



Burbank School District 111

Board Briefs

December 16, 2020

Board of Education Meeting Summary

- A Public Hearing for the 2020 Tax Levy was held at 6:45 pm prior to the regular board meeting.
- Dr. Fleck spoke about the Lights Around BSD111 event that was held on December 14. He thanked all the staff that organized and participated as well as all the families that came out for the drive-through at our schools.
- Ms. Lindemann said that since the last board meeting, there have been seven positive COVID-19 cases and 40 staff members were quarantined for various reasons. She said that staff have had the option to work from home since Thanksgiving Break and most can remain home until January 19. She said that health staff and custodians were trained on proper use and storage of N95 masks. Ms. Lindemann thanked the staff for their participation in Lights Around BSD111, which included a band performance at Liberty. She said that the human resources department is continuing to implement the electronic records system.
- Ms. Flavin reviewed the plans and goals for the curriculum department for the 2021-22 school year, which include aligning state science standards, supporting diverse learners, ELA/Math connections, work with single sign-on server ClassLink, reviewing use of Study Island, and professional development for teachers and staff. She also gave a status updated on the primary report card committee. Ms. Flavin said that after-school staff meetings have focused on best practices in remote learning and supporting students through the use of small groups and digital resources.
- Ms. Welsh said that Child-Find At-Risk Screenings have been scheduled for February and May. She said that the EB department is working on scheduling ACCESS testing, which will be in-person per ISBE. Ms. Welsh said that instructional coaches have completed more rounds of in and out coaching cycles and instructional rounds. She said that new teachers, building administrators, and several veteran teachers participated in professional development, *Engaged Brain*, and will share the new strategies they acquired with their colleagues.
- Dr. Hock said that Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training has been ongoing with the classroom portion and dates will be set for the physical restraint portion. She said that the materials purchased by the student services department is being delivered to buildings and will be disbursed to special education and 504 students after winter break. Dr. Hock said that a virtual workshop, *Digital Parenting During COVID-19*, was offered to parents of special education students on the evening of December 15. She said she is currently working with Advocate Aurora Health on a series of one-hour presentations for special education parents in January focusing on wellness, mindfulness, and raising resilient kids.

- Dr. Ochoa said that the estimated tax levy presented at the last board meeting remained unchanged and said that by law it will be limited to a 2.3% increase, which is approximately \$774,450. She announced that free grab & go breakfast and lunch will be provided during winter break with a revised schedule, where eight meals will be available on December 22 and then again on December 30. Dr. Ochoa also provided a breakdown of meal counts for the current school year. She reviewed the resolution to join the South Suburban Cooperative Insurance Pool and the details of the first invoice. Dr. Ochoa also said that the Treasurer's Office has prepared and filed the FY20 Annual State of Affairs as required by Illinois School Code.
- Mr. Ficker gave an updated on the "summer work" that is being done in December, which includes lighting upgrades and preparations for painting. He said that they are currently reviewing Health/Life Safety work projects and looking into options and pricing. He said that he is also continuing to work with the architects on master planning for the district. Mr. Ficker said that building automation work continues with Syserco and that things at Liberty are wrapping up nicely.
- Mr. McCartney said that winter break projects will mostly include finishing up the addition project at Liberty. He said that ComEd will be cutting power on January 4 at the district office for repairs, so the servers will be taken down the day before. He said that E-rate will be submitted for cabling at Byrd, Kennedy, Maddock, and McCord. He said that the technology department is currently prepping for DRC and ACCESS testing. Mr. McCartney said that he is working on prioritizing and ordering for summer projects now, since the supply line is tight due to COVID-19.
- Employment recommendations for 2020-21 were approved.
- Lane changes effective 1/25/21 were approved.
- The board adopted the Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Suburban School Cooperative Insurance Pool (SSCIP).
- The board adopted the Resolutions and Certificates for the 2020 Tax Levy.
- The board adopted, for first reading, changes to board policies as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) via PRESS and as recommended by the attorney.
- Dr. Fleck said that the annual spelling bee is soon approaching and that the individual school spelling bees will be held virtually with the district spelling bee held in-person, safely with social distancing.
- Dr. Fleck spoke about the plan for bringing students back into the school beginning January 25. He said the district will start phasing small groups of students back to school for in-person instruction five days a week in the mornings with remote learning in the afternoon. He said the first phase of students will include:
 - Early Childhood
 - At-risk Pre-School
 - Kindergarten
 - Instructional Special Education (self-contained)
 - Junior High EL (self-contained)
 - Possible select students

He said that as the district moves forward, we will be working on a plan to phase in more student groups, as the ultimate goal is for all students to be back in school for in-person instruction.