

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 Nov. 22, 2010

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on November 22, 2010 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President, Bill Wallace; Vice-President Bradley Whaley; Members, Rich Wesen, David Lowell, and Roger Howard

Staff Members Present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Jeff Drayer, Assistant Superintendent; and Vicki Kelley, Deputy Board Secretary

At approximately 7:00 p.m., the regular meeting was called to order by President Wallace.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wallace asked if there were any visitors to be introduced to the Board. There were none.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

President Wallace opened the floor to any members of the audience who wished to address the Board. There were none.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 25, 2010 and the work session of November 8, 2010. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wesen moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Whaley 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 2010: General Fund Warrant Nos. 307162 through 307279, 307281 through 307281, and 307283 through 307496; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 307542 through 307543; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 307280 through 307280, 307282 through 307282 and 307497 through 307541.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following travel item:

- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Jeff Brandenburg, to Portland, Oregon on December 8-10, 2010 to attend the Rick Stiggins' Effective Grading Workshop. Costs for the trip will be paid by the GEAR-UP budget. Travel will be via privately owned vehicle.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL ITEM

ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATIONS

The Board accepted the following donations:

- A donation (grant) in the amount of \$2,500 from Home Depot to the Burlington-Edison Alternative High School (B-E North) for a garden and native plant project.
- A donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Soroptimists International of Burlington to the B-EHS Natural Helpers. The donation will be used to help with the cost of training students.

BOARD MEMBER
COMMENTS

President Wallace asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Whaley attended the Burlington-Edison football team playoffs and requested that a congratulatory letter be sent to the football team for their outstanding season. It was requested that a letter be sent to the district's volleyball team too. Letters will be drafted to be sent to them on behalf of the Board signed by Board President Wallace.

Mr. Whaley informed the Board that he is unable to attend the regular meeting on December 13. He also talked about a Rotary Student of the Month who spoke to Rotarians at a recent meeting. She is Hispanic and spoke about how she came to Allen School and did not speak English and now is a B-EHS senior with a 4.0 grade average. She was an eloquent speaker who touched the Rotarians with her story.

Mr. Wesen recently attended the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Conference. He enjoyed hearing about programs in other districts and talking with their board members. Mr. Wesen also stated that he is impressed with the participants on the Dual Language Review Committee that will be meeting starting next week.

Mr. Lowell is doing fine with the new addition to his family, a baby girl. He too praised the B-EHS football team saying that it had a lot of character and heart.

Mr. Howard enjoyed reading an article in the paper about the AVID Program. He wanted to know if it is a challenge to get money for the program. Mrs. Browning responded that WWU fund-raises to keep Compass to Campus going in Whatcom and Skagit Counties.

Mr. Wallace acknowledged the donations from Office Depot and the Soroptimists Club. He had an opportunity to attend the Veterans' Day Program at West View and stated that it was a great program. Students shared stories about patriotism, and veterans were recognized. Mr. Wallace also attended the B-EHS play, *Sherlock Holmes*. He was impressed with students and amazed at how they can learn that many lines!

Mr. Wallace also attended the WSSDA Conference. He said it was a great opportunity and the intention is to bring back things of interest from the conference for discussion at the Board's work session in January. One topic will be board.docs. The Board talked with a representative from board.docs, and it is pretty expensive at over \$8,000 a year. He also mentioned that Superintendent Browning sent an e-mail to district staff about the state budget as it is more than \$5 billion in the hole, and the State will be cutting over \$500 million from the last half of the year. He said it will be a challenging time ahead as we deal with our budgets and advocate with legislators that they are legally bound to fund K-12 education.

Superintendent Browning presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board.

FISCAL
REPORT

Mr. Lowell moved to give first reading to the following board policies. Mr. Whaley seconded, and the motion carried.

FIRST
READING/
BOARD
POLICIES

- **Amended Board Policy No. 5407/Military Leave:** This policy allows an employee who is the spouse of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserves to take up to fifteen (15) days leave. The amended policy defines the leave as unpaid leave.

- **New Policy No. 5253/Maintaining Staff/Student Boundaries:** This is a new policy designed to provide written guidance to district students, staff, and community members on appropriate conduct between teachers and students.

- **Amended Policy No. 6500/Risk Management:** Policy No. 6500 is amended to comply with the recently revised provisions that apply to damage claims filed against school districts.

- **Amended Policy No. 6530/Insurance:** Policy No. 6530 is amended to outline the options available to employees regarding use of leave benefits available.

Mr. Whaley moved to table first reading for Policy No. 6905/Site Acquisition for review by the district's attorney. Mr. Wesen seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY
TABLED/
POLICY NO.
6905/SITE
ACQUISITION

Community member, Jim Anderson, had sent the Board the attached letter about what he thinks should be stated in the policy (see highlighted verbiage). The Board decided to table the policy for first reading so the district's Board attorney could review the drafted policy along with Jim Anderson's comments and get recommendations back to the Board.

Mr. Wallace requested the following statement be included in the minutes regarding the subject as follows:

The Board has committed to ensuring proper policy guidance and safeguards are in place to protect the district taxpayers' interests when purchasing school property: 1) policy approved – mirrors Representative Dave Quall's legislation; and 2) this policy is another significant step.

Mr. Howard stated that he thinks it is very important to communicate to the community that is paying taxes that we have provided safeguards so the community will not have to go through what happened with the purchase of property in the past, that we have not forgotten it, and future boards need not forget it.

There will be no work session in December.

NO WORK
SESSION
IN DECEMBER

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, December 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office. There will be an election of officers at this meeting.

REGULAR
MEETING
SCHEDULED

The next Board tour of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2010, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Bay View Elementary School. Mr. Lowell and Mr. Wallace said they may be on jury duty.

NEXT BOARD
TOUR

Mr. Whaley will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

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

Board President

Board Secretary