

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 Apr. 25, 2011

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on April 25, 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; 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 Superintendent Browning.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wallace asked if there were any visitors to be introduced to the Board. Mrs. Browning introduced Margie Rodriguez, new principal of Allen Elementary School. Ms. Rodriguez stepped up to the podium and spoke about her background and said she is excited to be part of the Burlington-Edison School District administrative team. Mr. Wallace welcomed her on behalf of the Board.

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

Lisa Ash

5797 Main St.
Edison, WA 98232

Ms. Ash is the owner of the Edison Café which is located on school property. She is seeking permission from the school board to apply for a beer and wine license which will be used for dinner service and private parties (not during school hours). She was also interested in purchasing the land from the school district. Mr. Wallace stated the Board would be discussing property issues in executive session at this meeting.

Jim Anderson

20780 Keller Road
Burlington, WA 98233

Mr. Anderson wanted to bring to the Board's attention the parking and drop-off area at West View and stated that it is very dangerous. He invited the Board to be at West View at 8:45 a.m. and see what it looks like. Mr. Anderson said the only way to solve the problem is to take out the sidewalk or purchase some of the land to the south (near the apartment building) to enlarge it.

Mr. Anderson requested that the Board remove the approval of the portable classroom building from the consent calendar. He also questioned why the Edison Café issue was being discussed in executive session. Mr. Wallace responded that the Board is well within its bounds and has received legal counsel on this.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION
(Continued)

Eldeen Simmons
865 Peterson Road
Burlington, WA 98233

She wanted to know what evidence the school district has that children in the Dual Language Program learn better than putting them into the classroom to learn English. Mr. Wallace requested that the Superintendent get back to her and share that information with her. She provided the Board with information about Hillsdale Academy (Hillsdale, Michigan) curriculum, which she said is a top rated school. Mr. Whaley responded that charter schools are sponsored by colleges and universities, and we do not have them in Washington State.

Maura Jurenka
2229 S. 15th Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

As President of West View Elementary's PTA, she invited the Board to attend the Cinco de Mayo event at that school on Saturday, April 30th, from 4-8 p.m. She also wanted to know what funds would be used to purchase the portable classroom and refurbish the high school track. Mrs. Browning responded that this would be paid for by Capital Project funds. In addition, Ms. Jurenka stated that the approval of the portable classroom item on the consent agenda should be moved from the consent calendar and moved to a more appropriate section of the agenda.

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 28, 2011 and the work sessions of March 31, 2011 and April 11, 2011. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Mr. Whaley moved to remove the West View portable classroom approval from the Consent Calendar. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion was carried. The approval of the portable classroom building purchase was removed from the Consent Calendar and transferred to the Miscellaneous section of the agenda. Mr. Whaley moved to approve the consent calendar as modified. Mr. Wesen 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 April 2011: General Fund Warrant Nos. 309097 through 309188; 309190 through 309190; and 309192 through 309424; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 309468 through 309469; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 309189 through 309189; 309191 through 309191; and 309425 through 309467.

APPROVAL OF
WARRANTS

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

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following travel items:

- The travel of B-EHS Assistant Principal, Mike Curl, along with Steve Zeiser to Temecula, CA on May 1-4, 2011 to attend the LINK Mentorship Training. Costs for the trip will be paid by the CTE budget and the Gear Up Grant.

APPROVAL OF
TRAVEL ITEMS

The Board approved the following donations:

- The donation in the amount of \$3,150.00 from the Allen TEAM (parent group) to Allen Elementary School. The donation will be used for field trips and miscellaneous expenses (classroom).
- The donation of \$1,000.00 from the Firefighters' Association (Dean Shelton) to sixth grade teacher, Frieda Kraig, at West View Elementary School. The donation will be used for students learning safety, CPR, and public readiness.

APPROVAL OF
DONATIONS

President Wallace asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Howard had the opportunity to attend the technology leadership team meeting on April 12th along with Mr. Whaley. He said that Tracy Dabbs (TOSA) did a great job organizing the meeting. She had very good data on the impact technology has in the classroom, and Mr. Howard expects positive outcomes from it. Mr. Howard also enjoyed the last board tour of the year at Lucille Umbarger Elementary. He stated that LU principal, Bryan Jones, did an excellent job introducing programs. Mr. Howard said it is a very large school with a lot of room and that LU has a good handle on the impact of West View students arriving. Mr. Howard also shared that his son and wife are expecting their first child.

BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS

Mr. Lowell applauded the folks who made public comments. He stated that it is good when you share your insight and opinions, and that he wished this would occur more often.

