

Board Meeting. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT Jan. 13, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on Monday, January 13, 2020, in the Board Room of the District Office at 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Board members present: President, Troy Wright, Vice-President, Roger Howard, Rich Wesen, David Lowell, and Holly Nielsen. Staff Members Present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Bryan Jones, Director of Finance & Operations, Valori Smith; Executive Director of Learning & Communications, Todd Setterlund; Director of Human Resources, Jen Whitney and Deputy Board Secretary, Jennifer Dalton.

Call to Order

President, Troy Wright, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ARC Update

District Consultant Teacher, Grant Burwash, reported about the District's new ARC Core curriculum adoption. ARC, American Reading Company, is a K-3 Comprehensive Language Arts Program. Unit tops were linked to Social Studies and Science Curriculum. The Curriculum is also offered in both English and Spanish. ARC uses color coded data to identify 3 tiers of readers, emergency, at-risk, proficient or above readers. Tracking growth has been easier with this model. Over the last 3 months, students at emergency went from 46% to 38.6%. Students at proficient or above went from 19.6% to 34.7%. Our kindergarten trends went from emergency status of 19.4% down to 7.5%, student proficient or above went from 28.2% to 56.1%. He stated that this kindergarten cohort is on track and that ARC provides the information that our teachers need to grow strong and motivated readers. Mr. Burwash said that many students were moving out of emergency levels and into proficient levels of reading and that teachers were reporting that tier students were excited to read.

Technology Update

Tracy Dabbs, Coordinator of Technology and Innovation, and Consultant Teacher for Technology, Arie Werder, updated the Board on the Technology Levy. Ms. Dabbs stated that their 3-year plan for Transformational Technology has been very successful using a 3 tiered model of Instructional Focus, Collaborative Computing and Modification, and Redefinition and Triple E Learning. This implementation has been such a success that the District has been a mentor program for other districts including Seattle. Ms. Dabbs was happy to report that the roll out plan had 100% of the schools updated with training and devices in place. The Tech. Department is working on access to content for all students around ARC units. The Tech. Department constantly reviews their work through surveys, attention to research and their latest findings. From these surveys they have learned that 96% of the staff feel supported after trainings. Some future goals for the team were to continue on

the next wave of rollouts along with peer teaching and peer planning in classrooms. They will continue with their upgrades and implementation cycles to ensure appropriate support and equipment is available. Ms. Dabbs invited the Board to attend their 5th annual Technology Fair on April 20, 2020.

Bond Update

Executive Director of Learning & Communications, Todd Setterlund, updated the Board on the public relations timeline to support the upcoming Levy and Bond.

DNR Timber Lawsuit

Superintendent Browning updated the Board on the recent decision made by the Department of Natural Resources to reduce the timber harvest level in the coming years. This decision will significantly impact junior taxing district's revenue received from state trust lands. Burlington-Edison would like to join their neighboring districts in a lawsuit filed by the county to appeal this decision.

Adjourned

At approximately 5:26 p.m. there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Board President

Board Secretary