

Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees BURNET CONSOLIDATED I.S.D.



A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of BURNET CONSOLIDATED I.S.D. will be held July 20, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the BCISD Board Room
208 E. Brier
Burnet, TX 78611.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. Call to Order
2. Open Forum
Any interested citizen may use not more than three (3) minutes to present any subject that is listed on the printed agenda.
3. Report on Health, Safety and Operational Guidelines for Returning to School (McBurnett)
4. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Approval of the Purchase of Technology Devices (McBurnett)
5. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Approval of a Resolution of the Board Regarding Suspension of State Accountability System for the 2020-2021 School Year (McBurnett)
6. Report and Discussion on November 3, 2020 Bond (McBurnett)

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

- §551.071 *Private consultation with the Board's attorney.*
- §551.072 *Discussing purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.*
- §551.073 *Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.*
- §551.074 *Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.*
- §551.076 *Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices.*
- §551.082 *Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.*
- §551.0821 *To deliberate a matter regarding a public school student if personally identifiable information will be revealed.*
- §551.083 *Considering the standards, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.*
- §551.084 *Excluding witnesses from a hearing.*
- §551.129 *Consultations between governmental body and its attorney.*

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or*
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.*

Keith McBurnett
Superintendent of Schools



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Burnet Consolidated Independent School District Resolution of the Board Regarding State Accountability

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency and the State of Texas has declared a statewide disaster regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Texas Commissioner of Education announced that administration of STAAR exams would be canceled for spring 2020, and school districts and campuses would be assigned ratings of “Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster” for 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Texas Governor issued Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation through this action and in accordance with Guidelines from the President ordered the temporary closure of all Texas school districts;

WHEREAS, assessment standards for the spring of 2021 can be adjusted; however, data from those assessments will not be interpretable with respect to previous years’ assessment data;

WHEREAS, academic growth will not be possible to accurately calculate for spring 2021, as students will not have previous year STAAR scores from spring 2020;

WHEREAS, academic growth accounts for 50% of an elementary or junior high campus’s Domain 3 score, which will have an adverse effect on overall accountability ratings for those campuses;

WHEREAS, graduates from the class of 2020 will have missed opportunities to earn TSI points under CCMR due to the cancellation of the spring and summer SAT test and the spring ACT test;

WHEREAS, external research shows that, historically, extended school closures negatively affect student achievement in math and reading, with the greater impact being in math;

WHEREAS, internal research shows that there are significant academic gains made at the end of each school year, which may not be present now with the extended school closure;

WHEREAS, exceptions have been made to accountability in the past when schools were closed for an extended period of time (e.g., Katrina, Rita, and Harvey);

WHEREAS, it is still unknown what additional adjustments to the educational process will be necessary to start the 2020-2021 school year to address the social, emotional, and physical health impact upon students when they return to school in whatever format that may be;

WHEREAS, developing new accountability systems is a multi-year process that requires public comment, and they are typically phased in over multiple years, so major adjustments for one year would be very difficult;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Burnet Consolidated Independent School District, that State accountability should be suspended for the 2020-2021 school year to allow districts to focus on interventions necessary to recover institutional gaps resulting from school closures caused by COVID-19.

Adopted this 20th day of July 2020, by the Board of Trustees

_____ President, Andy Feild

_____ Vice President, Angela Moore

_____ Secretary, Earl Foster

_____ Trustee, Robby Robertson

_____ Trustee, Suzanne Brown

_____ Trustee, Ross Behrens

_____ Trustee, Mark Kincaid