Mr. Wesen also enjoyed the LU tour. Mr. Lowell's stepdaughter was one of the tour guides. Mr. Wesen said he was happy to see that LU is working on the transition of West View students to their school and that committees are starting to meet before school is out. Mr. Wesen was a member of the Dual Language Program Review Committee, and he stated that it was almost unanimous that the program continues. He encouraged people to attend the Cinco de Mayo event at West View. Mr. Wesen said it has changed over the last eight to ten years. The spirit is much better than it was previously.

Mr. Whaley also attended the technology meeting. He asked LU teachers what kind of technology would help them in their teaching. He will share their answers with Tracy Dabbs. Mr. Whaley said his restaurant was having the "Dine Out for Band" this Friday and Saturday. He will update everyone on how it turns out. Reference charter schools, he said he has looked for information on different types of schools. He lived in Three Rivers, Michigan and knows where Hillsdale is. He thinks charter schools are a good thing because they are supported by universities, and he will continue to research the subject and bring back information to the Board.

BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS
(Continued)

Mr. Wallace enjoyed the tour of LU too. He said it was a good tour seeing the positive energy from students. Mr. Wallace enjoyed viewing the movie, "Waiting for Superman" about charter schools and large urban schools. He said it was good food for thought about education. Mr. Wallace recognized the donations that were made by the Allen team and Firefighters' Association. He informed everyone that the Legislature will be in special session, and that we are waiting to see what they will do with the K-12 portion of the budget. There is a \$5.1 billion shortfall this biennium, and the Senate proposes a three percent pay cut for teachers. Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Browning have been communicating their interests and concerns to legislators.

The school district was awarded a grant in the amount of \$1.27M over three years for West View. Mr. Wallace said this is a huge accomplishment by the Burlington-Edison team. He stated, "B-ESD and West View students will benefit from this. Congratulations to all!"

At approximately 7:40 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would take a five-minute break. At approximately 7:47 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

RECESS

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. Our enrollment is 18 FTE under budget.

FISCAL
REPORT

Pursuant to the district's July 23, 2007 Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan, the Board needs to approve the use of impact fees to purchase a portable classroom building at West View Elementary School. The portable building will contain two classrooms, office space, and bathrooms. Estimated cost is \$230,000. Mr. Whaley moved to approve the purchase of the portable classroom building. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL
OF
PORTABLE
CLASSROOM
PURCHASE

It was explained that impact fees can only be used for facilities and growth purposes. The West View grant money will not be used to purchase the portable.

Mr. Howard moved to adopt Resolution No. 779 authorizing the Superintendent to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101. Mr. Lowell seconded, and the motion carried. It will allow our district to piggyback off their dairy bid to be sought for this summer of 2011 for the next school year.

ADOPTION
OF
RESOLUTION
NO. 779

Mr. Lowell moved to adopt Resolution No. 780 authorizing the transfer of up to \$129,122 in state forest revenues from the Debt Service Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to repair and refinish the high school track. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

ADOPTION
OF
RESOLUTION
NO. 780

This should give the track another ten year life expectancy. Mr. Wallace requested that there be protective covering for the track during football games. Mrs. Browning will have Director of Auxiliary Services, John Leander, look into it.

Mr. Lowell withdrew his motion to adopt Policy No. 5050/Contracts and Policy No. 5005/Employment: Disclosures, Certification, Assurances, and Approval. The policies did not get posted to the district's website for another month for input; therefore, they were tabled and will be on the May board meeting agenda instead.

ADOPTION
OF POLICIES
5050 & 5005
TABLED

Mr. Whaley moved to adopt Resolution No. 781 as submitted by the administration. Mr. Wesen seconded. Motion carried. It authorizes the elimination of 3.50 FTE elementary (K-8) teaching positions and 3.0 FTE secondary positions due to certificated staff program reductions.

ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION NO.
781

The Board will meet on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. The purpose of this work session is to conduct a Washington State School Directors' Association workshop.

WORKSHOP
SCHEDULED

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

NEXT REGULAR
MTG.

There will be one regular board meeting in June. It will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library in conjunction with the district's Retirement Tea. The Tea will begin at 5:30 p.m.

JUNE BOARD
MEETING/
RETIREMENT TEA

Mr. Whaley will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

After discussion, the Board decided to hold their annual retreat on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. It will be held at the home of Board President, Bill Wallace, and begin at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD ANNUAL
RETREAT

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property issues. He stated the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of this matter; that he anticipated the Board would be in Executive Session for no more than 15 minutes; and that the Board would take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At approximately 8:25 p.m., the Board reconvened to regular session. Mr. Wesen moved to retain the property that the Edison Café occupies. The Board also discussed RCW 66.24.010 that outlines restrictions to serve alcohol within 500 feet of a school. The Board did not see a benefit for the district. Mr. Lowell seconded, and the motion carried.

RECONVENED/
ACTION TAKEN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President

Board Secretary

