

**Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 July 23, 2012**

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on July 23, 2012 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

At approximately 6:15 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. He stated that the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of this matter, and that he anticipated the Executive Session would be no longer than 30 minutes, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At approximately 6:55 p.m., the meeting reconvened to public session, and no action was taken.

RECONVENED

President Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 community member addressed the Board:

AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION

The minutes that follow were taken as close to verbatim as possible during this meeting.

**Danielle Johnson**

16185 Lookout Lane  
Bow, WA 98232

"I have three children. My oldest son was enrolled in school for first grade next year. Edison was requested as it is near our home. My daughter has been going to the preschool near the school. We heard back that he would be placed somewhere else as the class size is 28 at Edison, the maximum. Part of the reason they are at 28 is because children coming out of kindergarten are out of the area and one is out of district. I have always thought schools are about building good community relations, and I have a question for the Board, 'How can it be justified that children living next to the school cannot be placed in the school while out-of-area and out-of-district children are being placed there?' I have been talking to Jeff Brown a lot and contacted Mrs. Browning. We have our own circumstances like every family does, but this is the question that we have and every other family in this situation has."

**Response/Board President Wallace**

"Each situation is unique. Normally we try to place children next to the school where they live. We do have an out-of-district policy. Preference is given to in-district school children, but there is a provision that consideration be given to out of district also. We are unable to speak to this situation tonight. We ask Superintendent Browning to give this personal attention, follow up with you and Mr. Brown and take a look at your particular situation to see if there is anything that can be addressed."

**Mrs. Johnson**

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“What are the provisions for out of district?”

AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION  
(Continued)

**Response/Superintendent Browning**

“Typically we have provisions for staff members’ children and priority for siblings of out-of-district students already enrolled in our schools. Also our enrollment is not complete yet. For example, in kindergarten we have one session at Edison, but there are not enough students yet for two sessions. So we closed one half of the program. We will know the numbers at the end of August.”

**Mrs. Johnson**

“Is the timeline the same statewide?”

**Response/Superintendent Browning**

“Many school districts place in August. I will make sure Jeff Brown gets back to you.”

INTRODUCTION  
OF  
NEW B-EHS  
ASST.  
PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Browning introduced new Burlington-Edison High School Assistant Principal, James Campbell. Mr. Campbell came to the district from Omak. His children will be attending Bay View Elementary and the High School. Mr. Campbell is bilingual.

Mr. Wallace welcomed Mr. Campbell to the school district.

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2012 and the Board retreat of June 18, 2012. Mr. Wesen seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES

Mr. Lowell moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Wallace commented that there was a lot of personnel action due to hiring for summer programs.

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 July 2012: General Fund Warrant Nos. 314850 through 314958; and 314985 through 315140; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 314959 through 314984.

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

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following summer supplemental contracts: Chris Pearson for the West View Summer Academy and Mike Curl for the Tiger Success Academy.

The Board approved the following travel item:

APPROVAL  
OF  
TRAVEL  
ITEM

- The travel of B-EHS student, Bryan Granados, along with three chaperones (including Lolita Ceja from Toppenish High School who is the GEAR UP Director) to Washington, D.C. on August 7-12, 2012 to attend a fully-paid six-day educational UW GEAR UP Summer Leadership Academy field trip.

The Board approved the submission for the annual state grant to supplement the Highly Capable Program. In doing so, the district Highly Capable Program complies with the guidelines established in Chapters 21A.185 RCW and 392-170 WAC which establish basic criteria and procedures for operating the program. The application process requires that the School Board be supportive of the district's application for funding.

APPROVAL  
TO APPLY  
FOR  
HIGHLY  
CAPABLE  
GRANT

The Board approved the 2012-2013 Science Materials Center Cooperative with Northwest ESD 189. This cooperative agreement with NWESD 189 is for the purpose of providing services related to refurbishment of science materials kits and professional development.

