

Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 May 23, 2011

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on May 23, 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

President Wallace opened the floor to any members of the audience who wished to address the Board. The following students addressed the Board with their concerns about the future of the drama department and their drama teacher. They are passionate advocates of the program and talked about the impact it has made on their lives. Many of them do not play sports and stated that the program has given them a purpose.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

McKain Webb-Lakey

4168 Colony Mountain Road
Bow, WA 98232

Travis Hickox

1224 E. Rio Vista Avenue
Burlington, WA 98233

Brittney Neff

1730 Cascade Vista Drive
Burlington, WA 98233

MaKenna Codlin

12925 Pulver Road
Burlington, WA 98233

Tia Keene

1695 Lake Samish Road
Bellingham, WA 98229

Alyssa Keene

1695 Lake Samish Road
Bellingham, WA 98229

Haley Compton

12359 Rainier Drive
Burlington, WA 98233

Thomas Crockett
10953 Gardner Road
Burlington, WA 98233

Josephine McKissen
11324 Michael Place
Burlington, WA 98233

Mariah Perkins
1034 E. Victoria Ave.
Burlington, WA 98233

Taylor Brock
6733 Chuckanut Drive
Bow, WA 98232

Emma Foss
12220 Country Lane
Burlington, WA 98233

Following are comments from members of the audience:

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

Ms. Jurenka commented that she knows that athletics is important to B-ESD as she always sees articles in the paper about sports, but does not see the same about fine arts. She stated, "Why is athletics so important to B-ESD? It brings in money, but art makes a better community."

Ms. Jurenka also addressed the Board about the changes at West View Elementary. She said that information is coming directly from the district administration, and the Board needs to get input from the parents. She is particularly concerned about the preschool, and wanted to know how many of the preschool students will stay at West View. Another question she asked was whether or not the grant West View received is driven on test scores. She asked, "Why are we spending money on preschool?"

Kenny Crockett
10953 Gardner Road
Burlington, WA 98233

Mr. Crockett is a business owner in town. He said he watched the drama students put their heart and soul into drama and the play. He stated, "They will always remember this. If there is any way you can save the department, it will last the rest of their lives!"

Bill Wallace
Board President

Mr. Wallace thanked the students for coming to the meeting and sharing their feelings about the drama program. He said they did an awesome job and that it was great to hear what they had to say. The students were congratulated on the success of their recent play, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*.

Mr. Wallace stated that all school districts are faced with the budget situation, and tough decisions will have to be made. The district is waiting for the Legislature to complete its work, and hopefully that will be this week. Some budget decisions have to be made by May 15th. In the case of the drama program, the drama teacher could be affected simply by seniority. The program, however, is not at risk, and Mr. Wallace said hopefully they will continue the program and the drama teacher will be back next year. He said, "Fine arts and drama are important to the school district as well as all our extracurricular programs. The Board gets it. I thank all twelve of you (students that spoke) for letting us know how much the drama program and teacher means to you. She is a lucky teacher to have you here tonight supporting her."

Rich Wesen
Board Member

He said, "You (students) did a great job. It is important to have a wide variety of extracurricular programs in our district."

Bradley Whaley
Board Vice-President

He went to see the play matinee on Sunday. His daughter is in drama, and he stated that he hopes it will be okay.

David Lowell
Board Member

Mr. Lowell stated, "Everyone on the Board wants kids to have a well rounded education, not just sports. A lot of great programs need to keep going for well balanced students. The Board is trying to provide a well balanced program. I thought the speakers did an excellent job of advocating their program and their teacher."

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. Wallace announced that Item D., Acceptance of Donation, was being pulled from the Consent Calendar. The donation is actually going to the West View PTA (not West View School) and does not need Board approval. Mr. Wesen moved to approve the consent calendar as modified. Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
CALENDAR

Items approved on the consent calendar are as follows:

