

Board Mtg.

BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100

Nov. 25, 2013

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on November 25, 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; Joe Stewart, Director of Finance and Technology and Vicki Kelley, Deputy Board Secretary

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

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

Rhonda Scobee

10815 Jordan Road
Burlington, WA 98233

She stated, "I have a seventh grader who has received four Fs, and she is being passed. I hear the Burlington-Edison School District will not hold a student back. She has learning disabilities, and there is no tutoring available. I have already spent \$7,000 to send her to Sylvan. I need more help for her. She has been told she will not be held back, and she knows this! I need help with it and don't know where else to go."

Dorothy Layer

1120 Tinas Coma Drive
Burlington, WA 98233

She has a grandson who is 16 and goes to Burlington-Edison High School. A week ago Friday, the girls played in the volleyball tournament. Her grandson wanted to attend the tournament. She looked online at his grades and found he was failing in several subjects. Students needed permission slips signed from home and signed by teachers in order to go on the bus. She told him he was not allowed to go on the bus to attend the tournament on November 15 due to his failing grades. However, her grandson forged his dad's signature, all teachers signed off on his permission slip, and he went. Ms. Layer said that teachers are required to refuse signing permission slips for failing students, and these procedures need to be enforced.

She views attending the tournament during school hours as a waste of class time and her tax dollars. She stated, "I would like less entertainment time, more education, and more responsibility from the teachers!"

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION
(Continued)

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28, 2013 and the board work session of November 12, 2013. Mr. Wesen seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Mr. Lowell moved to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted; Mr. Wallace 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 November 2013: General Fund Warrant Nos. 320833 through 320946; 320948 through 320948; and 320951 through 321152; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 320949 through 320949; and 321191 through 321192; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 320947 through 320947; 320950 through 320950; and 321153 through 321190.

APPROVAL OF
WARRANTS

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

PERSONNEL

The Board accepted the following donations:

ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATIONS

- The donation of \$1,829.23 donated by various persons (direct donation from magazine sale) to the Bay View ASB to be used to support student activities.
- The donation of \$750.00 from the Soroptimists International of Burlington to the B-EHS Natural Helpers to be used for their retreat.

The Board declared the items listed on the attached list from Director of Auxiliary Services, John Leander, as surplus.

APPROVAL OF
SURPLUS ITEMS

Mr. Wallace moved to adopt new Board Policy No. 2024/Online Learning, which summarizes the district's beliefs regarding online learning, as well as support for the district making online opportunities accessible to students. Mr. Wesen seconded. Motion carried.

ADOPTION/
POLICY NO.
2024

Mr. Wesen moved to adopt revised Board Policy No. 2410/High School Graduation Requirements, which was updated to include a new legal requirement that at least one health class required for graduation include instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of AED. SHB 1556 went into effect July 28, 2013. Mr. Lowell seconded. Motion carried.

ADOPTION/
POLICY NO.
2410

Mr. Wesen moved to adopt revised Board Policy No. 2413/Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Courses, which was updated pursuant to SHB 1472. Legislation now requires boards to approve AP computer science courses as equivalent to high school math or science. The intent of the law is to treat AP computer science as an academic subject, thereby promoting student enrollment in it and eventually filling technology job vacancies statewide. Mr. Wallace seconded, and the motion carried.

ADOPTION/
POLICY NO. 2413

Mr. Wesen moved to adopt revised Board Policy No. 3210/Nondiscrimination, which is updated on the recommendation of OSPI and the Civil Rights Office to help districts demonstrate compliance. Mr. Lowell seconded, and the motion carried.

ADOPTION/
POLICY NO. 3210

Mr. Lowell moved to adopt revised Board Policy No. 3246/Use of Reasonable Force, is updated per ESSB 1688 requiring reporting of student restraint and isolation incidents. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

ADOPTION/
POLICY NO. 3246

Mr. Wesen moved to adopt revised Board Policy No. 5240/Evaluation of Staff, is amended per state legislation. Mr. Wallace seconded. Motion carried.

ADOPTION/
POLICY NO. 5240

President Howard read the following statement:

“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.”

BOARD
PRESIDENT
STATEMENT

President Howard asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Lowell congratulated the B-EHS girls’ volleyball team on their state championship. He said it is a great accomplishment at the 2A level and that he knows how hard they worked and the effort they put in.

BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS

Mr. Whaley congratulated the B-EHS girls’ volleyball team on their impressive win. Mr. Whaley spent a good amount of time talking to the State Auditor’s Office recently and asked them to enlighten him regarding what is considered a capital improvement (e.g., funds can be used to paint a building, but not put silver coating on the roof). He said it is all a gray area.

Mr. Whaley stated he will seek another elected position next year. He urged the district to increase the district fund balance to include maintenance items. He said there should be a line item in the budget for this and asked the Board to consider it.

Mr. Wesen enjoyed the Edison board tour and seeing how “The Morning Show” is produced. He appreciated visiting with Edison Principal, Mike Curl. Mr. Wesen also attended the high school play and said it was very enjoyable.

Mr. Wesen attended the WSSDA Conference. Last year he attended an event where they demonstrated what you could do with tablets. This year they demonstrated what “students” can do with tablets. He stated we need more technology in our schools.

The National Teacher of the Year was from Washington, and he gave a really good speech that Mr. Wesen would like all of our teachers to view. The teacher talked about how Washington is in the bottom 23 percent on what we spend in education, but we are in the top 10 percent in results.

BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS
(Continued)

Mr. Howard enjoyed the Edison board tour and the kids and their perspectives on what is going on in their school.

