

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 September 28, 2020

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on September 28, 2020 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m. and through zoom meeting due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the extension of the OPMA.

Board Members attended on Zoom Meeting: President, Troy Wright; Vice-President, Roger Howard, Members, Holly Nielsen, David Lowell and Rich Wesen.

Staff members present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; and Deputy Board Secretary, Jennifer Dalton.

Staff members online: Dr. Bryan Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Director of Finance & Operations, Valori Vargas; Executive Director of Learning & Communications, Todd Setterlund, Executive Director of Student Support Services, Jeff Brown; and Director of Human Resources, Jen Whitney.

CALL TO
ORDER

President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

This month the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Browning.

President Wright asked the Board if they had any comments.

BOARD
COMMENTS

Holly Nielsen asked if the Board could receive feedback on how the District thought online learning was going.

David Lowell asked how in the big picture things were going with online learning.

President Wright asked if there was any public comment through written form.

Alison Studley

Asking if the District has the resources to comply with opening as a hybrid model. She inquired how the District is meeting the states 5.75 hours per day instruction. She was concerned that is not happening for her children.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

Rachel Soto

Ms. Soto has concerns with the re-opening of schools especially for the Latino population at West View. Latino demographic have shown to be disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Families that choose 100% stay-at-home learning will lose their dual-language teacher.

Allison Ziel

Ms. Ziel is asking to keep the same model of home learning.

Gretchen Turner

Concerns about safety and re-opening the schools in October in a hybrid model when the risk of the COVID virus is still high and her student, if remains online, will not receive the Dual Language Instruction.

Bridget Nanning

Concerns about safety and re-opening the schools in October in a hybrid model when the risk of the COVID virus is still high.

Lettie Lance

Concerns about a dual language program for people who opt with at home learning.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

Elizabeth Uelmen-Johnston

Would like to know how staff and students will be protected and why did we furlough custodians when we are bringing staff and students back.

Valerie Lopez

Concerned about coming back as a teacher.

Beth Jimerson

Concerned about coming back as a teacher.

Diane Olsen

Concerned about coming back as a teacher.

Molly Westring

Concerns about safety and re-opening the schools in October in a hybrid model when the risk of the COVID virus is still high. Concerned about coming back as a counsellor.

Robin Wold

Concerned about coming back as a teacher.

Carianna Gischer

Concerned about coming back as a teacher.

Elizabeth LaFever

Concerned about coming back as a teacher.

Tessa Rose Petersen

Concerns about a Dual Language program for people who opt with at home-based learning.

Mr. Lowell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2020 and the minutes from September 14, 2020 special meeting. Mr. Howard seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF:
BOARD
MINUTES

Mr. Howard moved to approve the Consent Calendar/ Personnel Actions. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS/
CONSENT
CALENDAR

Items approved on the consent calendar are as follows:

Approval was granted for payment of warrants subject to review by the Board member designated by the Board President at the end of the month. Items covered are the September 2020: General Fund Warrant Nos. 350524 through 350723; 350734 through 350770. Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 350771 through 350772. Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 350724 through 350733; and 350773 through 350773.

WARRANTS

PERSONNEL
ITEMS

The Board approved all personnel items.

2020-21
CLOCK
HOURS

The Board approved the 2020-21 Clock Hours.

NWCT
INTERDISTRICT
AGREEMENT

The Board approved the Northwest Career & Technical Academy Interdistrict Agreement.

2020-21 BOARD
CALENDAR

The Board approved the 2020-21 Board Calendar.

2020-21 BOARD
GOALS

The Board approved the 2020-21 Board Goals.

2020-21
SKAGIT
INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT

The Board approved the 2020-21 Skagit County Interlocal Agreement.

The Board approved the Security Systems for Elementary Buildings.

SECUTIRY
SYSTEMS

FISCAL REPORT

Director of Finance and Operations, Valori Vargas, presented the monthly fiscal report. Mrs. Vargas reported on the fiscal standing through August that there had been no changes in enrollment and staffing. However, the enrollment for September was down 120 FTE, this combined with the possible reduction in transportation funds could result in approximately a 2.5 million dollars loss for the district. The District was anticipating that they could possibly go below board goal for the year-end, but it was too early to tell.

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jones reviewed the following amended policies new policies and resolution: and asked the Board to entertain one motion for all policies. He stated that:

FIRST
READ OF
POLICIES

Policy 2255, Alternative Learning Experience Courses was updated to reflect recent revisions to the rules that govern Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) for remote and online learning.

Policy 3143, is a merger of Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm, Policy 4314 and 3144/Release of Information Concerning Student Sexual and Kidnapping Offenders, retiring these two policies to reflect the new updates about lingering issues identified by the SAO audit. These improvement were more holistic statutory changes, including revising several statutory requirements that previously had the potential to confuse staff, stigmatize students, and increase the likelihood that important information would go unnoticed from Legislation.

Policy 3120 Enrollment, was updated with the changes to Policy 3143/ Notification and Dissemination of Information about Juvenile Offenses and Threats of Violence.

