

Board Mtg.

BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100

June 13, 2016

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on June 13, 2016 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President, Rich Wesen; Vice-President, David Lowell; Member, Roger Howard.

Staff Members Present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; K.C. Knudson, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Director of Special Programs, Jeff Brown; Technology and Finance Director, Joe Stewart; Director of Equity and Assessment, Bryan Jones; and Deputy Board Secretary, Jennifer Dalton.

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

CALL TO
ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

President Wesen opened the floor to any members of the audience who wished to address the Board.

Sherryl Hodgin

Ms. Hodgin has been with the district for 26 years with many different titles like recess duty, bus assistant, certified sub dispatcher, teacher assistant, instructional assistant, and educational assistant. She has worked in many places and now she is back at Lucille Umbarger. She stated that many coworkers have had to move out of the district to survive because the wages are better in other districts. We have many people in the B-E district that work almost full time and after insurance is taken out they qualify for state assistance. Our wages have continually dwindled lower and lower. She commented that when she first started working she had to work three jobs to pay the bills. She felt that to keep highly qualified people in our district a wage increase is needed. She stated that out of 111 assistants, 39 of us have AA's, BA's and even a MA. We are highly qualified and do much more than grade papers or make copies. Requirements have changed greatly over the last 26 years for all people in classified positions. A wage increase is greatly needed to keep highly qualified classified people working in our B-E schools.

AUDIENCE
PARTICI-
PATION

Carol Doyle

Ms. Doyle is an alumna of B-EHS, a community member, a mother, and a single wage earner. She has been a district employee as an Instructional Assistant for 18 years. Over the years her insurance has increased dramatically while her paycheck did not. Over a five year period her wage has only increased a matter of \$89.00. She has had to supplement her wages by proctoring

for the S.A.T.S., working at Denny's, and by selling tickets at the High School. Ms. Doyle would like to earn a wage comparable to our neighboring districts.

Gretchen Eide

Ms. Eide's children are in the Burlington-Edison District and she has worked in the district for 11 years. She stated that her work is necessary and valuable, but that her paycheck does not reflect the work she does. She stated that insurance has increased significantly more than her pay. Her insurance covers her and her children but not her husband. Her wage is not a livable wage and financially she should have quit her job for a higher paying one, but she loves what she does and loves the kids. She should have a fair wage to afford what she loves to do. She has seen coworkers leave their jobs so they can afford to live.

Clara Kyle

Ms. Kyle has been with the district for over 25 years and she is an owner of Big Scoop. She submitted her pay stubs to show that her insurance has gone up while her wage remained the same. Please see attached. She's asking for a fair wage for what she does.

Kathy Jewel

Ms. Jewel is a parent in the community and she stated that the student's education isn't just from the teachers. These are the people teaching our kids in reading groups. These people are pouring their hearts and souls out in their jobs. She is appalled at the fact that they are making \$400/month for a full time job.

Wendellynne Swanson

Ms. Swanson stated that she has been working for almost 30 years and was hoping to retire. She can't afford to go to the doctor because her insurance doesn't cover it. She has been trying hard to retire and she'll miss her job, but they all should be able to afford to retire.

Teresa Cromeenes

Ms. Cromeenes stated that she works at Edison and Fred Meyer. She has two jobs because she can't afford to live on one salary.

Donna Gates

Ms. Gates works at Edison as her second job. She went through a divorce and she wants to be able to continue to own her house and send her child to college, but she can't afford to do this with the job she loves at Edison.

Roxy Depree

Ms. Depree has been with the District since 1996. She started when her kids were in 2nd grade. She has had to work at four other jobs as well as at Edison. She has had to pound the pavement, cater, work in a restaurant and she stated that for god's sake come on.

Bob James

Mr. James drives a school bus for Burlington-Edison. He really likes driving a school bus. He stated that it's hard and a lot of responsibility. Bus drivers are responsible for up to 72 kids on a bus and for getting those kids to school and home at night without getting bullied, injured etc.

He commented that the District needs not to be losing our drivers. They move on to other districts because they need more money. He stated that they go through a lot of work to train our drivers and we need to keep them.

AUDIENCE
PARTICI-
PATION
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Mr. Lowell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2016 and Special Meeting on May 16, 2016. Mr. Howard seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL
OF MINUTES

Mr. Howard moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Mr. Lowell 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 the month. Items covered are the June 2016: General Fund Warrant Nos. 332533 through 332679; 332681 through 332681; and 332683 through 332888; Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 332680 through 332680; 332682 through 332682 and 332889 through 332930; and Trust Fund Warrant Nos. 332931 through 332931.

APPROVAL
OF
WARRANTS

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

PERSONNEL
ITEMS

The Board approved the 2016-17 Administrator and Certificated Contracts.

APPROVAL
ADMIN. &
CERT.
CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following travel item:

- The travel of Federal Programs Director for Migrant Education, Arturo Vivanco, and West View staff member, Luis Lopez, to Erie, PA, on July 5-9, 2016.

APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL

The Board accepted the following donation items:

APPROVAL
OF
DONATIONS

- Accept the donation in the amount of \$500.00 from B-E Kiwanis to B-EHS to be used for the student's trip to the National TSA Conference.
- Accept the donation in the amount of \$3,600.00 from Allen Team (PTA) to Allen Elementary to be used for teachers for field trips in the amount of \$200.00 each.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 824/Special Education Cooperative Programs with NWESD 189. This authorizes the Superintendent or designee to sign contracts or special education cooperative programs with the Northwest ESD 189 for the 2016-17 school year.

ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
824/SPED COOP
PROGRAMS W/
NWESD

The Board approved District participation in Title I, Part A, Learning Assistance Program (LAP), Title I C Migrant, State Transitional Bilingual Programs, Title III Professional Development and Support for Limited English Proficient Students, and Special Education Programs. Application for funding these programs will be available no later than December. These are viable programs that provide excellent compensatory services for our students who need supplemental support.

APPROVAL
OF
PARTICIPATION
IN TITLE I,
PART A,
LAP, ETC

APPROVAL
OF INSTRUCTION
MATERIALS

The Board approved the recommendations presented by the Instructional Materials Committee in regards to kindergarten, middle grade math, and advanced placement courses in regard to various high school courses.

APPROVAL
OF 2016-17
B-EHS STUDENT/
PARENT
HANDBOOK

The Board approved the 2016-2017 Burlington-Edison High School Student/Parent Handbook.

2016-17 BOARD
GOALS

The Board adopted the 2016-17 Board Goals.

ACCEPTED
SURPLUS LIST
FROM AUX.

The Board accepted the attached list from the Director of Auxiliary, John Leander, as surplus.

ACCEPTED 2016-
17
NWRDC
CONTRACT

The Board approved the 2016–17 contract with the Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC) and uses it for fiscal records and student records. The 2016-2017 NWRDC FTE fee addresses the requirements associated with the WESPac Finance/HR system and the Student Management System. The total fee for those receiving Full Service, for 2016-2017, remains the same as last year at \$41.41 per FTE. The NWRDC support services fee is \$23.27 per FTE and the WSIPC software licensing fee is \$18.14. The NWRDC portion of the fee is based on the actual 2016-2017 student FTE.

2016-17
INTERLOCAL
COOP AGREE
MENT W/SKAGIT
COUNTY
JUVENILE
COURT

The Board approved of 2016-17 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit County Office of Juvenile Court. The purpose of this agreement is to provide cost sharing for the BECCA Case Manager position for the 2016-17 school year.

PAWS
PRESENTATION
RECESS

The PAWS presentation was delivered by B-EHS 2016 graduate, Preston Hansen. PAWS is a plan for students to complete 6 PAWS and CONNECT activities each semester. Students must also complete 2 hours of volunteer community service and complete student led conferences. Preston Hansen's presentation was regarding NJROTC and what the program has meant to him. Please see the attached presentation.

RECESS

At approximately 7:32 p.m., President Wesen announced the Board would take five-minute recess. At approximately 7:37 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

2016-17 HIGHLY
CAPABLE STAGE
GRANT
PRESENTATION
&
OUTDOOR
EDUCATION

The Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, K.C. Knudson, presented to the Board the Highly Capable Program state grant submission for the 2016-17 school year.
See attached regarding Highly Capable Presentation.

Mr. Knudson also presented information regarding districtwide outdoor education for 5/6 grade students. Burlington-Edison School District is moving forward with concept based units of inquiry. He stated that the District is trying to move away from a static learning opportunity by bringing dynamic resources into classrooms. He said that a second layer to that is trying to get kids out of the classroom. B-ESD has many resources in the community however, the District can't afford it. So the District is looking into how to pursue those kinds of opportunities with kids. The District has strong parent support in the community and Mr. Knudson stated that with the help from parent groups maybe they could start a fundraising campaign that supports outdoor education for our students. Once the District has those funds then it plans to utilize that money

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for all students. For now the District is trying to identify things nearby with the city that would be zero cost. If our community is willing to support outdoor education then the District could look at options and costs. Mr. Knudson stated that the grades the District would be most eager to start with the outdoor education would be fifth and sixth. Some outdoor education opportunities with a cost would be Mountain school, or camp Orkila. Mr. Knudson stated that the funding and opportunity would need to be consistent through the grades as a part of our curriculum. He stated that if it's good for one its good for all.

President Wesen asked the Board if they had any comments.

Mr. Wesen stated that we had two donations one from B-E Kiwanis and one from the Allen team. He thanked them both. Mr. Wesen went to the presentation from Skagit 3+1 at B-E North. He commented that they did a great job on that. The team really appreciated the B-ESD administrative team and staff for their help to get this project done. Mr. Wesen talked to Kirk Hamilton and stated that he had a really good feel for NJROTC. He also went to the celebration lunch for the District Office staff for the clean audits, no findings in 5 years. Mr. Wesen talked with Gale Everly, from OSPI, and she mentioned that she truly appreciated coming to the B-ESD. The team is doing good work with education. Mr. Wesen also attended the retirement tea and it was nice to see.

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. He stated that the District was up 10 FTE in staffing from this time last year and that enrollment was above our budget about 14 FTE.

FISCAL
REPORT

There will be no work session in July

NO WORK
SESSION

The Board's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2016, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office.

NEXT
REGULAR
MTG

Mr. Lowell will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

December Board meeting was set for the date of December 12, 2016.

DECEMBER
2016 BOARD
MEETING

At approximately 8:05 p.m. there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNED

Board President

Board Secretary