

The Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Board Room of the District Office at 4:30 p.m.

**In Attendance**

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Facility Advisory Committee**

The Facility Advisory Committee (FAC) presented their recommendation to the Board about whether or not to run for a bond in 2019. Director of Special Education, Jeff Brown stated that the committee was made up of a varying range of 26 people from the B-E district. There were parents, teachers, staff, students and community members, plus the team of facilitators from ESD 112.

The Committee's Charge was to advise and assist the B-ESD Board members by recommending the school facility remodel and construction needs to be included in the District's ten-year facility plan, and specifically in the next measure. For the bond measure, the Committee shall focus on:

1. West View Elementary School
2. B-E High School
3. New School Campus
  - Based on considerable feedback on middle-grade programming since 2014, the Board's preference is constructing a 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school,
  - Located on existing District property north of the high school.

The Committee looked at a variety of factors from educational programming, safety and security, to class sizing. The comparisons for middle-level programming with other districts was a big reason some of the committee members either changed their minds or decided to move ahead with a middle school build. The inequity and limited options in our district for programming at the middle-level range is frustrating and many on the committee felt it is not setting up our students to be competitive in this world.

The Committee looked at the challenges and benefits of a middle school model. A big challenge will be educating and overcoming a long-standing tradition of K-8 in the community. The

district is not really a traditional K-8 any longer. Only three schools hold that model. However, this model has several challenges that are affecting our students.

The Committee held to some guiding values when considering their recommendation to the board from creating spaces that support quality instruction and are age appropriate, increasing access to a variety of educational programs, to making a decision that would support the entire community. Three values stood out the most: variety of educational programs, reduced class sizes, and safety and security for not only for the new building, but for the K-6 students as well.

After four long and intensive meetings, the Committee came up with their recommendation: *The Burlington-Edison School District's Facility Advisory Committee recommends to the B-ESD Board of Directors that they proceed by passing a bond measure resolution for up to \$98 million to construct a new middle school, improve safety and security at the high school, provide the high school with a classroom addition and site improvements, and provide West View Elementary building improvements including upgrades to its food service facilities and a new gym, to be placed in front of District voter in February, 2019.*

The Committee researched the Capital Plan Scenarios and tax implications. The model scenario showed that in 2020 the community would see a full tax rate, but because of new legislative changes, and some levy and bonds dropping off their taxes, the community will see a lower tax impact than where we are now.

There are new state taxes that the Committee and Board would like to see. The Director of Finance, Joe Stewart, made a disclaimer that he could only offer a rough predication of possible state taxes because he doesn't have enough information from the state on this. However, by 2019 state level taxes are expected to decrease.

The Committee is asking the Board to look at running for a bond for \$98,000,000.00. This was a unanimous decision from the Committee.

For detailed information, see the Board slide presentation attached.

The Board thanked the Committee for their time and effort on this long awaited decision.

### **Adjourned**

At approximately 5:43 p.m., there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Board President

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Board Secretary