

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 July 26, 2021

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on July 26, 2021 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 6:00 p.m. and through zoom meeting due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Board Members attended on Zoom Meeting: President, Troy Wright.

Board member present: President, Roger Howard; Members, Holly Nielsen, David Lowell and Rich Wesen.

Staff members present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Bryan Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Director of Finance & Operations, Valori Vargas; Executive Director of Learning & Communications, Todd Setterlund, and Director of Human Resources, Jen Whitney and Deputy Board Secretary, Jennifer Dalton.

President Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

President Howard asked the Board if they had any comments.

Holly Nielsen thanked the audience for coming, stated that it was wonderful to see people in person, and hoped the District could move forward with a successful school year back in person.

BOARD
COMMENTS

President Howard also stated that it was nice to see people back again in person. He commented that he knew most people were here because of the mask mandate. He said that currently the District has no choice but to follow what is dictated by the Governor. President Howard stated that he looked forward to hearing from the audience. He also thanked Herb Kleven and Penny Westendorf for their generous donation to Bay View and he thanked the LU Booster Club for their generous donation to LU.

President Howard asked if there was any public comments.

Melissa Corcoran

Ms. Corcoran stated that she had two students in district and taught at Edison. She shared concerns about potentially having some students wear masks and not others. She asked what the Board's decision would be regarding masks moving forward.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Chuck Wagoner

Mr. Wagoner stated he had a senior at the high school. He was there regarding the mask mandate and asked the Board to do their homework by looking into VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) and their nationwide study about 5,000 people who have been injured by vaccines. And the AIER's website (American Institute for Economic Research) for scientific data before making their decision about what is best for community and children moving forward. He stated that children do not transfer the COVID variant and he was looking for some common sense from the Board - no vaccines and no mask mandate.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Brian Bowser

Mr. Bowser stated that he had a sophomore and senior and has read many masks studies. His said that his frustration level was very high regarding the mask and vaccine issue.

Matt Bowser

Mr. Bowser has students in the District and that the zoom classes last year were the worst education he had ever seen. He wanted to know the District's plan moving forward in September.

NO RECESS

No Recess was taken.

Mr. Wesen moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2021. Mr. Lowell seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL
OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL
OF CONSENT
CALENDAR

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

Items approved on the consent calendar are as follows:

APPROVAL
OF
WARRANTS

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 July 2021: General Fund Warrant Nos. 352765 through 352885; 352893 through 352958, and 352964 through 352966. Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 352886 through 352892. Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 352959 through 352962; and Trust Fund Warrant Nos. 352963 through 352963.

PERSONNEL
ITEMS

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

The Board approved the following travel requests:

- 1) B-EHS staff member, Dan Boudreau NJROTC, 3 chaperones, and 25 students to Bremerton, WA on October 29-30, 2021 for the NJROTC Basic Leadership Training field trip overnight aboard decommissioned museum ship - USS Turner Joy in Bremerton Harbor. Costs for the trip will be paid by NJROTC Boosters. Transportation will be via school bus.
- 2) Superintendent Browning, Dr. Bryan Jones and Principal Amy Reisner, to the 2022 National ESEA Conference (National Elementary and Secondary Education Act conference focused on disadvantaged students), New Orleans, LO, on February 16-19, 2022. Costs for the trip will be paid by Title 11 and Professional Development Funds. Transportation will be via airplane.

The Board approved the following donation:

1. The donation from the Estate of Herb Kleven and Penny Westendorf to Bay View School for \$5,000.00 to be used for any capacity to support K-8 student needs. Discretion and approval by the principal until the amount is \$0.
2. The donation from the LU Booster Club to LU school for \$3,000 to be used to supplement purchase or sound system, PE equipment and playground equipment.

The Board approved the Resolution No. 867/Special Education Cooperative Programs with the NWESD 189 and other educational entities. Approval of this resolution will authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign contracts for the special education cooperative programs with the Northwest ESD 189 and other educational entities for the 2021-22 school year.

The Board approved the 2021-22 NWESD Maestros Para El Pueblo Consortium Interagency Agreement between B-ESD, MVSD, SVC & WWU.

The Board approved the 2021-22 Board Calendar.

The Board approved the Bernardo Luiz Consulting Contract for culturally responsive professional development and systems transformation through centering on adaptive leadership for racial equity development.

The Board approved the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sedro Woolley in contracting for the purchase of dairy products with Burlington-Edison School District. To be renewed every five years. In June of 2021, contracts were awarded to B&R Distributors for dairy products.

At approximately 6:13 p.m., President Howard announced the meeting would recess from public session so the 2021-22 preliminary budget hearing could be conducted. President

Howard stated that following the hearing there would be Board discussion and an opportunity for public comment.

RECESS FOR
PRELIMINARY
BUDGET HEARING

Director of Finance & Operations, Valori Vargas stated that they projected a significant decrease in the B-ESD School District Enrollment History for 2021-22. Enrollment projections were 3203 FTE and that there were about 183 kindergarten students registered for fall. There would be a change in the food service budget due to free breakfast and lunches for the 2021-22 school year. The projected Tax Levy for 2021-22 is \$8,987,988. She outlined the mandatory MSCOCS Disclosure (Materials, Supplies, Operating Costs). She also stated that the 4% general fund reserves, a board goal, was in good shape.

PRELIMINARY
BUDGET HEARING

At approximately 6:34 p.m., President Howard stated that the preliminary budget hearing had ended and that the meeting would continue in regular session.

Director of Finance and Operations, Valori Vargas, presented the budget information and answered questions from the Board. She stated that the staff FTE was about 6.4 FTE less than last year. Enrollment hadn't changed and ended the year at 3233 FTE, 191 FTE less than budgeted.

REGULAR
SESSION

FISCAL REPORT

Mr. Lowell moved to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Suburban. Mr. Wesen seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL
TO PURCHASE
2021 CHEVROLET
SUBURBAN

There was no update for the 2021-22 School Year.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room or via Zoom.

NO
2021-22 SCHOOL
RE-OPENING
UPDATE

Mr. David Lowell will go over the warrants this month.

REGULAR MEETING

At approximately 6:42 pm., President Howard announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for evaluating an appeal regarding the investigation of a complaint or charge brought against a public officer or employee. The public is being excluded due to the sensitive nature of this matter. The Executive Session would be no more than 95 minutes long, and that the Board will not take action upon return to the public session.

WARRANTS

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At approximately 7:18 pm., the Board reconvened in regular session. No action was taken.

At 7:18 p.m. approximately there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned

REGULAR
SESSION

ADJOURNED

Board President

Board Secretary