

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 Sept. 26, 2011

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on September 26, 2011 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President, Bill Wallace; Vice-President, Bradley Whaley; Members, Rich Wesen, David Lowell, and Roger Howard

Staff Members Present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Jeff Drayer, Assistant Superintendent; Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, K.C. Knudson; Joe Stewart, Finance Director; and Vicki Kelley, Deputy Board Secretary

At approximately 7:00 p.m., the regular meeting was called to order by President Wallace.

CALL TO ORDER

This month the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Browning.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

President Wallace opened the floor to any members of the audience who wished to address the Board. The following addressed the Board:

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

Richard Glick

766 Summerset Way
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Mr. Glick teaches 7th/8th grade at Allen Elementary School and is President of the Burlington-Edison Education Association (B-EEA). The Board Room was full of B-E employees (members of the B-EEA). Mr. Glick stated that beginning last May, the union has been trying to get a contract, and this is the first time they are at an impasse with the district and the first time they will have a state-appointed mediator. Mr. Glick gave an example of how B-ESD teachers' TRI and extra work days are compared to neighboring school districts. Each and every one of the surrounding districts is higher than we are. Mr. Glick said the pay for B-ESD teachers reflects a diminished view of their work. He asked the district to move B-ESD up on their priority list and close the pay gap with schools around us.

Bill Wallace, Board President

"On behalf of the Board, I appreciate the fact you took time out of your busy schedules to share this time with us. The Board appreciates the professionalism with those in negotiation. These are economically difficult times for everyone. It is a challenge for all of you, and we appreciate the message you brought here tonight. We look forward to the mediation team on Thursday, and we are very hopeful that meeting will be productive. Finally, this Board realizes that education is extremely important and educating our students is a top priority. Thank you for all you do for our students."

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 26, 2011 and the work session of September 12, 2011. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Mr. Wesen moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Mr. Lowell seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
CALENDAR

Items approved on the consent calendar are as follows:

APPROVAL OF
WARRANTS

Approval was granted for payment of warrants subject to review by the Board member designated by the Board President at the end of month. Items covered are the September 2011: General Fund Warrant Nos. 310948 through 311094; 311096 through 311257; and 311284 through 311357; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 311363 through 311378; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 311095 through 311095; 311258 through 311283; and 311358 through 311362.

The attached appointments, resignations, and leaves of absence were approved/accepted.

PERSONNEL
ITEMS

The Board approved the following travel items:

- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Greg Knutzen, and 12 students to Kennewick and Othello, WA on October 14-15, 2011 to participate in FFA nursery and floral competitions. Costs for the trip will be paid by the ASB (FFA) budget; travel will be via school van.
- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Greg Knutzen, and 12 students to Vancouver, WA on November 4-5, 2011 to participate in FFA nursery and floral competitions. Costs for the trip will be paid by the ASB (FFA) budget; travel will be via school van.
- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Greg Knutzen, and 12 students to Seattle, WA on March 16-17, 2012 to participate in the state finals – FFA nursery and floral competitions. Costs for the trip will be paid by the ASB (FFA) budget; travel will be via school van.
- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Roger Kinney, 1 chaperone, and 20 students to Bellevue, WA to attend the DECA Fall Leadership Conference on October 23-25, 2011. Costs for the trip will be paid by the DECA budget and the students. Travel will be via school bus.
- The travel of B-ESD staff members, Jonathan Carpenter-Eells and Mischelle Darragh, to Aurora, Colorado on October 21-22, 2011 to attend the Advancement Via Individual Determination Trainer of Trainers Conference. The trip will be funded through AVID.

APPROVAL OF
TRAVEL
ITEMS

The Board approved the Burlington-Edison School District as a clock hour provider for the 2011-2012 school year.

APPROVAL OF
B-ESD AS
CLOCK HOUR
PROVIDER

President Wallace asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Lowell enjoyed the recent board tour at Bay View Elementary and said there are a lot of great things happening at that school. He commended the teachers present at this board meeting. He stated, "We appreciate and value their services."

BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS

Mr. Wesen visited the Summer Academy at Lucille Umbarger Elementary in the morning during instruction and said it was very impressive. He also visited West View Elementary a couple of weeks after school started. He stated that a few staff members commented to him that the atmosphere at that school is so much better this year and the best start of school they have had. Mr. Wesen said he hopes this continues.

Mr. Wesen commented that he was glad to see so many AP classes offered and appreciates the staff that teaches them. He said the classes will help students that plan on attending college. He too enjoyed the Bay View tour and stated that even though demographics are changing, that school still meets AYP. Mr. Wesen also commented that the Legislature is going to cut \$1.3B.

Mr. Whaley attend the B-EHS Band Boosters meeting and was volunteered for several things.

Mr. Wallace also enjoyed the Bay View board tour and said there are a lot of good things going on at Bay View. He stated he was concerned that the school is overcrowded with a student population of 573, but designed for 450 students. It also has several portables on its grounds. Mr. Wallace said he was pleased that the County addressed the speed limit issue outside of Bay View. Now there is a flashing light when school children arrive and depart that requires reduction in speed and from a safety standpoint is good. He commended County Commissioner, Ken Dahlstedt, for his help in getting the light installed.

