

**Board Mtg.****BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100****Dec. 14, 2020**

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. 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

David Lowell commented on the newsletter that went out to the community. He stated that it was well done and he enjoyed everything going on in each school.

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Rich Wesen appreciated all the work Tracy and the Tech department is doing.

APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES

Holly Nielsen stated that she was hoping to hear feedback from the District regarding how the online schooling is going for teachers, parents, and students.

APPROVAL O  
CONSENT  
CALENDAR

President Wright opened the floor to any members of the audience who wished to address the Board. There were none.

Mr. Lowell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 23, 2020. Mr. Wesen, seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL O  
WARRANTS

Mr. Howard moved to approve the Consent Calendar and Mr. Lowell seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL O  
PERSONNEL  
ITEMS

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

December 2020: General Fund Warrant Nos. 351234 through 351447 and Nos. 351457 through 351457. Capital Projects Fund Nos. 351453 through 351456. Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 351448 through 351451. Trust Fund Nos. 351452 through 351452.

The attached appointments, resignations, and leaves of absence were approved/accepted.

President Wright announced it was time to elect officers for 2021. Mr. Wesen moved to nominate Mr. Howard as Board President. Mr. Lowell seconded. Motion carried, and Mr. Howard was elected as Board President. Mr. Wesen moved to nominate Mr. Wright as Board Vice-President. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion carried, and Mr. Wright was elected as Board Vice-President. Mr. Wright moved to nominate Mr. Lowell as Legislative Representative. Mr. Wesen seconded. Motion carried, and Mr. Lowell was elected as Legislative Representative.

ELECTION  
OF OFFICERS

NO  
FISCAL  
REPORT

Due to the early meeting date, the Fiscal Report will be emailed to our board.

TECH  
DEPART.  
REPORT

Tracy Dabbs, Coordinator of Technology and Innovation, updated the Board on the Technology Department. She stated that her department's yearly goals had not changed even though the support had changed with online schooling. Online schooling had opened up opportunities to engage with and support many families; they never had a chance to do before. Every student in the District that needed a Chromebook now has one. The Tech Department has worked hard to facilitate online resources and update their website to help families, staff and students. They have also worked hard to access many hotspots, including a 5-year unlimited data plan with T-Mobile for all their free and reduced families. Some more examples of the resources offered are text alerts reminding families of email notifications, offering Google Classroom and Seesaw support in English and Spanish, and the partnership with Burlington Public Library to provide library cards to students outside city limits

Ms. Dabbs commented on their gratitude to the community for passing the Technology levy. With these levy funds, the department had already put in place before the pandemic a quality plan of instruction and staff training. Their focused training plan is the 'Core Four', foundational elements of online learning support. The 'Core Four' steps are learning tools (Seesaw and Google Classroom), standard storage and collaboration space (Google Drive), Synchronous Instruction (zoom and google meet), and Asynchronous Instruction (taped videos).

Ms. Dabbs stated that the Capital Projects Levy 2017-2021 funds have also enabled the infrastructure goals to take place. The department has completed the wireless upgrades at LU and the High School. Without these levy dollars, the District would not have been able to fund Chromebooks for our students during the COVID pandemic. The Technology Department has provided surveys for feedback and received incredible scores for their service.

Superintendent Browning stated that the District had parent conferences and during her weekly meeting with principals, heard feedback regarding family and student needs. Connectivity issues were a problem and the District responded by increasing student access to

schools and creating small learning hubs at schools. She stated that when they had to stop in-person learning for grades K-2, the District had to respond to remote learning needs again. The high school has been working with students to help convert Incomplete grades to grades. They plan to continue focusing on struggling students.

The superintendent and the assistant superintendent have been attending staff meetings. The superintendent visited K-2 classrooms prior to closure. The District Student Support Services Administrator, Kim Welling, has been working with 30 families to date by either connecting them in learning hubs, with teachers, or food and shelter.

Superintendent Browning stated that they were working on bringing grades K-5 back by the middle to the end of January. However, conducting in-person learning and remote learning presented challenges, especially with staffing. In order to expand grades 3-5, the district will need additional staff. The BEEA has been involved and understands the staffing challenges.

The next work session is scheduled for Monday, January 11, at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

NEXT WORK  
SESSION

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

NEXT REGULAR  
MEETING

Mr. Howard will go over the warrants this month.

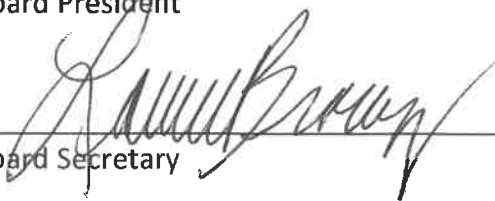
WARRANTS

At approximately 8:09 pm there being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURN



Board President



Board Secretary