Policy 3144/Release of Information Concerning Student Sexual And Kidnapping Offenders has been retired and rolled into updated Policy 3143.

Policy 4314/Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm, has been retired and rolled into updated Policy 3143.

Policy 3205, Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited was updated to respond to a significant federal shift governing K-12 public schools' response to allegations of sexual harassment. There are many changes under the final regulations. Some of the more significant changes include that the federal regulations narrow the definition of sexual harassment, establish a lower standard for when a district must respond, and add more components to the process of responding.

Policy 3510, Associated Student Bodies has been revised to address House Bill 1660 – to waive and reduce participation fees for students who are eligible for Free and Reduced Price Meals Program.

New Policy 4300, Limiting Immigration Enforcement has been updated to ensure the state of Washington “remains a place where the rights and dignity of all residents are maintained and protected in order to keep Washington working.”

Policy 6112, Rental or Lease of District Real Property was updated to add the “recapture clause” and add an exception to the prohibition of weapons on district property when districts rent property that will use as a personal domicile.

Policy 3122/Excused and Unexcused Absences was adopted as emergency rules that define absence in the context of remote instruction and address daily attendance taking. The emergency rules also offer an expanded list of excused absence categories specific to the COVID-19 pandemic, provide a new non-truancy absence code, and address tiered supports for students accruing absences. The emergency rules are intended to give educators access to meaningful data so they can ensure student safety and reduce chronic absenteeism.

Resolution 1321 Suspension of Policies-District Reopening was updated to On February 29, 2020, the Washington Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in all counties of our state under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, and directed implementation of the plans

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and procedures of the state's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Resolution 1321 Suspension of Policies has been extended until December 31, 2020.

Mr. Wesen moved to adopt first reading of the following amended or new Board Policies and resolution:

1. 2255/Alternative Learning Experience Courses
2. 3143/ Notification and Dissemination of Information about Juvenile Offenses and Threats of Violence
3. 3120/Enrollment
4. 3144/Release of Information Concerning Student Sexual And Kidnapping Offenders (Retired)
5. 4314/Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm (Retired)
6. 3205/Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited
7. 3510/Associated Student Bodies
8. 4300/Limiting Immigration Enforcement
9. 6112/Rental or Lease of District Real Property
10. 3122/Excused and Unexcused Absences
11. Resolution 1321 Suspension of Policies-District Reopening

Mr. Howard seconded and the motion carried.

Superintendent Browning addressed the Home-based Learning Information and updated the Board about going back to a hybrid model of learning for grades K-2 starting on October 19, 2020. This plan does not go without its challenges, but due to the efforts of a hard working staff, a comprehensive handbook of safety and protocols is set to be released this week to help with the rollout. Superintendent Browning stated that in July when the plan was originated they had hoped to get all grade bands back to school, but as the Health Department guidelines changed and the data for COVID-19 in Skagit did not support a safe return. The District had to alter plans to a remote Home-based learning. In addition, the District had needed more safety PPE items for the safety of their staff and students.

The data for COVID-19 cases in Skagit has changed this fall and Skagit is now in the Moderate Category of 34/100,000. The Health Department supports Districts to move forward with getting children back in classrooms with a myriad of safety precautions in place. The public health department has suggested that the COVID numbers should be at 25/100,000 or less before high school should resume in person.

The District has been collaborating closely with the Health Department and other districts, such as Oak Harbor and Conway. The superintendent acknowledged that health and safety concerns with staff and students are valid and continues to address them. She also stated even with all the efforts made, parents and students continue to struggle with online.

Dr. Bryan Jones, Assistant Superintendent, addressed the engagement tracking for the schools. In the spring, engagement at the elementary schools ranged from 52% to 97% compared to this fall's numbers ranging from 97.5% to 99%. A far higher engagement this fall partially because all

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LEARNING
UPDATE

students have access to a Chromebook device. However, there is still a small percentage of no engagement and each building has a team that will engage with these families.

At the high school attendance was at 75% in the spring, but this fall, it is at 75% with one absence a day, but with multiple absences in a day the percentage dramatically drops to 2.5%. The District has tried to be mindful of how much screen time a student has and with the synchronous and asynchronous structure, schools are meeting the mandatory instructional time.

HOME-BASED
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UPDATE

Todd Setterlund, Executive Director of Learning & Communications, outlined the in-person hybrid learning stages for going back to school. He stated that a recent family survey showed that 89% of families want their students to go back to school. He reiterated that PPE supplies are now stock piled along with additional supplies.

Next work session is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 12, at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room or via zoom.

NEXT WORK
SESSION

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room or via zoom.

NEXT
REGULAR
MEETING

November's work session is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

NOV. WORK
SESSION

November's regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

NOV. REG.
MEETING

Mr. Roger Howard will do the warrants.

WARRANTS

At approximately 7:53 there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Lowell moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Howard seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

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Board President


Board Secretary