

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

Board Members present:

Terri Smith, Marcus Broesche, Sam Gibson, Demetrius Colvin, Sr., Ronnie Hohlt, Misty Lucherk (Misty Lucherk arrived at 6:32 p.m., and Demetrius Colvin, Sr. arrived at 6:34 p.m.)

Board Member absent:

Nicole Harmel

Administrators present:

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

Visitor: Willy Dilworth, Washington County Chief Appraiser

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. Karen Steenken, secondary campus principal reported the enrollment at the secondary campus is 154 students. (7th – 33, 8th – 13, 9th – 17, 10th – 33, 11th – 29, 12th – 29).

She also reported the following:

- New benchmarks are being developed to align with the STAAR test.
 - The Campus Plan will be presented at the next month's board meeting.
 - November 3, 2011 – Senior Class Fundraiser –BBQ Baked Potato Dinner
 - A career fair will be held here on November 9, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - FFA is currently selling fruit as their annual fundraiser.
- b. Cheryl DaBera, elementary principal reported the enrollment at the elementary school is 207 students. (Pre-K – 16, K – 21, 1st – 26, 2nd – 24, 3rd – 39, 4th – 18, 5th – 26, 6th – 37).

She also reported the following:

- All parents have been contacted and made at least one personal appearance at the school except for one parent.
- The Student Academic Improvement Plan and Focused Data Analysis, approved by the Board in September, have been submitted to TEA.
- A meeting with the Boys & Girls Club was held. We are working together to make the program stronger and more productive.
- Volunteer and after-school activities are being explored. One of the local churches is instituting a homework assistance and study skills program at least once a week.
- New multisensory labs at the elementary will begin next week.
- Instructional teams are meeting to enhance horizontal and vertical alignment of the curriculum.
- Campus Plan will be presented at the next month's board meeting.

4. Superintendent's Report

- a. Superintendent Palmer reported that rye grass will be planted on the dirt areas this winter, and we will seed in bermuda grass in the spring at the new construction sites.
- b. The board expressed concerns regarding drainage at the football field parking lot and requested that the Superintendent contact TxDot.
- c. Mr. Palmer has a meeting with Clay Firby of Collier Construction and Tim Gescheidle, architect on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to receive the warranty books for the new construction project.

5. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Colvin 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. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Broesche to adopt a resolution relating to the approval of Taxation of Goods-in-Transit that are Otherwise Exempted from Taxation pursuant to the public hearing held on October 11, 2011 at Blinn College. Motion passed unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Mr. Colvin and seconded by Mrs. Lucherk to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President