writing competition that helps shine a light on environmental awareness. The winning student receives a \$1,000.00 U.S. Savings Bond, and the class receives Luminant Scholar T-shirts. In December, a Luminant representative will judge all winning entries to select three grand prize winners. The three elementary schools representing the winning entries will receive a \$5,000 grant.

On Monday, October 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., a ceremony will be held in the elementary gym. The fifth grade class, fifth grade teachers, parents, campus and

district administrators, a Luminant representative, and either Representative Kolkhorst or someone from her office will be present for the awarding of the \$1,000.00 U. S. Savings Bond to our school winner, Blaire Smith.

Mrs. DaBera also reported that the old elementary campus playground equipment is being taken down with the anticipated move to the new site. Drainage complications observed by the movers will require additional site work. The district will be seeking quotes.

4. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Tim Gescheidle presented a construction update.
 - b. Mr. Dealy presented a handout containing proposed revisions of board goals.
 - c. Superintendent Palmer reported that he submitted a request to TxDot in Brenham for a 290 access to the old elementary site.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Dealy and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mrs. Tappe to accept the Ag Building Renovation Project from Collier Construction, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.
7. No action was taken regarding drilling a water well for watering school grounds.
8. A motion was made by Mrs. Tappe and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the Elementary Campus Improvement Plan for 2009-2010 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Dealy and seconded by Mrs. Tappe to approve the Secondary Campus Improvement Plan for 2009-2010 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Tappe to approve the District Improvement Plan for 2009-2010 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Dealy and seconded by Mrs. Tappe to accept an irrigation bid from Texana Landscaping at a cost of \$30,420.00. Motion passed unanimously.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Dealy and seconded by Mr. Colvin to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President