

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2010

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Burton High School cafeteria.

Board Members present:

Sam Gibson, David Dealy, Terri Smith, Karen Tappe, Marcus Broesche, Roy Schmidt, Demetrius Colvin, Sr.

Administrators present:

Superintendent James Palmer, Principals Karen Steenken and Cheryl DaBera, Sheila Ripple, Business Clerk (Karen Steenken arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

Visitors: Tim Gescheidle, Architect

Ronnie Hohlt

David Warner

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sam Gibson. A prayer was given by Marcus Broesche, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Gibson.
2. Open Forum
David Warner stated that the lockers in front of the concession stand at the softball field need to be moved. Mr. Palmer responded that plans to move them were already in progress.
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Karen Steenken, secondary campus principal reported the enrollment at the secondary campus is 150 students. (7th – 19, 8th – 27, 9th – 26, 10th – 29, 11th – 28, 12th – 21). She also reported that some of her teachers attended a technology workshop last week. Parent night is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal reported the enrollment at the elementary school is 192 students. (Pre-K – 14, K – 25, 1st – 37, 2nd – 17, 3rd – 25, 4th – 30, 5th – 31, 6th – 13). She also reported the following:

The Texas Education Agency accepted the Class-Size Waiver Request for third grade. A letter was sent to the parents with information about the waiver, the minimum class-size waiver compliance plan, and assurance that future enrollment needs will be addressed by the Burton Independent School District as required by the Texas Education Agency.

NCLB Report Card information was provided to parents via letter, website, and hard copies are available in the administration office and in the offices of both campuses. Copies will also be available for public viewing on February 18, 2010, Parent Involvement Night.

4. Superintendent's Report
 - a. President Sam Gibson reported on board training hours for each board member. (See attached Exhibit A)
 - b. President Sam Gibson reported that the March regular board meeting date will be changed to March 22, 2010 due to Spring Break.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the consent agenda as presented excluding the bills. Motion passed 5-0. David Dealy and Roy Schmidt abstained.
- 5a. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Dealy to approve payment of the bills. Motion passed unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve TSG Architect's drawing of the junior high school building (option 2) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
7. No action was taken regarding moving temporary buildings from the elementary site.
8. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Tappe to approve the order calling for a School Board Election on May 8, 2010 for the expiring terms of Demetrius Colvin, Sr. and Karen Tappe. Motion passed unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Mrs. Tappe and seconded by Mr. Broesche to appoint the following election officials:
Election Judge – Dotty Wickel
Alternate Election Judge and Clerk – Paula Boeker
Clerk – Charles S. Johnston
Early Voting Clerk – Jewell McDuffie
Deputy Early Voting Clerk – Sheila Ripple

This motion also appoints Dotty Wickel – Election Judge, Paula Boeker – Alternate Election Judge and Clerk, and Charles S. Johnston – Clerk to serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board. Motion passed unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Colvin to adopt all state approved textbooks. Motion passed unanimously.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Dealy and seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
12. A motion was made by Mrs. Tappe and seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve a two-year contract for Bruno Castel, teacher as recommended by Superintendent James Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.
13. A motion was made by Mrs. Tappe and seconded by Mr. Colvin to go to executive session at 7:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.

14. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session

a. Principal Contracts

A motion was made by Mr. Dealy and seconded by Mr. Colvin to extend the contracts of Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal and Karen Steenken, junior high/high school principal by one year. Mrs. DaBera and Mrs. Steenken have two-year contracts through June 30, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Superintendent Evaluation

A motion was made by Mr. Dealy and seconded by Mr. Colvin to extend the contract of James M. Palmer, superintendent by one year. The superintendent's contract will extend through June 30, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mrs. Tappe to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President