Mr. Whaley suggested that an advance sign be installed before the flashing light. Mr. Wallace asked Superintendent Browning to check into this.

Mr. Wallace attended the West View Elementary open house. What was notable, is that on a Monday when he was there, the hallways were full of boxes, but by the Thursday open house, they were gone, and he was amazed at how great it looked.

He expressed his concern about the shortfall in the state funds of \$1.3B. He said the Board will continue to be involved with local legislators regarding the issue.

Burlington Mayor, Ed Brunz, and Sandi Walton and Mike Stevens from Home Depot presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Burlington-Edison School District. Home Depot had a car show in August and raised the money. Superintendent Browning stated that the funds will be used to buy books for our libraries.

DONATION
FROM HOME
DEPOT TO
B-ESD

Mr. Wallace congratulated Mr. Brunz on being inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association (WSWCA) Hall of Fame scheduled for November 5.

Trevor Carlson from Seattle Northwest Securities and Cynthia Weed from K & L Gates presented information on bond refinancing. Mr. Whaley moved to adopt Resolution No. 789. Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion carried. This resolution provides for the issuance and sale of refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the district; providing for the redemption of the outstanding bonds to be refunded; appointing an escrow agent; providing for unlimited tax levies to pay the principal thereof and interest thereon; and accepting a bid for the purchase of the bonds. Property owners in the B-E District will save more than \$173,000 over the next five years.

ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
NO. 789/BOND
REFINANCING

FISCAL
REPORT

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Wallace suggested that at the upcoming Board work session, the district share how the West View grant is being tracked from a systems standpoint. Mrs. Browning will ask West View Principal, Chris Pearson, to attend the work session.

ENROLLMENT
UPDATE

Mr. Stewart updated the Board on the latest enrollment figures. He stated that all the districts in the county are down except Conway as follows:

Burlington-Edison – down 53.8 FTE
Anacortes – down 17 FTE
Concrete – down 48 FTE
Conway – up 9 FTE
La Conner – down 10 FTE
Mount Vernon – down 114 FTE
Sedro-Woolley – down 13.9 FTE

Mr. Wallace requested that the above numbers be e-mailed to the Board. Mr. Wesen requested information on home schooling and on-line academies.

The district is 8.69 FTE below budget. Mr. Stewart's projections forecast predicts an annual average enrollment shortfall of 60.08 FTE resulting in a budget shortfall of approximately \$300,000.

ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
NO. 790 & SIX-
YEAR
CAPITAL
FACILITIES
PLAN

Mr. Howard moved to adopt Resolution No. 790 and the Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan. Mr. Whaley seconded. Motion carried. The plan includes enrollment projections, standards of service, inventory of existing capital facilities, current and future capital facilities needs and financing plan, projected classroom capacities and an impact fee formula and schedule.

FIRST
READING/
NEW POLICY
NO.
6884/NAMING
FACILITIES

Mr. Lowell moved to give first reading to new Policy No. 6884/Naming Facilities. Mr. Howard seconded; motion carried. The policy is written to give guidance on naming of facilities.

Mr. Howard thanked Superintendent Browning and staff for all their work on the development of this policy. He thinks it is very well written and covers concerns of people that have approached him on the issue. He said it protects the district on what facilities can be named and the criteria.

APPROVAL OF
EPA GRANT,
SURPLUS OF
BUS, AND
PURCHASE OF
NEW BUS

The district's Transportation Department applied for a grant from the EPA for clean diesel buses. The grant is to remove 1994 and older buses from service. The district had one bus that qualified, and we have been awarded the grant in the amount of \$25,000. The new bus must be in service by June 2012. To meet this timeline, we need to order the bus as soon as possible. Also, the bus it replaces must be decommissioned and taken out of service to qualify for the grant. The district has the funds in the Transportation Vehicle Fund to pay for the remainder of the bus.

The bus to be surplus is a 1993 Thomas, vin #1T79R4B24P1118014. The new bus would be a 2012 Thomas Transit bus, which is on State bid at a cost of \$129,624.60.

Mr. Howard moved to approve the grant from the EPA in the amount of \$25,000.00, approve the surplus of a 1993 Thomas bus, and the purchase of a new 2012 Thomas Transit bus. Mr. Wesen seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT WORK
SESSION
SCHEDULED

The next work session is scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2011, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the D.O. Board Room.

NEXT REGULAR
MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, October 24, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

WSSDA
REGIONAL
MEETING

Mrs. Browning, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Wesen will be attending a WSSDA Regional Meeting on Thursday, October 6, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center in Everett, WA.

NEXT BOARD
TOUR

The next Board tour of the year is scheduled at Edison Elementary School from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

WARRANTS

Mr. Whaley will go over the warrants this month.

RECESS INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At approximately 8:31 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and a personnel issue. He stated the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of these matters, that he anticipated the Executive Session would be no more than 30 minutes long, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

RECONVENED/
NO ACTION
TAKEN/
ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 9:45 p.m., the meeting reconvened to public session. No action was taken, and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President

Board Secretary