

Board Meeting. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT March 9, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on Monday, March 9, 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, and David Lowell. Staff Members Present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Bryan Jones, Director of Finance & Operations, Valori Smith; Executive Director of Student Support Services, Jeff Brown; 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.

LaCrosse

Principal, Jeff Baines, and Athletic Director, Don Beazizo, discussed with the Board about the possibility of the non-sanctioned WIAA community LaCrosse club being recognized the same as a school sport. They shared an agreement between the Bellingham LaCrosse Clubs and Bellingham School District as an example of how the District could recognize the Burlington club. Principal Baines presented a list of things the District could do to fulfill the clubs desires from providing varsity letters, posters, provide letters for travel, display trophies and banners in school and recognize the kids for their accomplishments. Plus the club requested to play the senior game on the Kirkby field. The Principal also stated that the high school had some concerns about adding a non-sanctioned WIAA sport. These concerns ranged from who would oversee grades, standards of eligibility, all the guidelines established by B-ESD and the WIAA, administration to oversee the lacrosse program, they would need an operational budget, and coaching staff.

They will follow up with the LaCrosse Club to see what their actual ask from the District would be.

Bond & Levy

Superintendent Browning, gave an overview of the multi-year compilation of work and research that led to the Board decision to run for a bond. She outlined the four years of levies and bonds that the District has asked the community to support. In 2016 it was the Capital Projects & Tech Levy and the Replacement EP&O Levy, 2017 it was a one-year Supplemental EP&O Levy, 2019 the General Obligation Bond failed and then in 2020 our bond failed again and our Replacement EP&O levy passed. It has been a lot of asks to our community in a short time.

Bonds have been difficult to pass statewide. Only eight out of twenty-one bonds passed in this last election.

Voter percentage is on the decline statewide. Land taxes had leaped the highest in a long time. Superintendent stated that upon review of the precincts, most areas went a few percentages down and collectively that dropped our percentage rate from the 53% to 48% failing this time around. She also stated that the current enrollment was up a little, but we still had the capacity to serve our students and she informed the Board that there was a charter school lining up to open in our area and that could impact district enrollment.

Superintendent Browning recommended that the District runs for a Tech Levy in two years and that the District focuses on their strategic plan and finishes their capital projects. She will also establish and update the Key Communicator list and look at funds to upgrade school front doors and add more security cameras.

Coronavirus

Executive Director of Communication and Learning, Todd Setterlund, updated the board on the communication and information about the Corona Virus.

With the tests being made available there will be a spike in the number cases and that the District is aware and taking precautions. However there will be a rise in anxiety in the community. The Public Health Department will be declaring a state of emergency in the county tomorrow to free up funds to make it easier to respond to the virus. This will raise anxiety. The District is working with the health department and taking it day by day. So far there have been no plans to cancel Camp Orkila, unless the District hears from the Camp or the Health Department. Another concern is the carnival at Edison in two weeks.

Adjourned

At approximately 5:32 p.m. there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Board President

Board Secretary