



Burbank School District 111

Board Briefs

August 25, 2021

Board of Education Meeting Summary

- A representative from Forecast5 Analytics gave a Power Point Presentation highlighting the program and how it would benefit the District.
- For Good News, Member Jansen announced that AERO received word that the \$25 million from the State has been confirmed for the AERO Therapeutic Center project at the former Queen of Peace site.
- Ms. Lindemann recognized select employees for going above and beyond in preparation for the new school year. She also spoke about staffing across the district and areas where there are shortages. She said the Memorandum of Understanding on the agenda is for the Liberty master schedule accommodations for teacher lunch and plans. Ms. Lindemann also gave an update on the Memorandum of Understanding for the Evaluation Plan, which was approved by the membership and will be on the agenda for board approval in September.
- Ms. Flavin asked the board to approve Edmentum ExactPath for Liberty students, which will provide students with a personalized learning path that provides tiered intervention and acceleration for all students. She also asked the board to approve McGraw-Hill Number Worlds for diagnostic assessments, digital licenses, student subscriptions, and manipulative kits for K-5 math intervention and special education. She said that all K-5 classroom teachers have been trained in the implementation of the Twig Science resource and activity kits have been delivered. Ms. Flavin said that eight 5th grade students are participating in 6th grade Math at Liberty and the first week went well. Ms. Flavin also reviewed administrator academy and professional development opportunities that took place this month as well as the opening day teacher institutes.
- Ms. Welsh said that 120 students were invited to the early childhood program and new this year, students were invited to do a walk-through the day before school started to give students the opportunity to detach from parents for a short period of time and see their classroom, teacher, and classmates. She said that vacant EB teaching positions have been filled and staff has been busy screening new students as well as reviewing assessment data and creating caseloads. Ms. Welsh said coaches have been busy facilitating teacher training, supporting substitute and novice teachers, and preparing for the upcoming MAP testing. She said interventionists are working on reviewing data and anecdotal notes in order to assign caseloads to service students as soon as possible.
- Dr. Hock said that CPI trainers will be working with meal supervisors, PASS counselors, and other part-time staff and full staff trainings on de-escalation are planned throughout the year. She said that meetings with new staff have taken place to review IEP paperwork, goals/objectives updates, IEP meeting agendas, IEP teams' roles and responsibilities, and an overview of the Embrace system. Dr. Hock said that early childhood and pre-school teachers participated in a full day of Creative Curriculum

training. She also reviewed recent professional development opportunities including Wilson, System 44, and Read180. Dr. Hock reviewed special education staffing and noted that we are still seeking two full time psychologists.

- Dr. Ochoa briefly reviewed the tentative FY22 budget. She said that contingencies are built in as a conservative budgeting approach to ensure the district is able to financially address the current fluid times while remaining fiscally stable with a sustained budget throughout the year. She also shared a presentation with the board that will be posted on the business department web page. Dr. Ochoa spoke about the benefits of Forecast5 Analytics which was presented earlier in the meeting. She asked the board to adopt the resolution for the bonds for the AERO project. Dr. Ochoa also gave an update on student transportation and the bus driver shortages affecting Liberty routes.
- Mr. Ficker praised the custodial and maintenance staff for their support in preparing the buildings for the 2021-22 school year. He also reviewed the extra steps taken to ensure a healthy and safe environment including socially distanced classroom furniture, signage, mask supplies, and sanitizer. Mr. Ficker reviewed the summer projects that wrapped up this month with an inspection from the Regional Office of Education. He said planning has already begun for next summer's potential projects which include HVAC upgrades at Maddock, painting, restroom renovations, tuckpointing, window replacements, and flooring. He said the district has been able to secure an activity bus and is in the process of scheduling 3-year asbestos assessments with True North. Mr. Ficker said there were delays due to factory shutdowns, but they are setting up new flexible furniture as it arrives.
- Mr. McCartney said the technology department is working on assigning devices to new students and rostering students into new programs. He said they are also preparing for the upcoming MAP testing session. He said interviews for the technology assistant position will be held next week.
- The board approved employment recommendations.
- Salary lane changes effective 8/19/21 were approved.
- Coaches and sponsors for the 2021-22 school year were approved.
- Student teaching placements for the 2021-22 fall semester were approved.
- The board approved the purchase of McGraw-Hill Number Worlds and Edmentum Exact Path.
- The board adopted the tentative FY22 budget and set the public hearing for September 22 at 5:45 pm.
- The board adopted the Resolution providing for the issuance of \$1,880,000 General Obligation School Bonds for the purpose of funding the AERO Therapeutic Center Project.
- The board approved the contract with Forecast5 Analytics.
- The board adopted the Memorandum of Understanding for Liberty Lunch/Plans with the Southwest Suburban Federation of Teachers, Local 943, Council 111.

- The board adopted, for second reading, changes to board policies as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards via PRESS, and as reviewed by the attorney.
- At the end of the meeting, the Board President announced that pre-COVID procedures for public comment will be used for future board meetings. Those wishing to address the board during public comment shall sign-in and be present at the meeting.
- The Board President also announced that future board meetings will be held at Liberty Junior High School starting in September.