

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 October 26, 2020

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on October 26, 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.

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

CALL TO
ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

President Wright asked the Board if they had any comments.

BOARD
COMMENTS

Rich Wesen stated that he was happy to see the agreement with the Burlington Public Library and the B-E Student Card Program.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

David Lowell stated that he liked the article in the Skagit Valley Herald regarding the K-2 students back in school.

Holly Nielsen stated that she attended the opening day of students K-2 hybrid learning and that the staff did an amazing job.

President Wright thanked the staff for their hard work in this very difficult time.

President Wright asked if there was any public comment through written form. There were none.

Mr. Lowell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2020 and the minutes from the Work Session on October 12, 2020. Mr. Wesen seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF:
BOARD
MINUTES

Mr. Wesen moved to approve the Consent Calendar/ Personnel Actions. Mr. Howard 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 October 2020: General Fund Warrant Nos. 350774 through 350975; 350985 through 351009. Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 351010 through 351017. Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 350976 through 350983. Trust Fund 350984; through 350984.

APPROVAL OF:

CONSENT
CALENDAR

WARRANTS

PERSONNEL
ITEMS

SKAGIT COUNTY
AGREEMENT
LIBRARY CARDS

HI-CAP GRANT
APPLICATION

CARES
AGREEMENT

OLD BUSINESS

The Board approved all personnel items.

The Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and B-ESD.

The Board approved the Hi-Cap Grant Application/Program Plan.

The Board approved the Cares Agreement Burlington.

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jones asked for adoption on the following amended or new policies and resolution:

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.

FISCAL REPORT

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.

ADOPTION OF
POLICIES:
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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 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. Howard moved to adopt the following amended, retired 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. Lowell seconded and the motion carried.

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Director of Finance and Operations, Valori Vargas, presented the monthly fiscal report, the first report of the fiscal year. She stated that the year to date totals were just slightly higher but they were pretty much in line with last year. Expenditures were up a little up due to COVID-19 spending, but overall the four funding categories were in good shape. Ms. Vargas stated that staffing was down slightly at 434.952 but enrollment was down significantly at 3249.84 FTE. Projections for the enrollment budget are trending for a decrease in enrollment up to 220.71 FTE. This would be a projection revenue loss of approximately 3.5 million in enrollment and transportation funding as transportation funding is based on ridership to and from school.

FISCAL
REPORT

Dr. Bryan Jones, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Board on the school improvement plans and asked the Board to vote on the schools plan at next month's board meeting.

Dr. Jones reviewed the goals of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the accountability measures. He shared where those measures were found in the OSPI website and the supports from the state with the schools that are in the TIER categories. (Allen, Lucille Umbarger, Burlington North TIER 111, Edison TIER 11. The District is nearing the end of the 3-year cycle. New supports will be determined pending on spring assessments. This will be difficult to determine because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Each school has their own individualized Improvement Plan and will be shared with the Board in November.

SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT
UPDATE

Superintendent Browning stated that the district had a good Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Saturday and that a draft plan will be shared at the November Board Work Session. The committee was a good cross-section of the community from students, parents, staff, critics of the district and community members.

STRATEGIC
PLANNING
UPDATE

Next work session is scheduled for Monday, November 9, at 4:30 p.m. via zoom.

WORK
SESSION

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room or via zoom.

REGULAR
MEETING

There is no work session in December.

DEC. NO WORK
SESSION

December's regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room or virtual depending on the OPMA.

DEC. REGULAR
MEETING

Ms. Holly Nielsen will do the warrants.

WARRANTS

At approximately 7:36 there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Board Secretary