

**Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 Oct. 24, 2011**

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on October 24, 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; Joe Stewart, Finance Director; and Vicki Kelley, Deputy Board Secretary

At approximately 7:03 p.m., the regular meeting was called to order by President Wallace.

CALL TO ORDER

This month the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bay View Elementary sixth grade student, Allyson Ray.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wallace introduced former Board member, Ron Vander Stoep and his wife, Rita. Mr. Vander Stoep served on the Board from 1987-1991.

INTRODUCTION  
OF VISITORS

President Wallace opened the floor to any members of the audience who wished to address the Board. There were none.

AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Whaley requested a correction to the minutes of October 10, 2011. He said he wanted to reverse his vote on the approval of the administrators' contract. The district is checking to ensure the action on the contracts was appropriate as was discussed at the October 10 meeting. Superintendent Browning said the State Attorney General's Office confirmed the contract amendment was legal.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2011 and the work session of October 10, 2011 as amended. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
CALENDAR

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

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 October 2011: General Fund Warrant Nos. 311379 through 311533; 311535 through 311684; and 311737 through 311772; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 311773 through 311777; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 311534 through 311534; and 311685 through 311722.

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

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following travel items:

APPROVAL OF  
TRAVEL  
ITEMS

- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Jake Martyn, along with 5 other staff members and 13 students to Camp Kirby on Samish Island on November 18-19, 2011 to participate in a boys' basketball varsity retreat (team building and goal setting). Costs for the trip will be paid by the Boys' Basketball Booster Club; travel will be via school van.
- The travel of six B-EHS staff members to Portland, Oregon on November 7-9, 2011 to attend a sound grading practices conference. Costs for the trip will be paid by the building budget; travel will be via privately owned vehicle.
- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Roger Kinney, along with 1 chaperone and 20 students to Bellevue, WA on March 8-10, 2012 to participate in the DECA State Competition. Costs for the trip will be paid by the DECA budget and the students; travel will be via school bus.
- The travel of B-EHS staff members, Jean Hyde and John Gannon, and approximately 10-15 students to Seattle, WA on April 11-14, 2012 to attend the FBLA State Competition. Costs for the trip will be paid by the FBLA ASB budget. Travel will be via school bus.
- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Roger Kinney, 1 chaperone, and 20 students to Salt Lake City, Utah on April 27, 2012 – May 2, 2012 to participate in the DECA International Competition. Costs for the trip will be paid by the DECA budget and the students.
- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Jean Hyde, and one-four students to San Antonio, Texas on June 26, 2012 – July 3, 2012 to participate in the FBLA Nationals. Costs for the trip will be paid by the FBLA budget. Travel will be via school van.

The Board accepted the following donations:

ACCEPTANCE  
OF  
DONATIONS

- The donation from Home Depot to B-ESD in the amount of approximately \$1,000. The donation will be used to purchase books for our libraries.
- The donation from the West View Elementary School PTA to West View Elementary in the amount of \$2,300. The donation will be used to purchase soccer goals to be used by students at recess.

The Board adopted the 2011-2016 Affirmative Action Plan (a requirement of OSPI).

ADOPTION OF  
AFFIRMATIVE  
ACTION PLAN

President Wallace asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Howard attended the Edison Board tour and said it was a great experience with the principal and students at that school. He continues to be impressed with the activities at Edison Elementary.

BOARD  
MEMBER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Howard shared that he read an interesting article in the paper about common core standards. He thought it was a good article and thinks that common core standards are a good direction for schools to go to. Mr. Howard also announced the birth of his new grandson!

BOARD  
MEMBER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Lowell congratulated Mr. Howard on the birth of his grandson. He gave kudos to the West View PTA for their donation of \$2300 to West View School. Mr. Lowell also said he thinks that this year's football team has a lot of spirit.

Mr. Wesen enjoyed the Edison tour. He said that he went to school there as did his children. He stated he is happy to see that the school met their AYP last year.

Mr. Wesen stated that he, Superintendent Browning, and President Wallace attended a WSSDA Regional Meeting on the state budget and heard how school districts are in cutbacks.

Mr. Whaley commented that he likes the teaching concepts at Edison Elementary. He will be attending the Lucille Umbarger PTA and will report back when he attends some of the November meetings.

Mr. Wallace thanked Home Depot for the \$1,000 donation and West View PTA for the \$2,300 donation. Maura Jurenka indicated that Windermere Realty donated the money to the West View PTA.

Mr. Wallace said he and Mr. Whaley attended the Dallas Brass that held a band clinic with seventh through twelfth graders from Burlington-Edison and Anacortes School Districts who performed with the Brass. He stated that the performance was entertaining and a great opportunity for the students who had a good time as learning was fun for them.