APPROVAL  
OF SCIENCE  
CO-OP

The Board approved the one-year contract rollover for the district's dairy products for the 2012-2013 school year. The district is currently in a co-op with the Sedro-Woolley School District for our dairy products. B & R Distributing was awarded the contract for the 2011-2012 school year with an option of four consecutive one-year rollovers by mutual agreement. Sedro-Woolley contacted us stating that B & R Distributing is in favor of rolling over the current contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

APPROVAL  
OF DAIRY  
BID EXTEN-  
SION

President Wallace asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Lowell commented that he thought an article about the B-E levy roll back and an editorial in the *Skagit Valley Herald* were positive publicity for the district.

BOARD

MEMBER

Mr. Wesen agreed that the publicity was good for the district. He had also noticed that the district has a lot of opportunities for summer school programs. He reminded everyone that August 25 is the Back-to-School Fair from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Maiben Park.

COMMENTS

Mr. Whaley stated that his kids are back from band camp.

Mr. Howard helped out with the first annual Burlington-Edison High School All Class Reunion on July 15 at Maiben Park. He said it was difficult getting the word out about it, but that they did a great job for the first event. He helped serve over 230 meals.

Mr. Wesen also attended the class reunion event and commented on the great turnout. Mr. Howard participated in the first annual Burlington-Edison Football Classic Golf Tournament, and he stated it was also a great event for the first time. It was a fun event for raising money for the program, put on by the Booster Club.

Mr. Wallace, along with Mr. Wesen, had the opportunity to volunteer a couple of nights at the All Comer Track Meet held at the Burlington-Edison High School track. Track contestants ranged in age from 2 – 80-years old. B-E staff works with the City and County to put on the event along with help from service groups and other volunteers. He said it a great opportunity to see kids and adults having a good time and a great evening to have community coming together.

At approximately 7:25 p.m., President Wallace announced the meeting would recess from public session so the 2012-2013 preliminary budget hearing could be conducted. Mr. Wallace said that following the hearing there would be Board discussion and an opportunity for public comments.

RECESS  
INTO  
PRELIM-  
INARY  
BUDGET  
HEARING

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the budget information and answered questions from the Board. He stated that the district is projecting 100 FTE less for next year. The following community member addressed the Board:



**Danielle Johnson**  
16185 Lookout Lane  
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Mrs. Johnson wanted to know if transportation costs increased due to fuel costs. The response was yes they did. She wanted to know if the district looked at ways to reduce transportation costs.

**Response/Finance Director, Joe Stewart**

“Yes we have looked at privatizing, but nothing was actionable or worthwhile, but we looked at different things.”

**Mrs. Johnson**

She wanted to know what are the costs for busing children to schools out of their boundary area.

**Responses/Superintendent Browning & President Wallace**

We have some routes for special education programs that are federally mandated, and we have to do this by law. Our busing manager goes through a process to make sure there are as many kids as possible on each bus route and as cost effective as possible.

At approximately 7:49 p.m., Mr. Wallace stated that the preliminary budget hearing had ended and that the meeting would continue in regular session.

RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. He informed the Board that in July and August we get the highest apportionment from the State and see an increase in apportionment dollars.

FISCAL  
REPORT

According to Board policy, in even-number years, a legislative representative shall be elected by the Board who shall serve a two-year term. Mr. Howard moved to elect Bill Wallace as board legislative representative to serve a two-year term. Mr. Lowell seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTION  
OF  
LEGISLA-  
TIVE  
REPRESENT-  
ATIVE

A work session is scheduled on Monday, August 13, 2012, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office. Capital projects needs for existing facilities will be reviewed.

NEXT WORK  
SESSION

A regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2012, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office.

NEXT  
REGULAR  
MEETING

The Board decided their December board meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2012, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

DECEMBER  
BOARD  
MTG.

Mr. Whaley will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

Mr. Howard will attend the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) Conference along with Mrs. Browning, Mr. Knudson, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Wesen.

WSSDA  
CONFER-  
ENCE

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:03 p.m.

ADJOURN-  
MENT

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Adams", written over a horizontal line.

Board President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James B. Brown", written over a horizontal line.

Board Secretary