

Special Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT May 24, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met in a special meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019, in the Board Room of the District Office.

In attendance were Board President, Rich Wesen; Vice-President, Troy Wright; and Board members, Roger Howard, David Lowell and Bill Wallace.

Staff Members Present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer; Executive Director of Equity and Learning, Dr. Bryan Jones; Executive Director of Student Support Services, Jeff Brown; Principal Todd Setterlund; and Jennifer Dalton, Deputy Board Secretary.

CALL TO
ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by President Wesen.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

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

High School Principal, Todd Setterlund, reviewed the current 28-credit graduation requirements for a B-EHS diploma and then the procedures for the B-E North 24-credit diploma. (Please see attached) He also stated that to date, 3 students had achieved enough credits to graduate. He hoped more would be ready by June.

APPROVAL
24 CREDIT
DIPLOMAS
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GRADUATION

Board members expressed their concerns and/or support over the approval of the decision to allow the students with a 24-credit diploma to walk at the B-EHS graduation ceremony.

Board member, Roger Howard, was concerned of overturning the procedure of all B-E North students participating in a B-E North graduation to now be able to walk in the B-EHS graduation. Historically, B-E North has always held their own graduation and the Board has made it clear how many credits are needed to walk at the B-EHS graduation ceremony. (28 credits this year, 30 in 2020) He did not want this decision to undermine the achievements and efforts of the students who achieved all the necessary credits. Mr. Howard stated that there were many students with similar struggles who have remained at the high school and achieved and earned their full credits showing a great deal of character in doing so. He was worried about what kind of message this sends by voting yes to a 24-credit diploma student to walk at the B-EHS graduation.

BOARD
COMMENTS

President Wesen supported Mr. Howard's view and understood the precedent this decision could set, but he wanted to have the students of B-E North included in the B-EHS graduation ceremony.

Mr. Lowell also respected Board member, Roger Howard's opinion, but he was moved by the B-E North student's presentation at the Board meeting on Monday, May 20. This was an issue of inclusion, and that all students, B-E North included, were a part of the B-ESD team.

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Mr. Wesen stated that B-E North was meant to be a separate school and that adding the block schedule to the high school was meant for students to take more classes and earn more credits which will have to be taken on the main campus.

Mr. Wallace commended the students for presenting well at Monday's regular Board meeting. He was proud that B-ESD had a B-E North option, to allow students to take a different path to graduate, if needed. He stated that all students had to meet the obligatory requirements for B-E North (24-credit state diploma) or B-EHS 28 credits in 2019 and 30 credits in 2020, and that all accomplishments be commended in one graduation ceremony.

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Mr. Wright moved to approve students earning a 24 credit Washington State diploma will be allowed to walk with the B-EHS students earning a 28 credit diploma. Mr. Wallace seconded; motion carried.

At approximately 7:20 a.m., there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNED

Board President

Board Secretary