

Special Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 March 29.2021

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on March 29, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. through zoom meeting due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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

Staff members present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent.

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 Howard, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

CALL TO
ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Director of Finance & Operations, Valori Vargas updated the board on the ESSER 3 funds the district received. Between the ESSER funds and the 4% general fund reserves there would be no need to RIF at this time. The ESSER funds were a one-time fund, but it did give the District a few more options.

ESSER FUND
UPDATE

Director of Human Resources, Jennifer Whitney discussed staffing with the Board. She stated that she was relived and encouraged by the news of these ESSER funds. Some “natural reductions” were taking place because of COVID and that the District was focusing on attrition. The District agreed with B-EEA around early notification. Some measures to save money would be to end temporary positions, approve leave requests, and re-code some existing positions. By doing this, the District hopes to save approximately \$650K-\$750K.

STAFFING
DISCUSSION

Superintendent Browning reviewed expected costs for next year and the District’s 2-year recovery plan. She stated that when the District has the dollars, they would go directly to student programming. Superintendent Browning was encouraged that the District could continue with reasonable class sizes and that we will keep some fantastic new people this year. She stated that the ESSER funds will not be deposited directly into general funds because there is a process to petition or submit for reimbursement for these funds.

DISTRICT
2-YEAR
BUDGET

Vice-President, Troy Wright, stated the he was encouraged by this news and happy not to lose quality educators.

DISCUSSION

Board Member, Rich Wesen, asked if there were 200 students that would be heading summer school and he was concerned that the District was going to need more than 200 students in the summer.

Superintendent Browning stated that the District's goal was to serve and support summer school students, given the 3-foot distancing shift in guidance and it will depend on hiring. She also updated the Board on the reopening of the District in light of the Governor's changing guidance.

REOPENING
UPDATE

Executive Director of Student Support Services, Jeff Brown, presented the stages of reopening. He reviewed the key changes in the guidance and what was not changed. The District had transportation concerns, concerns about staffing impacts, and feeding students.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., there being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNED

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Board President

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Laurel Browning
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Board Secretary