Mr. Wallace also attended the Edison Board tour and commented that it was a great opportunity to meet students and staff and learn about their school improvement plan to improve academic achievement. He congratulated the B-E girls' volleyball team for being number one in the State, and they are nationally ranked. They have a game with Nooksack Valley on Wednesday, and then they go into the state finals.

This month's School Report was presented by Bay View Elementary students. The topic was differentiation—meeting the learning needs of all students at Bay View School. Students presenting and sharing their data folders were as follows:

SCHOOL  
REPORT

Aya Ochiai – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Mr. McFarland's room  
Makenzie Darragh – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Mrs. Reisner's room  
Eyad Alsilmy – 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Mr. Barci's room  
Allyson Ray – 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Mrs. Lehman's room

At approximately 7:32 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would take a ten-minute break. At approximately 7:42 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

RECESS

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board.

FISCAL  
REPORT

Mr. Lowell moved to adopt new Policy No. 6884/Naming Facilities. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion carried. It was written to give guidance on naming of facilities.

ADOPTION OF  
NEW POLICY  
6884

Mr. Stewart updated the Board on the latest enrollment figures.

ENROLLMENT  
UPDATE

Mr. Stewart gave a presentation for an upcoming maintenance and operation four-year levy. Levy monies are 20 percent of our budget.

LEVY  
PRESENTA-  
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LEVY  
PRESENTA-  
TION  
(Continued)

Mr. Wallace requested that a list of potential cuts be provided to the Board. The Board also requested that Mr. Stewart e-mail them a copy of the levy information that was presented at this meeting (put draft on it and date it). In addition, Mr. Wallace requested information on the cost per thousand for the levy (a slide showing four years prior and the upcoming year's rate per thousand).

Mr. Stewart presented information about a technology levy that would be on the same ballot as the M & O levy (to reduce costs). The monies from this levy will be used to replace servers, update phone lines, train staff, update student equipment, update student and teacher stations, and purchase document cameras. He provided two scenarios: an \$800,000 levy and a \$900,000 levy.

Mr. Wallace and Mr. Whaley want to look at the rate per thousand and think about it some more. Mr. Wallace said these levies are just to maintain operations, and the tech levy is just so the program survives. Mr. Howard said he prefers to keep the lid discussion out of the equation. He said the community needs to know that this levy is just to maintain basic education and services. Mr. Wallace stated that the public needs to know about state cuts and let the public know we are down to a core program.

Mr. Wesen moved to accept the district's allocation of \$164,823 per year of the Rise-Up/Gear-Up Grant (seven-year grant). Mr. Lowell seconded. Motion carried. The school district, in collaboration with the University of Washington and 12 other districts, has been awarded a seven-year grant. The grant requires a focus on creating rigorous math/science courses, providing financial aid information to students, increasing graduation rates, and increasing the number of students attending college. The district's allocation will be \$164,823 per year.

ACCEPTANCE  
OF  
DISTRICT'S  
ALLOCATION  
OF THE RISE-  
UP/GEAR-UP  
GRANT

The Board scheduled a public hearing on Monday, November 14, 2011, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The hearing is regarding census data and new Board of Director boundaries (redistricting). A Board work session will follow the hearing.

PUBLIC  
HEARING/  
BOARD  
WORK  
SESSION

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, November 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

NEXT  
REGULAR  
MEETING

Mrs. Browning, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Wesen, Mr. Lowell, and Mr. Howard will be attending the Washington State School Directors' Conference (WSSDA) on November 18 and 19.

WSSDA  
CONFERENCE

The next Board tour of the year is scheduled at Allen Elementary School from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

NEXT BOARD  
TOUR

Mr. Wesen will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

At approximately 9:10 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing administrative contracts. He stated the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of this matter, that he anticipated the Executive Session would be no more than 20 minutes long, and that the Board may take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At approximately 9:25 p.m., the meeting reconvened to public session, and the following action was taken:

RECONVENED/  
ACTION TAKEN

1. Mr. Wesen moved to approve an addendum to the certificated administrators' contract for up to four additional days for work performed on district improvement and grant activities that require time and attention beyond the traditional duties as assigned, subject to prior approval by the Superintendent and Finance Director. Mr. Howard seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Wesen, Mr. Lowell, and Mr. Howard in favor, and Mr. Whaley opposed.

APPROVAL OF  
ADDENDUM TO  
CERTIFICATED  
ADMINISTRATORS'  
CONTRACT

2. Mr. Lowell moved to approve an addendum to Chris Pearson's contract to pay him a \$6,000 incentive stipend for the additional time needed to carry out the goals of the West View School Improvement Grant. Mr. Wesen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF  
ADDENDUM TO  
CHRIS  
PEARSON'S  
CONTRACT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Board President

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Board Secretary