



Burbank School District 111

Board Briefs

September 22, 2021

Board of Education Meeting Summary

- A Public Hearing for the FY22 Budget was held at 5:45 pm prior to the regular board meeting.
- Dr. Abousweilem gave an update on all of the amazing academic, athletic, and extra-curricular opportunities for students. She also spoke about committees and activities for promoting unity and celebrating diversity. Dr. Abousweilem shared a video slide show highlighting lessons, events, and activities from the school year so far.
- Dr. Abousweilem and Dr. Entsminger gave a principal's report which included a flashback of events and activities that were held the previous month and a flash forward of great things to come.
- Ms. Lindemann briefly reviewed staffing across the district. She spoke about the most recent half-day inservice with school secretaries, which reviewed quarantine procedures and other business protocols as well as the need for more in-depth training. Ms. Lindemann welcomed back Linda Burt to the district as she will be filling in as Interim Principal at Byrd School. She said a committee has been formed to address the need to update procedures and processes supporting LGBTQ students, as well as including LGBTQ matters in health and history curriculum. Ms. Lindemann also reviewed the latest COVID-19 positive cases, mitigations, and quarantine protocols.
- Ms. Flavin said that professional development in September included a follow-up training on Conscious Classroom Management with Katie Anderson, which included demonstrations of strategies and classroom simulations. She said that district and building administrators shared daily self-care messages to staff for the month of September. Ms. Flavin said the curriculum department has been working with the technology department, coaches, publisher support teams, and vendors to respond to inquiries teachers may have regarding digital platform use. She said the first Curriculum Council Meeting will be held September 27 and will discuss new reading series for K-5, science curriculum mapping, creating science performance task rubrics, and continual improvements in blended learning using technology and digital platforms.
- Ms. Welsh said the first at-risk pre-k screening was held with over 50 students signed up to be screened. She said that EB staff have been busy assessing new students and completing state requirements of the EB program. She said they also met with Mango Languages to plan a Family Engagement Night. Ms. Welsh said that coaches continue to support substitute teachers, as well as novice and veteran teachers. She said that coaches have also begun the process of In and Out Coaching cycles and Impact Cycles. She also said that interventionists have been attending Data Meetings and assisting with the MTSS process.

- Dr. Hock said that meal supervisors, PASS counselors, and other part-time staff participated in a half day of training on de-escalation. She said that Easter Seals worked in the instructional kindergarten classroom at McCord on August 26 and will be in the instructional classroom at Burbank on September 23. She said the student services department has been in buildings observing students, collaborating with teams to problem solve for strategies and best supports for students as well as working with parents. She also gave a brief update on special education curriculum programs and staffing.
- Dr. Ochoa briefly reviewed the audit timeline. She reviewed the changes made since the tentative budget presentation and distributed a summary presentation of the budget. Dr. Ochoa said that implementation of Forecast5 Analytics will begin after the budget is approved by the board. She said the bonds for the AERO project closed and funded on September 15 in the amount of \$2,002,813.83 and will be disbursed to AERO in January. Dr. Ochoa also spoke about SHIELD testing for students and staff provided by the University of Illinois to assist the district with detecting and preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Mr. Ficker welcomed the new full-time temporary custodian at Maddock School and gave a shout out to his assistant for going above and beyond to make sure all hours were covered during the chaotic start to the year. He said the Facilities Committee met to review proposals from the energy service companies and have recommended moving forward with Allied Facility Partners. Mr. Ficker said that once they are approved he can begin to work with them on specific details for work to be done next summer. He said the committee also reviewed air quality testing, asbestos assessments, and flexible furniture. He also gave a brief update on COVID-19 cleaning protocols and the new activity bus.
- Mr. McCartney said that all access points have been moved over and the Technology Committee will be meeting September 29. He said they are currently working on the projector project at Fry and Maddock and the recycling project. Mr. McCartney said that he plans to file E-rate earlier this year due to the Comcast contract being up for renewal.
- 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.
- The board waived first and second reading and adopted PRESS recommended changes to the following Board Policies:
 - 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
 - 2:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- The board tabled the approval of the contract with University of Illinois for COVID-19 Testing Support (SHIELD Testing).
- The board approved Allied Facility Partners as the District's Energy Service Company (ESCO).
- The board adopted the FY22 budget as presented.
- The board approved revisions to the Teacher Evaluation Plan, incorporating an appeals process and required changes from HB18, which amended School Code.