

Board Meeting. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT April 11, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via zoom.

Board Members attended via zoom: President Roger Howard, Members, Holly Nielsen, Rich Wesen, and David Lowell.

Staff members present: Superintendent Laurel Browning 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; and Director of Human Resources, Jen Whitney.

Call to Order

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

2022-23 District Calendar - PLC Conference Schedule for the Fall

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Bryan Jones, updated the Board on the foundational thinking, logistics, and plan for B-ESD's fall Family Connection Meetings. Dr. Jones stated the most essential partners that we have in support of student learning is with our students' families. Our Equity Advisory Committee has been exploring ideas to strengthen our system and address inequities across our district. A need to prioritize, foster and strengthen relationships with our families grew out of this equity work.

As a way to prioritize these relationships and build strong home-school partnerships, Wednesday, August 31, 2022 and Thursday, September 1, 2022 for grades 1-8 will be half-days to allow for Family Connection Meetings in the afternoon. Additionally, Thursday, September 1, 2022 will include an evening session to best accommodate families' schedules. These family connection meetings will provide an opportunity to develop relationships between teachers and families to best set-up students for success and help to develop a culture of dignity and respect.

For the meetings, each which will be between 15-25 minutes, teachers will be provided with a set of questions to ask families - either in person, via phone or virtually - including topics like:

- What are your dreams for your child?
- What are your child's strengths? What things are hard for your child?
- What is one thing you would like your child to accomplish this year?
- If there is one thing that I need to know about your child, what is it?
- What is the best way for me to communicate with you (i.e. phone call, email, letter, text)?

In November, teachers will have the opportunity to meet with targeted students, in an abbreviated, shortened conference window.

We also plan to survey students, teachers, and families to gather feedback and data on the effectiveness of these meetings. After reviewing this information, we will make a decision on whether or not to continue with the family connection meetings in future school years.

Board Goals

Superintendent Browning updated the Board on their 2022-2023 Board Goals. She stated that the District tried to match B-ESD's Strategic Plan language and set up the goals in the same sequence as the road map. A few new points of focus are the review of West View's elementary grade level configuration including staffing and transitions, to review the progress of the Safety and Staff Wellness Committee, and the new WSSDA Equity training. She looked forward to seeing the Board at the Board Retreat to discuss the goals, board meetings formats, and Board tours.

At approximately 4:57 p.m. there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



Board President



Board Secretary