



## **Board Meeting.**

**January 14, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on Monday, January 14, 2019, in the Board Room of the District Office at 4:30 p.m.

### **In Attendance**

Board members present: President, Rich Wesen, Roger Howard, David Lowell, Troy Wright and Bill Wallace. Staff members present were Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Jeff Brown, Executive Director of Student Support Services; and Bryan Jones, Executive Director of Equity & Learning; and Deputy Board Secretary, Jennifer Dalton.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Technology Levy Update**

Coordinator of Technology and Innovation, Tracy Dabbs and Arie Werder, presented a Tech Levy update to the Board. Ms. Dabbs stated that the Tech. Department webpage has been updated with categorical information, updates, educational technology, and support. Years ago, the Tech. Department had put a plan in place to transform and update the B-E district to change what was going on in the classrooms for students using money from the Tech Levy. They have not only kept on task with this plan, but they have become a flagship department for the district helping other districts with their technology plans. Some examples are Mount Baker, Sedro-Woolley, Meridian, Oak Harbor, Seattle, and Colville. The Tech plan, has focused closely with pairing technology with teaching and learning. Ms. Dabbs stated that the department has been very intentional about implementing this 3-year tech cycle seeking support through surveys to ask teachers how they are doing. In 2015-17 the Tech Department first laid out their plans. In 2017-18 they outfitted 48% of district classrooms. In 2018-19 over 80% of classrooms were updated and staff trained. By 2019-20 their targeted goal will be reached with 100% of classrooms updated and staff trained. This cycle will have to be continued every three years because of the life span of a Chromebook. They will need another Technology Levy to maintain their growth and for updates. The impact on students has been a huge increase in access to content, class engagement, independence, increased communication and collaboration. Teachers survey results show that 96% are confident in their skill set for using technology to support learning.

Another layer of focus for the department, Ms. Dabbs stated, is the technology infrastructure which includes: wireless coverage, servers and switches, filter and firewall, cabling, to subscriptions. Ms. Werder hoped they could provide additional support in assisted technology for special education. Ms. Dabbs invited the Board to the annual Tech Fair on Friday, April 19, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the PAC.

### **Enrollment Update**

Executive Director of Student Support Services, Jeff Brown, updated the Board with a comprehensive breakdown of enrollment data from June 18 - September 2018. Allen school has the majority of entry and withdrawal fluctuations. Upon reviewing the data

and the information of students entry and exiting the district, Mr. Brown found that there was a pretty equal balance of ins and outs as there typically is every year. Annually, the District tends to see a decrease during the school year with a jump in numbers in the summer, however, there was a large decrease in kindergarten students this year. It is the smallest in numbers it has been in 10 years. Though this can be good for class sizes, this impacts the District's financial projections. Mr. Brown summarized that the District is not losing more on a monthly average than previous years, but it is not gaining the amount of new families in the summer like usual. The lack of new housing development in the city of Burlington might be a factor contributing to this result.

### **Recess into Executive Session**

At approximately 5:25 p.m., President Wesen announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's evaluation and contract. He stated that the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of these matters, that he anticipated the Executive Session would be no more than 60 minutes long, and that the Board would not take any formal action upon return to public session.

### **Reconvened/Adjourned**

At approximately 6:25 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session, no action was taken, the Board then reconvened into Executive session at 6:26 and then at approximately 6:40 they reconvened into regular session again no action was taken; there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary