

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 May 22, 2017

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on May 22, 2017 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President, Rich Wesen; Vice-President, David Lowell; Members, Bill Wallace, Troy Wright, and Roger Howard.

Staff Members Present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Jeff Drayer, Assistant Superintendent; K.C. Knudson, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Director of Special Programs, Jeff Brown; 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

The Thespian Club from B-EHS performed for the Board and spoke about their achievement of making it to the International Thespian Competition in Nebraska. Students: Gweena Gram, Amylia Palmer, Dmitri Wagoner, Ammon Palmer, Andrew Martinez and Leslie Simpson shared the different marketing approaches they have used to raise funds for their travel; from performing for different service groups, hosting a car wash, or offering a K-8 drama clinic. They commented that the program had changed dramatically in two years and all the students wanted to see the program continue to grow. On Friday, May 26, they were hosting a concert called, “Applause” at the Skagit Center in hopes to raise more funds. Admissions will be \$5 at the door.

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At approximately 7:12 p.m., President Wesen, announced the Board would take a brief recess. At approximately 7:17 p.m., the Board met again for regular session.

RECESS

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

Cameron Munro – B-EHS English teacher

Mr. Munro has been a lead bargainer for teams in the B-ESD for many years and he has been employed in the district since 2001. He stated that he has seen real change in perception and actual employment conditions here in our district. He commented that conversations with colleagues at other districts have been that B-ESD is doing great things. He believes much of the success is from good collective bargaining. He believes collective bargaining rights are very important and that the letter from the ESD189 was an attack on collective bargaining rights. He

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appreciated the follow-up letter Superintendent Browning wrote and sent to legislators; outlining the district's needs that are critical to serving all students. Mr. Munro believes collective bargaining is a fundamental aspect to having good relations.

Molly Wrestring, 1st – 4th Counsellor LU

Ms. Wrestring was inspired to become a union representative because of the McCleary legislature and the threat that's happening to education in the country. Ms. Wrestring stated that collective bargaining is the teacher's voice and to take that voice away from them is taking their power. Education is becoming more difficult and teachers need some power to share their thoughts on compensation or on how the organization is run. She stated that collective bargaining is an advocate tool, but now there's a threat that it will be taken away.

Bridget Nanning – Allen 7/8 math teacher

Ms. Nanning shared with the board that the district's goal of producing lifelong learners should also reflect on teachers as well as the students. She felt that taking away that agency (collective bargaining) is taking away their craft and that it was up to the district to encourage teachers' to keep them engaged and motivated.

Nicolette Burley – Allen 7/8 science teacher

Ms. Burley commented that teachers don't get paid vacation and that they get paid very little. She stated that she devoted several personal hours and she wanted the right to collective bargain.

Laura-Lee Barron – Uniserv Representative

Ms. Barron stated that she was at this board meeting in response to a letter about the needs of our state's education system signed by the ESD189 and several Superintendents in the area. She commented that she was disappointed that Superintendent Browning didn't have a conversation with their group before signing this letter. She stated that she was happy that Superintendent Browning met with their group and was willing to write a different letter to legislators. Ms. Barron hoped that in the future, there would be better dialogue between the association and superintendent to help better relations.

Liza Bancroft - HS -ASL

Ms. Bancroft is honored to be in the ASL program. She stated that there was a common theme in all of her classes and that was one of respect. She related that theme to teachers and how respect was one of their employable skills. She felt that it was a gut punch when she read the ESD189's letter and what it said regarding the needs of our state's education system. Ms. Bancroft commented on the time that she had dedicated to teaching and to the excellence of her students. This letter was sent statewide and she felt that was hurtful. Ms. Bancroft has a special needs child and was worried that she would have to give up her weekends or after school time for professional learning. She stated that she loved her students dearly but if it came down to her

loyalty; it would have to come down to her own children. She commented on the love of her colleagues, but she would have to rethink who was supporting her.

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Mr. Lowell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2017. Mr. Wright seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL
OF MINUTES

Mr. Wallace 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 May 2017: General Fund Warrant Nos. 336928 through 337068; and 337070 through 337304; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 337363 through 337365; Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 337069 through 337069; 337305 through 337361; and Trust Fund Warrant Nos. 337362 through 337361.

APPROVAL
OF
WARRANTS

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

PERSONNEL
ITEMS

The Board approved the following travel items:

APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL

- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Holly Wood, and six students to Lincoln, NE on June 18–24, 2017 to attend the International Thespian Festival.
- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Craig Nielsen, and three students to Orlando, FL on June 20–26, 2017 to attend the National Technology Student Association Conference.
- The travel of B-EHS Principal, Todd Setterlund, and two staff members, Dalila Rodriguez and Heather Paton, to San Francisco, CA on July 16–18, 2017 to attend the NCCEP GEAR UP Annual Conference.
- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Dalila Rodriguez, and two staff members, Elizabeth Lafever and Heather Paton, to Cheney, Spokane & Ellensburg, WA on June 26–28, 2017 to visit colleges.
- The travel of B-ESD Migrant Coordinator, Arturo Vivanco and seven students, to Seattle, WA on June 18-24, 2017 to attend the Dare to Dream.
- The travel of B-ESD Migrant Coordinator, Arturo Vivanco, and staff member Nallely Carreon Carrillo with seven students, to Bainbridge Island, WA on June 24-30, 2017 to attend the Voices from the Field.

The Board approved the following donated items:

APPROVAL
OF
DONATIONS

- The donation of \$1800.00 from Shell Oil for Allen first grade to use for Field Trips, Classroom supplies and celebrations.
- The donation of \$600.00 from Burlington Morning Kiwanis for the B-EHS Drama Club to support students attending the International Thespian Festival.
- The donation of \$545.00 from BET Boosters for the B-EHS Drama Club to support students attending the International Thespian Festival.

- The donation of \$3,000.00 from Skagit Rotary Club for the B-EHS Drama Club to support students attending the International Thespian Festival.
- The donation of \$500.00 from BFO Factory Shoppes/The Outlets at Burlington for the B-EHS art classes to be used for the purchase stackable drying rack and other art supplies.

The Board approved continued 2017–18 Membership in Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). Washington State Law authorizes school boards to delegate control and regulation of athletics and activities to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. Each year, WIAA requests school boards to renew their membership. Our district is a long-standing member of the WIAA.

President Wesen asked the Board if they had any comments.

Mr. Wallace thanked the teachers for coming to the board meeting and sharing their thoughts. He stated that it was always important to hear from them. He mentioned that he was the Legislative Representative for the District and that he was trying to work with the legislature on funding for education. He stated that one of the district’s main messages is that law makers have to know that it’s going to take more money so districts can attract and retain more teachers like B-ESD teachers. Mr. Wallace said that the issue is one of ample resources and that it’s done equitably between districts. He would like to see legislature rely less on local resources and that the main funding sources would come from the state.

Mr. Wallace also stated that he was impressed with the Mock DUI at the high school. It was interesting to see all the local, county, and state resources there and that even the medic helicopter was going to land in the stadium, but was called away to an actual emergency. He also went to the gym and listened to the parent who lost two sons to a drunk driver and it was a powerful message. Mr. Wallace hoped that it was well received by the students. He stated that he enjoyed the Auxiliary tour especially the kitchen and how impressed he was to see everything they have to do in the early morning hours before students even arrive.

Mr. Lowell stated that he enjoyed the tour of Auxiliary services as well. He enjoyed the care they put into the food. He complimented Mr. Leander for the organization with bussing. He said that the computer room was very encouraging and it was good to see the levy dollars at work. He also mentioned the teachers that came to share at the board meeting. He received their heart felt messages and appreciated that everyone there was committed to students and teaching, and the work being done in the district.

Mr. Wesen said that he appreciated that the teachers came to the board meeting. He stated that a second letter was written to relay the specific concerns of our district. Superintendent Browning had discussed this letter with Mr. Munro, and Mr. Glick, and had heard their concerns. He thanked the teachers for coming in and letting the Superintendent and Board know what they were thinking.

Mr. Wesen enjoyed the Auxiliary tour as well. He also thanked the community for their generous donations to the district; many of the donations were for the drama department to go to the National Competition in Nebraska.

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. This month ending cash spiked because the property taxes were received, which is pretty typical at this time of year. He stated that the staff FTE was the same at this time last year and student FTE was up by 45.55.

FISCAL
REPORT

Mr. Howard moved to approve the first reading of revised Board Policy No. 1610/Conflict of Interest. Policy No. 1610/Conflict of Interest has been amended to include required language around requirements of district employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts. Mr. Lowell seconded; but the motion was tabled to clarify the language and to answer more questions for the Board. It will be brought back as a first read for June's agenda.

TABLED POLICY
1610/
CONFLICT
OF
INTEREST

The District's annual Retirement Tea is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday June 12, 2017, in the District Office Curriculum Room.

RETIREMENT
TEA

The Board's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office.

NEXT
REGULAR
MEETING

There will be no work session in July.

NO
WORK SESSION

July's regular meeting will be held on July 24, starting at 7:00 p.m.

JULY'S
REGULAR
MEETING

Mr. Wright will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

At approximately 7:48 p.m., President Wesen announced there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNED

Board President

Board Secretary