

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 Jan. 24, 2011

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on January 24, 2011 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; K.C. Knudson, Director of Teaching and Learning; Jeff Brown, Special Programs Coordinator; Joe Stewart, Director of Finance; 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 Lucille Umbarger Elementary School ASB President, Gaby Sanchez. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wallace asked if there were any visitors to be introduced to the Board. Mrs. Browning said they would be introduced later in the program. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

President Wallace opened the floor to any members of the audience who wished to address the Board. The following addressed the Board: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Brian Humphrey
Skagit Early Learning Coalition (SELC)
2005 E. College Way
Mount Vernon, WA 98225

Mr. Humphrey, Administrator of WorkSource Skagit, is a member of the Skagit Early Learning Coalition (SELC) Leadership Committee (a committee under the Economic Development Association of Skagit County Foundation). He provided an update on recent SELC Leadership Committee activities, future plans, and their vision for collaborating in the near future.

Maura Jurenka
West View PTA President
2229 S. 15th Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

She is West View Elementary School's PTA President. Ms. Jurenka talked about a couple of activities at West View: 1) a recent annual overnight campout in the West View gym; and 2) the upcoming April 30th Cinco de Mayo event. She also thanked Superintendent Browning for her visit at the PTA's board meeting in which members shared their concerns with her about the departure of Principal, Meagan Dawson, next year and upcoming budget cuts. Ms. Jurenka asked that when the Board is considering budget cuts, to look at how decisions will ultimately affect high poverty schools and support student achievement. She stated that if the district gets money from a grant, it should be used only for West View and not for any way to make fiscal savings.

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 13, 2010 and the work session of January 11, 2011. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wesen 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 month. Items covered are the January 2011: General Fund Warrant Nos. 307944 through 307999, 308001 through 308055, and 308057 through 308258; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 308056 through 308056; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 308000 through 308000 and 308259 through 308284.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

PERSONNEL

President Wallace asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Howard complimented Mrs. Browning and staff on the school board tours. He enjoyed the last one at Edison Elementary. Mr. Howard said it gives him a good opportunity to meet the school teachers and administrators at the school, and that it is very rewarding interacting with them and the children in the classroom.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Howard also thanked Superintendent Browning and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, for the work they did on the purchasing (site acquisition) policy.

Mr. Wesen also enjoyed the Edison tour and the activities going on at that school such as make-up classes for students that are behind in their classes and reading the book, *Three Cups of Tea*.

Mr. Wesen attended a Skagit Local Food Network meeting. He stated that B-E North (High School Alternative School) is thinking about having a school garden, and he is concerned about who will take care of it during the summer when students are not in school and how it will be worked into the curriculum. Mr. Wesen told the Board to contact him, if they have questions about it.

Mr. Whaley said he supports the local farms and wanted to attend the food network meeting; however, he had a conflict. He spent a day in Olympia with the Washington State Restaurants' Association and talked with politicians. Mr. Whaley also brought up the subject of cell phones and a policy that another school district is proposing for their use.

Mr. Wallace stated it was a great tour at Edison with lots of positive things going on there, and that he was impressed with how many students that led them on the tour were in ASB leadership roles. He said the Board has an opportunity to visit schools each year, and it is a great opportunity to see what teachers, students, and principals are doing.

Mr. Wallace has been having a good time working with Kristy Russell as a volunteer in the AVID Program at Allen Elementary. He also mentioned the articles in the newspaper about good things students are doing such as reading the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, and about Amanda Lindsay on the wrestling team.

Mr. Lowell conveyed a message from his daughter to students, Gaby Sanchez and Breezy Hurley, who will be presenting the School Report this evening. She said to say hi to them and that she would see them tomorrow.

BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS
(Continued)

Lucille Umbarger Elementary's School Report was about Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) at LU. Teachers presenting were Cassie Stevens and Jonathan Carpenter-Eells. Students presenting were seventh graders, Brandon Augir, Shawn Stricklen, Faith Shepard, and Andrew Chaparro. Eighth graders presenting were Breezy Hurley, Gaby Sanchez, and Tony Hicks-Harvey.

SCHOOL
REPORT

At approximately 7:42 p.m., President Wallace announced the Board would take a short break. At approximately 7:52 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

RECESS

January is "School Board Recognition Month." Superintendent Browning presented certificates of appreciation to the Board and along with B-EEA President, Richard Glick, recognized the Board members for their service to the school district and community. Board members thanked Mrs. Browning and Mr. Glick for their comments and stated they feel honored to serve on the Board.

SCHOOL
BOARD
RECOGNITION

Finance Director, Joe Stewart presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. He informed the Board that approximately \$700,000 will be taken away from the current year from the General Fund.

FISCAL
REPORT

Mr. Whaley requested that a graph forecasting what is anticipated in the future be included in future Fiscal Reports.

Mr. Howard moved to give first reading to amended Policy No. 6905/Site Acquisition. Mr. Lowell seconded. Motion carried. Policy No. 6905 is amended to include new language reference the acquisition of a new site and the consultation with the district's attorney or land use attorney who shall prepare the Sale and Purchase Agreement. In addition, to confirm the property is suitable, the district shall retain the services of a professional civil engineer and/or other land use professionals.

FIRST
READING/
POLICY NO.
6905

Mr. Wesen moved to give first reading to amended Policy No. 5406/Leave Sharing. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion carried. During a recent session, the Legislature amended the leave sharing law to explicitly permit the transfer of accumulated leave of K-12 employees to and from institutions of higher education and community colleges.

FIRST
READING/
POLICY NO.
5406

Mr. Whaley moved to give first reading to amended Policy No. 3245/Students and Telecommunication Devices. Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion carried. This policy provides guidance on the proper use of telecommunication devices.

FIRST
READING/
POLICY NO.
3245

The consensus of the Board was to table amended Policy No. 4215/Use of Tobacco on School Property for further review by the administration.

FIRST
READING/
POLICY NO.
4215

FIRST
READING/
POLICY NO.
3207

Mr. Whaley moved to give first reading to amended Policy No. 3207/Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried. During the 2010 legislative session, changes regarding the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying policy occurred. These legislative revisions focused on a greater awareness and reporting of bullying, harassment and intimidation in the school environment. The legislation includes a specific requirement that each district designate a contact person to respond to complaints.

Mr. Wallace requested that Dr. Drayer come back at a later date with procedures on how this policy is implemented. He suggested this be a topic for a work session for K-8 and the High School.

The Board scheduled a work session for Monday, February 14, 2011, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

NEXT WORK
SESSION

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, February 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

NEXT
REGULAR
MEETING

The next Board tour of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2011, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the High School.

NEXT BOARD
TOUR

Superintendent Browning, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, and Board President, Bill Wallace, will be attending the WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference in Olympia on February 27-28, 2011.

LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY

Mr. Lowell will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

At approximately 9:00 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. He said the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of the topic and that he anticipated the Executive Session would be approximately 20 minutes long. He also stated the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At approximately 10:10 p.m., the Board reconvened to public session; no action was taken, and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

RECONVENED
/NO ACTION
TAKEN/
ADJOURNED

Board President

Board Secretary