

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on April 22, 2013 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

CALL TO  
ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

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

AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION

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

**Cameron Munro**

2301 B Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

“My remarks are directly toward a letter that I heard was read here that I obtained a copy of (public records) and read through. The letter brought about many responses from me. I had a chance to sort through a lot of those. The thing that I like most is what in my experience the letter does represent, and it does represent the hard progress I have made between my own personal and professional, as an association member, relations with district administration. We used to say “them” (the D.O.). We still do for simplicity’s sake. There was something I heard earlier this year (I think Jeff Drayer said it.) The words were we are trying to get away from “yours and ours,” and “us and them.” We want it to be “we.” Everyone in the room got that statement, and understand sometimes it will be “us” and there is going to be tension, healthy tension, but I like that sentiment of “we.” It empowered my sense of the district and where we might go. I was chagrined at the content of the letter as I read it, looked at it, thought about it, and realized that if that letter stood for all of what I thought the district stood for, that would be hard to take, but then again it brings me back to what are the strengths. What do I value and what do I believe? I do believe a lot of hard progress has been made toward powerful and positive relations and I appreciate that very much.”

**Richard Glick**

766 Summerset Way

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

He is the President of the Burlington-Edison Education Association and wanted to clarify some things and maybe educate the school board about what BEEA is and what WEA is. "What we are is basically a union, and the B-EEA is an extension of the WEA. One of the things that B-EEA is not going to do is we are not a vendor or out to get other people to represent us. If we could, we wouldn't because nobody else besides WEA is attune with educational needs for the State of Washington and educators here in Washington State. In the past couple of years, the WEA President along with superintendents, parents, and school board members, has been real instrumental in passing the McCleary Act versus the State of Washington which is forcing the Legislature to fully fund education here in Washington State which is the paramount duty in our constitution in the State. WEA has been instrumental in getting that passed, and it is very difficult because every year the school budget gets cut more and more by the State and federal government. Hopefully, with that passed, funding needs to be back here at the local district. The members of the B-EEA work and speak for themselves. We get support from WEA and our local Uniserv, but when issues come up, it is always driven from the members first and not anywhere else. For example, the "no contract-no work" was voted on last May and driven by all B-EEA members. A lot of them did not feel comfortable going to work when we had not settled when school started. There were a lot of things going on as to what do we do if we can't reach a settlement (that sort of thing). That was driven by the B-EEA members coming to me and other representation talking about that. That vote that was taken was driven by all B-EEA members. There was no one present from WEA or Uniserv, but all through B-EEA members. Even if it was a no contract vote, doesn't mean that it was a strike vote. It was basically sending a message to the people at the bargaining table and to the administration that if we want to get something settled, we need to figure this out before school starts. We always go in with the goal to get the contract settled before school starts, hopefully sooner than later, and I think Jeff and K.C. would admit this to you that having those Uniserv members at the bargaining table with their background (i.e., the new teacher evaluation tool and teachers' overhaul of health care), was a benefit on both sides because they knew a lot of the new legislation because that is their job to get educated on it. I think they did a lot and gave us a lot of education about the issues. I wanted to clear that up and give you information about what B-EEA is and WEA and how we work together. I am proud I have been elected to serve and represent the teachers in our district. It is quite an honor to me."

AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION  
(Continued)

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2013 and the work session of April 9, 2013. Mr. Wesen seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Mr. Wallace moved to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
CALENDAR

Items approved on the consent calendar are as follows:

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 April 2013: General Fund Warrant Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_; Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_; and Trust Fund Warrant Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

APPROVAL OF  
WARRANTS

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 student, Gabriela Luna-Santos, and B-EHS counselor, Darcy Taylor, to Orlando, Florida on April 27-29, 2013 to attend the 2013 National Migrant Conference. Gabriela is a migrant student who will be awarded a \$3,000 Al Wright Memorial Scholarship by the National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education (NASDME). Costs for the trip will be paid by the Migrant (5300) budget.
- The travel of B-EHS teacher, Geoffrey Anderson, to the University of Iowa on June 15-19, 2013 to attend the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) instructor summer training. Costs for the trip will be paid by an iGrant and the CTE budget.

APPROVAL OF  
TRAVEL ITEMS

The Board accepted the following donation:

- A donation in the amount of \$4,147.50 from the Burlington Mid-day Rotary Club to the Burlington-Edison High School P.E. Department. The donation will be used to purchase new weight room equipment.

ACCEPTANCE OF  
DONATION

The Board approved the 2013-2014 Interdistrict Agreement between the Northwest Career & Technical Academy and the Burlington-Edison School District.

APPROVAL OF  
INTERDISTRICT  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN NCTA  
& B-ESD

President Howard read the following statement:

BOARD  
PRESIDENT  
STATEMENT

“On behalf of the Burlington-Edison School District, I want to clarify that the comments made by Board of Director, Brad Whaley, at the March 25, 2013 board meeting regarding the WEA and local teachers’ association, do not represent the policy or position of the Board of Directors or the District. These were not authorized by the Board of Directors or the administration. As indicated in School Board Policy 1220 “[T]he authority of individual board members is limited to participating in actions taken by the Board as a whole when legally in session. Board members shall not assume responsibilities of administrators or other staff members. The Board or staff shall not be bound in any way by any action taken or statement made by any individual board member except when such statement or action is pursuant to specific instructions and official action taken by the Board.” The statement made by Mr. Whaley occurred during the “Board Member Comments” section of the March 25, 2013 meeting agenda. The comments were an individual expression of opinion by one board member and not a statement made on behalf of the District or due to specific instructions or official action by the Board as a whole.”

