

BURTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Burton Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Burton Independent School District Administration Office.

Board Members present:

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

Board Member absent:

Demetrius Colvin, Sr.

Administrators present:

Superintendent James Palmer, Principal Karen Steenken, Sheila Ripple, Business Clerk

Administrator absent:

Principal Cheryl DaBera

Visitor: Kirk Palmer

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 Ronnie Hohlt.
2. Open Forum
None
3. Principals' Report
 - a. Karen Steenken, secondary campus principal reported the enrollment at the secondary campus is 155 students. (7th – 34, 8th – 14, 9th – 17, 10th – 32, 11th – 29, 12th – 29).

She congratulated the volleyball team for advancing to the state playoffs. The football team won Saturday night and will be playing against Granger on Friday, November 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Elgin. During the first week of December, STAAR Benchmark assessments will be conducted at the secondary campus.

- b. Superintendent Palmer reported the enrollment at the elementary school is 209 students. (Pre-K – 16, K – 21, 1st – 26, 2nd – 25, 3rd – 39, 4th – 18, 5th – 26, 6th – 38).

He presented a copy of the progress report regarding the Student Achievement Improvement Plan that was submitted to TEA to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Palmer also announced that the elementary school has begun two new instructional labs for at-risk students. The Get Yourself Motivated (GYM) Labs for Reading (Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday) and Math (Monday and Friday) began in October. Students were identified for attendance utilizing data from TAKS performance, beginning of the year STAAR reading and math performance, and pretest screening materials. Labs are conducted during a portion of the students' P.E. time. To date, there have been nine students who have exited from the math program. Students participating in the reading program have scored 94% and above on targeted lessons with only five students having to re-do a particular lesson. Both programs are designed to identify individual student needs with opportunities to progress through the program at their own pace. Some adjustments are already being made. Both labs appear to be effective to date.

STAAR Benchmark assessments for grades 3-6 will be conducted in December. Based on data from these assessments, additional tutorials after school may need to be conducted.

The elementary school continues to develop a viable volunteer list and will utilize these individuals for the second semester tutoring and/or possibly an after school program.

4. Superintendent's Report
 - a. President Smith reported that the December and January regular board meeting dates will be changed to December 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and January 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Hohlt and seconded by Mr. Broesche to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed the payment of bills.
7. The first reading of Board Policy Update 91 was held.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mr. Hohlt to adopt a resolution to cast all of Burton's 497 votes for Delton Koerth in the Washington County Appraisal District Board of Directors Election. Motion passed unanimously.
9. The first reading of the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) was held.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mrs. Harmel to approve the Lightspeed Service Agreement for 2011-2012 for the continued use of the content filter. Motion passed unanimously.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mrs. Lucherker to approve a budget amendment that moves \$7,671.54 for architect fees from fund balance to the construction fund. Motion passed unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Mr. Broesche and seconded by Mrs. Harmel to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President