

The Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on Monday, March 13, 2017, in the Board Room of the District Office at 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Board members present: Rich Wesen, Troy Wright, Bill Wallace, and Roger Howard. Staff members present were Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Jeff Drayer; Assistant Superintendent; KC Knudson, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Jeff Brown, Special Education Director; Dr. Bryan Jones, Director of Equity & Assessment, and Joe Stewart, Director of Finance & Technology and Jennifer Dalton, Deputy Board Secretary.

Call to Order

President Wesen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

High School 2017-18 Course Description Updates – Todd Setterlund

The Principal of B-EHS, Todd Setterlund, updated the Board on the course additions at the high school for the 2017-18 school year. He emphasized that the B-ESD Road Map was the lens for adding new additions. A few courses that he highlighted were the CTE, Advanced Plant Science, designed for students who have taken plant science and want to explore further on this topic. Fine Art's has two new entry level courses, treble level choir, and men's choir. Upper level science has two new science classes, Biotechnology 1 & Biotechnology 2. These are half year courses that target juniors and seniors. For the ninth grade program, integrated science course, has become a mandatory science course. This course gives a broad understanding of science to allow all students to have the same foundational experience. Teachers in this course are using the most relevant materials often found digitally and all the learning is leaning toward deeper learning.

Mr. Setterlund stated that there would be two new Honors classes; Algebra, and English 9 to help students at different levels of learning. There will be a new aviation course offered for the NJROTC program in effort to encourage students who are not in the program. They hope that by offering this it will build excitement about the program.

Core extensions course is another new course. Students will work together in study groups with a rotating group of 4 teachers from different subjects. (4 teachers/4 classrooms/1 period) They hope to design a comprehension program to offer for struggling students.

ICOS (Inventory and Condition of Schools)

Director of Auxiliary, John Leander, is required annually to update the Board on the current conditions of the buildings built and assisted with State matching dollars after January 1, 1994 as per our Resolution #771. The Inventory and Condition of Schools (ICOS) system that is used to track this requirement has been implemented by the State Facilities team starting January of 2012. We have been working with this program to comply for future State Match. The Asset Preservation Program (APP) in which ICOS's rating system is used, insures we are in compliance with the State's requirements. Four (4) of the districts buildings fall within this category. They are Bay View Elementary, Burlington-Edison High School Library/Classroom building, Edison Elementary and Lucille Umbarger Elementary.

See attached.

Mr. Leander stated that to get an excellent rating it would have to be new or in new-like condition. We had only a few poor ratings otherwise everything was in good standing.

A few maintenance concerns that should be addressed at the next levy are Edison's outside walls, roof appurtenances that are failing, the fire suppression system, and the integrated control system. Bay View will also need outside maintenance, and automated control system upgrades that will need to be addressed at the next levy.

Mr. Leander stated that every five years a trained person will do a thorough inspection of the buildings, but otherwise he does the yearly inspections.

Opportunity Kindergarten Update

Director of Special Programs, Jeff Brown, commented that Opportunity K was in full swing and they were learning school readiness skills. There are 15 (4-5 year old) students enrolled which is the maximum amount of students. The class has eleven males, and four females, all students were not in an early child care program already, or they didn't qualify for head start, or in a McKinney Vento situation. Mr. Brown stated that Opportunity K can provide for these students, especially for those who weren't successful for other preschools. The class is focused on self-care needs, teaching students to learn how to express themselves in a kindergarten setting.

Mr. Brown said that more families have been inquiring about the program. Opportunity K had to turn away non-resident students to prioritize students who live in our district. Two neighboring districts have been inquiring about how to create this program in their districts.

Recess into Executive Session

At approximately 5:13 p.m., President Wesen announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the certified negotiations. He stated that the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of these matters and that he anticipated the Executive

Session would be no more than 45 minutes long, and that the Board may not take formal action upon return to public session.

Adjourned

At approximately 5:28 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session; no action was taken; and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Board President

Board Secretary