President Howard read the following statement that will be read at future board meetings:

BOARD  
STATEMENT  
FOR  
FUTURE  
MEETINGS

“Under State law and District Policy 1220, the comments of individual Board members are solely the expression of their own personal opinion. They are not authorized actions or statements made on behalf of the District or Board unless expressly adopted by final action of the Board as a whole.”

President Howard asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Wesen said he appreciated having the counselors at the last work session and met with one of them last week for more information. He thanked Mr. Whaley for having the Art Walk where students from the High School have been showing their work. Mr. Wesen stated that it is nice for kids to present their work in a public setting. He attended the Allen board tour and said it was very good. There are a lot of changes going on at that school and Mr. Wesen stated it is the school with the most flux in our district. He said that Allen Principal, Steve Finch, is keeping things under control. Mr. Wesen attended the Next Step presentations put on by Lindsay Fiker at the High School. There were approximately 20 presentations on possible careers. He said that we should be appreciative of the work of Lindsay Fiker as a lot of school districts do not have this event.

BOARD  
MEMBER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Whaley stated the Art Walk displays will be taken down soon (last day, April 30) and to be sure to see them this weekend. People are even requesting to buy the work of the high school students.

Regarding the statement Mr. Whaley read at the last board meeting, he stated, “This was not my fight. I had teachers come and complain to me, and I advised them to talk to their union president, but they did not want to. I said if you want me to make a statement, I will. I worked hard on it. I have nothing but respect for teachers. I understand how unions work and have worked on both sides of the table. In my statement I was supporting individuals who wanted to speak. I attempted to contact Mr. Glick and made an effort to talk to him.”

BOARD MEMBER  
COMMENTS  
(Continued)

Mr. Lowell congratulated Gabriela Santos on receiving \$3,000 Al Wright Memorial Scholarship from the National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education (NASDME). He complimented the district on their recent newsletter about kindergarten that was sent out to families. He said he heard a lot of compliments about it from his neighbors. He stated that he appreciated the heartfelt comments made by Mr. Munro and Mr. Glick this evening, and that we are all good listeners. He said that Mr. Whaley's comments did not reflect his views or those of the other board members. Mr. Lowell stated that the comments by Mr. Munro and Mr. Glick were very constructively made and very passionately made, and that this dialogue is great.

Mr. Wallace said his comments mirror those of Mr. Wesen. The Allen board tour was great, and he appreciated the update from Allen Elementary Principal, Steve Finch, about the professional learning community and teacher collaboration, and all the work that is going on at that school. Mr. Wallace enjoyed the presentation at the last work session by the counselors. He stated that he knew they did a lot of work, but it really hit him how complex their work is to support students in the district (especially when he saw the chart they distributed at the meeting). He also sat in on a High School PAWS workshop for a STEM presentation. It was an array of different offerings that students presented on what they are interested in. He thinks it is great our students are given so many choices.

Mr. Howard acknowledged the donation of \$4,147.50 from the Mid-day Rotary Club to the Burlington-Edison High School P.E. Department that will be used to purchase new weight room equipment. Mr. Howard said it was a generous gift and that he would publicly like to thank them.

At approximately 7:18 p.m., Mr. Howard announced the Board would take a short recess. At approximately 7:22 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. The district is 13 FTE above what was projected for April in enrollment.

FISCAL REPORT

Mr. Lowell moved to give first reading to new Policy No. 6050/General Fund Reserve amended to state that there be a "minimum fund balance of no less than 4 percent." Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

FIRST READING/  
POLICY NO. 6050/  
GENERAL FUND  
RESERVE

Mr. Howard stated that at the last board work session, the recommendations of the 2013 Property Study Advisory Committee were discussed and will be taken under advisement by the Board for future decisions as we move forward on the property. The Board will accept their recommendations for future advisement and consideration.

2013 PROPERTY  
STUDY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS

Mr. Wesen moved to adopt Resolution No. 804 and Mr. Lowell seconded and the motion carried. Resolution No. 804 states that the District will comply with State requirements to receive the \$968,559.00 awarded us for the 2012 Jobs Now Act Energy Operational Cost Saving Grant. This resolution is part of the compliance for this grant.

ADOPTION OF  
RESOLUTION  
NO. 804

A work session is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2013, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office.

NEXT WORK  
SESSION

The Board's next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office.

NEXT REGULAR  
MEETING

The Retirement Tea is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library. **The regular board meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.**

RETIREMENT  
TEA/JUNE BOARD  
MEETING

Graduation is at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkby Field at the High School on Friday, June 14, 2013. Mr. Lowell and Mr. Whaley will hand out diplomas.

GRADUATION

Mr. Wallace will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

At approximately 7:40 p.m., Mr. Howard announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing PSE negotiations and that the public was being excluded due to the sensitive nature of the matter. He stated the Executive Session would be for no more than 20 minutes and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At approximately 8:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

RECONVENED/  
ADJOURNED

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Board President

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Board Secretary