



# Burbank School District 111

## Board Briefs

August 28, 2019  
Board of Education Meeting Summary

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- The board held a public hearing for the FY20 budget at 6:45 pm prior to the regular meeting.
- Ms. Lindemann reviewed staffing across the district. She said that the new teacher orientation and professional development was held the week of August 5 as well as the first mentee meeting of the year. She also recognized the six educators that have joined the Quarter Century Club. Ms. Lindemann also thanked the custodial staff for their hard work preparing the buildings for the start of the year and the staff at Liberty for being extremely flexible and helpful during this year of construction.
- Ms. Flavin asked the board to approve a three-year renewal with Learning A-Z, which is a suite of products including resources in reading, writing, science, vocabulary, and support for English Learners. Ms. Flavin reviewed the coaches' role in assisting with new teacher training this year. She also spoke about the curriculum meetings that took place this summer.
- Mr. McRae, who served as summer school principal, gave a brief overview of the 2019 summer school program.
- Ms. Winterfield spoke about the System 44 Reading Intervention program and the Second Step Social Emotional Learning curriculum at Liberty Junior High School. She said that all new special education teachers attended Embrace training at AERO and that the district is partnering with Easterseals to assist in programming for children on the autism spectrum. Ms. Winterfield said that they continue to receive students transferring in with IEPs, which require careful review to ensure proper placement. She gave an update on pre-school enrollment and noted that professional development for MTSS will take place during the September 18 after-school staff meeting.
- Dr. Ochoa said that there have been minimal changes to the budget since the tentative was presented in July. She said that the budget has built in contingencies to allow for unexpected expenditures, while remaining financially stable, with a sustained balanced budget throughout the year. She said that ISBE opened up the site-based reporting module in IWAS on July 1 and our report was filed on August 15. She explained that the business department will continue to allocate expenditures to their corresponding building to make future reporting easier. She said that the data from the site-based reporting submission will be posted to the Report Card released in the Fall on October 30.
- Mr. Ficker reviewed the many projects that took place during the short summer. He invited the board to stop by Kennedy or McCord to check out the upgraded lighting. He said a quick staff survey resulted in overwhelmingly positive feedback.

- Mr. McCartney said that August is always the busiest time of year and that their peak of 175 help desk tickets is currently down to 40. He said that Single Sign-on is going well and that September projects include iPads, district office security cameras, warehouse clean up and inventory, and kindergarten devices.
- The board approved lane changes effective 8/12/19.
- The board approved the three-year renewal with Learning A-Z.
- The Joint Use Agreement with Reavis High School for the dual credit program was adopted.
- Coaches/Sponsors for the 2019-20 school year were approved.
- Maddock School's field trip to County Line Orchard was approved.
- The FY2020 Budget was approved as presented.
- The second reading of PRESS policy changes as recommended by IASB was adopted.

*Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence  
and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.*  
~ Sheryl Sandberg