

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2012

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 6:41 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

Board Members present:

Terri Smith, Marcus Broesche, Nicole Harmel, Sam Gibson, Ronnie Hohlt, Misty Lucherk

Board Member absent:

Demetrius Colvin, Sr.

Administrators present:

Superintendent James Palmer, Principal Cheryl DaBera, and Sheila Ripple, Business Clerk

Administrator absent:

Principal Karen Steenken

Visitor: Joel Williams – Banner Press

The following business was transacted:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Terri Smith. A prayer was given by Marcus Broesche, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Gibson.
2. Open Forum  
None
3. Principals' Report
  - a. No Secondary Report
  - b. Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal reported the projected enrollment for the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year (with certainty that this number will increase by day one of the new school year) as follows:

Pre-K – 12, K – 25, 1<sup>st</sup> – 22, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 22, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 25, 4<sup>th</sup> – 38, 5<sup>th</sup> – 17, 6<sup>th</sup> – 26  
Total – 187 students

AYP: Both the elementary and secondary campuses did not meet AYP in Math. Since this is the second consecutive year for the elementary and the district, we have entered Stage 1 of School Improvement. This means that at least ten percent of Title I Funds must be allocated to school improvement and intervention activities. Parents have been sent a letter informing them of our current status and its implications. Region VI staff in Huntsville will be working with us to complete all requirements as designated for school improvement.

A review of intervention activities utilized by the elementary staff was provided including a general number of the amount of pull-out sessions provided and the extreme effectiveness of the CEI Labs facilitated by Mrs. Witte for reading.

Mrs. DaBera also expressed her appreciation to the board for agreeing to employ another kindergarten teacher due to the large number of students enrolled in kindergarten. This will allow for more one-on-one instruction.

4. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Superintendent Palmer reported damage to the elementary gym floor was caused by air conditioning problems. The estimated cost of repair could exceed \$20,000. Our insurance agent, TASB, has been contacted.
  - b. Mr. Palmer discussed the construction in the cafeteria. The construction is complete except for a punch list of items that has been documented.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed the payment of bills.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the following changes to the Tuition-Based Pre-Kindergarten Program:
  - Students admitted under the Tuition-based program will be coded in PEIMS as ineligible and will not generate any ADA for the district.
  - Three year olds will be considered if there is a lack of four year old participation and if the student will become four years old by the end of the first semester.
  - Tuition for each child enrolled in the Tuition-based program shall be \$300.00 monthly beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year through May 31<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. (nine months of payment)
  - Students enrolled in the program will be required to provide his/her own meals or the cost of meals at the current rate determined by the district.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Broesche to set August 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. as the date to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate at the Burton High School cafeteria. 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 unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to publish the proposed tax rate at \$1.17 (\$1.04 Maintenance & Operation and \$0.13 Interest & Sinking Fund). Motion passed unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to approve the agreement for the purchase of attendance credits from the state pertaining to Chapter 41, Option 3. Motion passed unanimously.

11. The board discussed salary schedules. A motion was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to approve teacher and other employee salary schedules as presented. Motion passed 5-1. Terri Smith, Marcus Broesche, Nicole Harmel, Sam Gibson, and Misty Lucherk voted for. Ronnie Hohlt voted against. In addition, the board decided to review the district's finances at the end of the school year to consider an option of a one-time lump sum payment of varying amounts to teachers.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mrs. Harmel to approve a two percent pay increase for both principals and the superintendent. Motion passed unanimously.
13. No action was taken on the sale of the old elementary school property.
14. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Broesche to go to executive session at 7:47 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. Board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.
15. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session  
No Action was taken.
16. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Broesche to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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President