

Board Mtg.

BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100

Dec. 8, 2014

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on December 8, 2014 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President, Roger Howard; Vice-President, Rich Wesen; Members, 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; Joe Stewart, Director of Technology and Finance; Jeff Brown, Special Education Director, 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. There were none.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Wesen moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2014. Mr. Lowell 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 December 2014: General Fund Warrant Nos. 325641 through 325788; and 325791 through 326027; Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 325789 through 325789; and 326028 through 326063; Transportation Vehicle Nos. Fund 325790 through 325790; and Trust Fund Nos. 326064 through 326064.

APPROVAL OF
WARRANTS

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

PERSONNEL
ITEMS

The Board accepted the following donation:

APPROVAL
OF
DONATION

- A donation in the amount of \$2,850.00 from the West View PTA to West View teachers to be used to help fund field trips and/or classroom supplies.

“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
STATEMENT

President Howard asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Wesen congratulated the Sedro-Woolley football team on their state championship. Mr. Lowell stated that he was proud of how well Burlington’s team played and he is looking forward to the winter sports.

BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS

Mr. Howard said our football team did well and congratulated Sedro-Woolley for becoming state champions. He said Sedro-Woolley’s quarterback is his first cousin’s grandchild and that his dad was a graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School, Class of 1946.

Mr. Wallace moved to adopt revised Board Policy No. 2190/Highly Capable Programs. Mr. Lowell seconded, and the motion carried. Significant changes include the process for identification and continuum of services for students in grades K-12.

ADOPTION/
REVISED
POL. NO. 2190

Mr. Howard announced it was time to elect officers for 2015. Mr. Wesen moved to nominate Mr. Howard as Board President. Mr. Wallace seconded. Motion carried, and Mr. Howard was re-elected as Board President. Mr. Lowell moved to nominate Mr. Wesen as Board Vice-President. Mr. Wallace seconded. Motion carried, and Mr. Wesen was re-elected as Board Vice-President.

ELECTION
OF
OFFICERS

Architect, Tom Theisen, presented on the property development analysis. Mr. Howard introduced the item and gave a brief summary of activities that have occurred over the years to analyze school district properties for school sites. The district worked with the County Planning Department and the property owners for many years in an effort to locate a possible school site within the Bay View Ridge Planned Unit Development. In late 2013, the County discovered that the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division 2011 Airport and Compatible Land Use Guidebook recommends against placement of K-12 schools within the airport environs which eliminated the school district’s ability to locate a school site in that area.

PRESENTATION/
PROPERTY
DEVELOPMENT
ANALYSIS

The County then assisted the District in an effort to find other properties in the urban growth area adjacent to the Bay View Ridge PUD and not in the floodplain or wetland and had access to the utility infrastructure necessary for development of a school. We were unable to find any property in the area that met these requirements.

PRESENTATION/
DEVELOPMENT
ANALYSIS
(Continued)

In early 2013, the district appointed a Property Study Committee made up of people experienced in land development, e.g., civil engineering and real estate. They looked at the District's properties at Bow Hill, Peacock Lane, and Pulver/Peterson. Their recommendation was made to the Board in March, 2013 to designate the Bow Hill property as surplus, which the school board had done in 2009, retain the Peacock Lane property as a site for a future school, and retain the Pulver/Peterson property.

Late last summer, we decided to review the development feasibility of District owned properties including two that have existing schools; e.g., West View and the High School as well as Allen school properties. We also wanted to review the Pulver/Peterson property and the Peacock Lane property.

In late summer, the district advertised for a consultant. Their work will be done in two phases: The first phase will identify materials the district has on record on the above described properties for feasibility of school building development. We had several consultants apply, and we chose Tom Theisen from Theisen Architects. They have been under contract since September and have been reviewing existing records on the properties and conferring with local agencies regarding development regulations as they relate to these properties.

At this meeting, Mr. Theisen gave a presentation on the criteria needed to determine the development feasibility of the properties and if the District had current information on this criteria. His research included a review of each of the properties. He selected one site to review as an example from the entire report which was the Allen school site. Afterwards, he answered questions from the Board. In response to a question about which sites need environmental site assessments, the response was that none of the sites had environmental site assessments (needs to be done). They would mostly be looking for hazardous materials; investigation would be done by a geologist.

The preliminary recommendation is that the Allen site has some potential for future development for educational facilities; (e.g., portables, additional classroom wings, etc.). In response to a question about how prohibitive would a septic system be for a new school, the response was that you would need something more elaborate for the Allen site as compared to the Edison septic system.

Another question was are there any concerns dealing with the north 17 acres on the Allen site in relationship with Skagit County Parks and the soccer fields? The response was that the soccer fields would need to be relocated in cooperation with the County if the district chose to develop the 17 acres.

Mr. Howard thanked Mr. Theisen and said the document he distributed and reviewed with the Board will be put on the district website for the public to see. Early next year the district will continue with the Phase II process.

The December board meeting was held too early in the month to have a Fiscal Report available. It will be mailed to the board members.

FISCAL
REPORT

The Board scheduled their next work session for Monday, January 12, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

NEXT WORK
SESSION

The regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

NEXT
REGULAR MTG.

The next school board tour of the year is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2015, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Allen Elementary School.

NEXT BOARD
TOUR

Mr. Wright will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

At approximately 7:45 p.m., Mr. Howard announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation and to discuss land acquisition. He stated that the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of these matters, that he anticipated the Executive Session would be no more than 40 minutes long, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At approximately 8:35 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session; no action was taken; and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

RECONVENED/
NO ACTION
TAKEN/
ADJOURNMENT

Board President

Board Secretary