

Board Meeting. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT October 11, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 4:30 p.m via zoom.

Board Members attended via zoom: 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.

Call to Order

President, Roger Howard, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Levy Information

Director of Finance and Operations, Valori Vargas, stated that the District would be running two measures, a Capital Projects and Tech Levy for the February 2022 election. Ms. Vargas had presented three scenarios to the Board.

Scenario A would have a rate of \$2.50/1,000, for \$1,606,750.00 per year for the Capital Projects Facilities and \$2,620,000.00 per year for Technology. Scenario B would ask for an EP&O rate of \$2.50/1,000 for \$1,606,750.00 per year for the Capital Projects Facilities and \$2,000,000.00 per year for Technology. Scenario C would ask for an EP&O rate of \$2.10/1,000 for \$1,606,750.00 per year for the Capital Projects Facilities and \$2,000,000.00 per year for Technology. All Board members were leaning toward Scenario C, considering the hardships from the pandemic, the loss of student enrollment, and what neighboring districts were going to ask from their taxpayers.

Superintendent Browning is seeking a decision from the Board at the October Board meeting.

School Improvement

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Bryan Jones, addressed the Board regarding the B-ESD State Assessments and Accountability. There have been no state or federal assessments due to the COVID 19 pandemic, but the District has been doing their own assessments. ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act, is the measure to identify different categories and schools that need improvement in performance. The District is in the middle of Smarter Balance ELA and Math testing.

Another round will be conducted in the spring. The Smarter Balanced assessments and the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) are normally given in the spring. The spring 2021 tests were postponed until fall of 2021. The fall 2021 tests will be reflective of the grade students were in during the 2020-21 school year.

Assistant Superintendent explained Tier I, II, and III support for identified schools. The District receives additional dollars for these schools.

Dr. Jones stated that across the board the District has more students working on skills in the proficient range than from a similar date last year, even with an interrupted year. This data is showing that the District is making growth.

The schools are working on their School Improvement Plans (SIP). All schools fill out the same form, align it to the District Road Map with a focus on Instruction, Equity and Professional Learning. The District's English Language Learners are still struggling to reach the proficiently level.

At approximately 5:04 p.m. there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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