He thanked the people who donated \$1,829.23 from a magazine sale to the Bay View ASB and also the donation of \$750.00 from the Soroptimists International of Burlington to the B-EHS Natural Helpers. Mr. Howard stated that these donations are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Howard thanked board member, Bill Wallace, for his well written article in the district's school fall newsletter.

Mr. Wallace thanked Edison Elementary for the great board tour. He congratulated the B-EHS girls' volleyball team, stated it is their second state championship in three years, and that this year they were undefeated.

Mr. Wallace attended the WSSDA Conference. He said the WSSDA Executive Board has put together their legislative priorities into three plans as follows.

1. Two professional days for teachers – Legislature to fund.
2. To fully fund basic education.
3. No new mandates funded or unfunded--must stop.

Mr. Whaley was presented a plaque by Superintendent Browning. She stated that he has served the students and community for the last four years and is an advocate for the fine arts and a technology supporter. Mrs. Browning said he has always asked questions and had comments that help us when the district is thinking about levies and bonds that were very much appreciated. Mr. Whaley spent countless hours taking board tours, attending PTA and Booster group meetings, school plays, and other events. Mrs. Browning stated, "We really appreciate Brad!"

DEPARTING
BOARD MEMBER
RECOGNITION

Mr. Howard stated that he knew Brad before he became a board member, always respected and admired him and has always appreciated to see Brad's side of an issue. He said Brad's thoughts and ideas are appreciated and that he always brought to the table all aspects of an issue. Mr. Howard thanked him for all the time he put in and stated Brad was good for the Board.

Mr. Whaley said he thinks the school board has things to work on, but in the last four years he has seen broad strides and improvements in the school district, e.g., West View Elementary. He thinks it will be a banner school. He also thinks it was a good move to move the seventh and eighth grades to LU and as they are acclimating faster than anyone expected. Mr. Whaley stated, "Things are going up and improving, and I hope this Board can help to continue with this path."

Mr. Whaley said that one of the most impressive things he has done on the Board is to hand out diplomas (twice) and how the amount of money awarded for scholarships keeps going up. He said, "It means our teachers and staff are doing that much better!" Even though his kids are graduating this year, Mr. Whaley will continue to support the schools. He said, "I have two constituents: 1) the students, and 2) the taxpayers."

Mr. Wallace thanked Mr. Whaley for his four years of service and said that one of the things about this Board is that they come from different backgrounds. He said Mr. Whaley's questions and thoughts helped all of the Board and that he really appreciated what he brought to the Board from that perspective. He talked about how when Brad was sworn in four years ago, he immediately became the Vice President his first night (as several board members left), and Mr. Wallace was president.

DEPARTING
BOARD MEMBER
RECOGNITION
(Continued)

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Mr. Howard announced the Board would take a five-minute break. At approximately 7:46 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

RECESS

Director of Finance and Technology, Joe Stewart, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. He informed the Board that the November enrollment for the district is at its lowest in ten years in November. He projects that the district will be one or two FTEs below what we projected.

FISCAL REPORT

Mr. Whaley moved to give first reading to new Board Policy No. 2151/Interscholastic Activities & revised Board Policy No. 5202/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Mandated Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried. These policies are revised to clarify that the term "controlled substances" includes marijuana (cannabis).

FIRST READING/
BOARD POLICY
NOS. 2151 & 5202

Mr. Wallace moved to give first reading to revised Board Policy No. 5201/Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace. Mr. Whaley seconded, and the motion carried. Language has been added clarifying that the prohibition on illegal chemical substances extends to school district activities on or off school district property.

FIRST READING/
BOARD POLICY
NO. 5201

Mr. Lowell moved to give first reading to revised Board Policy Nos. 3413, 3416, 3419 and 3420. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried. The following policies have been updated to reflect legislative changes and recommendations:

FIRST READING/
BOARD POLICY
NOS. 3413, 3416,
3419 & 3420

3413 - Student Immunizations and Life Threatening Health Conditions

3416 - Medications at School

3419 - Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications

3420 - Anaphylaxis Prevention

Mr. Wesen moved to give first reading to revised Board Policy No. 3432/Emergencies. Mr. Wallace seconded. Motion carried. This policy is updated per 2013 legislation. ESB 5620 updated the emergency drill requirements for schools beginning with school year 2013-2014.

FIRST READING/
BOARD POLICY
NO. 3432

Mr. Wallace requested that he be notified the next time there is a first responder drill as he would like to attend.

Mr. Wallace moved to give first reading to revised Board Policy No. 6884/Naming Facilities and Recognition. Mr. Lowell seconded, and the motion carried. Revised Board Policy No. 6884/Naming Facilities and Recognition is updated to clarify how staff members or coaches may be recognized with displaying temporary or permanent structures such as banners or signs.

FIRST READING/
BOARD POLICY
NO. 6884

There will be no work session in December.

NO DECEMBER
WORK SESSION

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. There will be swearing-in of board members and election of officers.

NEXT REGULAR
MEETING

The next school board tour of the year is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Burlington-Edison High School.

NEXT BOARD
TOUR

The next work session is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2014 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

JANUARY
WORK SESSION

A regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room

JANUARY
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Mr. Wesen will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

At approximately 8:12 p.m., Mr. Howard announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property issues, specifically Bayview Ridge. He stated that the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of the matter, that he anticipated the Executive Session would be no more than 15-20 minutes long, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At approximately 8:40 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:41 p.m.

RECONVENED/
ADJOURNED

Board President

Board Secretary