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| 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 May 2011: General Fund Warrant Nos. 309470 through 309577; 309579 through 309729; 309765 through 309765 and 309767 through 309181; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 309819 through 309820; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 309578 through 309578; 309730 through 309764; and 309766 through 309766. | APPROVAL OF WARRANTS |
| The attached appointments, resignations, and leaves of absence were approved/accepted. | APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL |
| The Board approved the following travel item: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">The travel of B-EHS staff members, Ryan Wallace and Jeff Brandenburg, to San Francisco, CA on July 16-20, 2011 to attend the GEAR UP National Conference. Costs will be paid by the GEAR UP budget; travel will be via privately owned vehicle and air. | APPROVAL OF TRAVEL ITEM |
| The Board approved continued membership in WIAA for the 2011-2012 school year. Washington State Law authorizes school boards to delegate control and regulation of athletics and activities to the Washington Interscholastic Association. Each year, WIAA requests school boards to renew their membership. Our district is a long-standing member of the WIAA. | APPROVAL OF CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN WIAA |
| The Board approved the Interdistrict Cooperative Educational Services Agreement with Northwest Career and Technical Academy for the 2011-2012 school year. The purpose of this agreement is to utilize interdistrict cooperation, authorized by RCW 28A.355.160, RCW 28A.225.250, and Chapter 392-135 WAC, to provide educational programs not otherwise available and to avoid duplications of specialized programs and facilities. NCTA is the serving district, and B-ESD is the participating district. | APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NCTA |
| Program Coordinator, Meagan Dawson, provided an update on the Burlington-Edison Parent-Partnership Program and answered questions from the Board. The goal of the program is to support families who want to serve as main instructors for their children. | B-E PARENT- PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM |
| At approximately 7:50 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would take a five-minute break. At approximately 8:00 p.m., the Board met again in regular session. | RECESS |
| Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, provided an update on the District Improvement Plan and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Wallace stated that the district has board goals, and the academic goals continue to be further defined. | DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION |
| President Wallace asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Whaley said the high school play was excellent. He is sorry he missed Jim Clem's retirement. He also shared that school books finally made it to Africa (that his daughter worked on for two years). A total of 27 books, 17 library books and 10 instructional books, in French were sent. | BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS |
| Mr. Wesen said he heard good things about the district's new athletic director. The Board will meet him at their next board meeting. Mr. Wesen enjoyed Cinco de Mayo at West View Elementary. He said it was good to see kids having a good time with their play and that the Legislature will be making decisions tomorrow about the budget. | |

BOARD MEMBER
COMMENTS
(Continued)

Mr. Lowell attended the B-EHS freshman orientation and was impressed with Mike Curl's and Beth VanderVeen's marketing of classes and activities. He said the event lessens anxiety for students entering the high school from grade school. He also commented that the baseball team won in the semi-finals.

Mr. Howard had an opportunity to attend the Skagit County Prayer Breakfast and said it was inspirational to hear Cole Sager speak. Cole is the first walk-on freshman at the University of Washington to play football. Mr. Howard too is disappointed that he missed Jim Clem's retirement. He said Mr. Clem is a class act and high quality guy. Mr. Howard stated that B-ESD is very fortunate to have had him and that he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Wallace sat in on the PAWS (Portfolio Academic Work Skills) presentations that high school seniors have to make in order to graduate. He recommended that people sit in on the presentations if they get the opportunity.

Mr. Wallace attended the 7-12th grade band program and also had the opportunity to help chaperone a field trip. The AVID seventh/eighth grade class toured the University of Washington campus and sat in on a panel about college life.

Mr. Wallace enjoyed the *Skagit Valley Herald* article on healthy eating habits and also an article that Aaron Burkhalter wrote about West View Elementary School. He congratulated Allen Elementary Principal, Chris Pearson, on an article he wrote for a National Association of School Principals' publication regarding Allen Elementary School. A copy of the article is in the board boxes.

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board.

FISCAL REPORT

Mr. Lowell moved to adopt Resolution No. 782 which authorizes the district's development, use, and operation of the Student Online Assessment Resource (SOAR) Program for both its own use and providing access and technical support for other school districts or other users in exchange for a monetary fee. Mr. Whaley seconded, and the motion carried. The resolution also introduces for first reading Policy No. 6121.

ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION NO.
782/SOAR
PROGRAM

Mr. Wesen moved to give first reading to new Policy No. 6121/SOAR Program. Mr. Whaley seconded, and the motion carried.

FIRST
READING/NEW
POLICY NO. 6121

Mr. Wesen moved to adopt amended Policy No. 5050/Contracts. Mr. Lowell seconded. Motion carried. It was given first reading at the March board meeting.

ADOPTION/
AMENDED
POLICY NO. 5050

Mr. Lowell moved to adopt amended Policy No. 5005/Employment: Disclosures, Certification, Assurances, and Approval. Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion carried. It was given first reading at the March board meeting.

ADOPTION/
AMENDED
POLICY NO. 5005

The Board will meet on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 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 Board will hold its annual retreat at the home of Board President, Bill Wallace, on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, starting at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD RETREAT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011. It will be held in the High School Library in conjunction with the Retirement Tea. The Tea will begin at 5:30 p.m.; the board meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be only one board meeting in June.

RETIREMENT
TEA & NEXT
REGULAR MTG.

Mr. Lowell will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

At approximately 8:58 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. 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 20 minutes; and that the Board would take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At approximately 9:30 p.m., the Board reconvened to regular session. Mr. Whaley stated, "Due to fiscal necessity caused by reductions in state funding for District educational programs, I move that the Board reduce the educational program by eliminating, subject to ongoing negotiations with the Burlington-Edison Education Association, all high school department head positions and related supplemental contracts for the 2011-2012 school year." Mr. Howard seconded. Motion carried.

RECONVENED/
ACTION TAKEN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President

Board Secretary

