

## **Board Mtg. BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 July 25, 2011**

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on July 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; Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, K.C. Knudson; Joe Stewart, Finance Director; Jeff Brown, Special Programs Coordinator; and Vicki Kelley, Deputy Board Secretary

At approximately 6:30 p.m., President Wallace announced the Board would recess into Executive Session to hear an appeal regarding an out-of-district waiver denial. He stated the Executive Session would be approximately 30 minutes long. When a decision is reached, the Board will send a letter to the student's parents.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION/  
STUDENT  
HEARING

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

RECONVENED/  
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 addressed the Board:

AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION

### **Sondra Stauffer**

17160 Barrel Springs Lane  
Bellingham, WA 98226

Ms. Stauffer's children attended B-ESD, and she served on the district's Citizens' Advisory Committee. She is currently a teacher in the Sedro-Woolley School District. Ms. Stauffer came to the meeting to thank Mr. Wallace for his efforts with the pipeline safety issue. She plans to attend tomorrow's hearing on the subject with the county commissioners and said she hopes they form some kind of citizens' input.

Mr. Whaley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 13, 2011. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Mr. Lowell to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Mr. Howard seconded. 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 July 2011: General Fund Warrant Nos. 310330 through 310462; 310464 through 310464; and 310466 through 310621; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 310635 through 310645; Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 310465 through 310465; and 310622 through 310634; and Transportation Vehicle Fund Warrant Nos. 310463 through 310463.

APPROVAL OF  
WARRANTS

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

PERSONNEL  
ITEMS

The Board accepted the following donation:

ACCEPTANCE  
OF DONATION

- An anonymous donation to the third grade ASB at Lucille Umbarger Elementary School in the amount of \$600-\$700 to cover the cost of busing for a June field trip.

The Board approved the submission for the annual state grant to supplement the Highly Capable Program. In doing so, the district Highly Capable Program complies with the guidelines established in Chapters 21A.185 RCW and 392-170 WAC which establish basic criteria and procedures for operating the program. The application process requires that the School Board be supportive of the district's application for funding.

APPROVAL OF  
HIGHLY  
CAPABLE  
PROGRAM

The Board approved the 2011-2012 Science Materials Center Cooperative with NWESD 189 for the purpose of providing services related to refurbishment of science materials kits and professional development.

APPROVAL OF  
2011-12  
SCIENCE  
MATERIALS  
CTR. CO-OP  
WITH NWESD

President Wallace asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Howard stated that he and Mr. Wallace attended the School Board Candidate Workshop on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Burlington Library. He said there were board members from other school districts in attendance who have had challenges in their own districts.

BOARD  
MEMBER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Lowell said he shares the thoughts of Ms. Stauffer of the leadership of Mr. Wallace regarding pipeline safety. He said another issue that may impact safety is at Cherry Point. Mr. Lowell stated also that he is impressed with the B-EHS car washes, and that his daughter worked 14 hours last weekend.

Mr. Wesen visited West View Elementary, and a lot of work is going on there. The cover between the school building and the cafeteria is almost done, and they are getting ready to move the Head Start portable in. He sold refreshments at the eighth grade dance and has been working on the Back-to-School Fair. He was also pleased to see that the last page of the district's newsletter was about the arts.

Mr. Whaley thanked Mr. Wallace for his efforts on the pipeline safety issue. He also thanked the anonymous donor for their donation to the district. He talked about catering the wedding reception for teacher, Frieda Kraig, at Deception Pass Park. Mr. Whaley said his son participated in the University of Oregon concert band camp and that it was very productive.

Mr. Wallace thanked the anonymous donor for their \$600-\$700 donation to Lucille Umbarger Elementary School.

The Board congratulated teachers, Connie Walser and Kristen Day, on the work they did on the social studies curriculum project at Bay View Elementary School in which they received a \$10,000 grant.

At approximately 7:15 p.m., President Wallace announced the meeting would recess from public session so the 2011-2012 preliminary budget hearing could be conducted. Mr. Wallace said that following the hearing there would be Board discussion and an opportunity for public comments.	RECESS INTO PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the budget information and answered questions from the Board.	HEARING ENDED/ RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION
There were no questions from the audience, and at approximately 7:44 p.m., Mr. Wallace stated that the preliminary budget hearing had ended and that the meeting would continue in regular session.	
Finance Director, Joe Stewart, explained why Resolution No. 786 (providing for the issuance and sale of refunding bonds) was pulled from the Miscellaneous Section of the agenda mainly due to implications from the current national debt ceiling crisis.	RESOLUTION PULLED FROM AGENDA
Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board.	FISCAL REPORT
Mr. Wallace gave an update on state forest funds. He said the Department of Natural Resources offered to sell a timber sale on Blanchard Mountain in June but did not receive any bids. The DNR will look to sell it in September.	FOREST FUNDS UPDATE
Burlington-Edison High School Assistant Principal, Todd Setterlund, presented updated changes to the High School Student/Parent Handbook. Mr. Lowell moved to approve the updated High School Student/Parent Handbook. Mr. Whaley seconded; motion carried.	APPROVAL OF UPDATED B-EHS STUDENT/ PARENT HANDBOOK
Recently the Legislature evaluated the appropriateness of the scoliosis screening requirement for schools. In doing so, the Legislature determined that schools are not the ideal setting for scoliosis screenings and they are not the best use of school health resources. Therefore, the Legislature determined that scoliosis screening is best provided by a student's primary care provider and they repealed the requirement that districts provide scoliosis screening. They believe removing scoliosis screening as a responsibility of school districts will result in a more reliable diagnosis and "allow school health personnel to focus their efforts on improving the health of the unique student populations." The WSSDA Model Policy 3410, Student Health, is revised to remove scoliosis screening as one of the health services provided by school districts.	FIRST READING/ AMENDED POLICY NO. 3410/STUDENT HEALTH
Mr. Wesen moved to give first reading to amended Policy No. 3410/Student Health. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion carried.	
Several federal and state laws prohibit discrimination. The Legislature passed a state law focused on prohibiting discrimination in public schools. The Legislature stated that they desired to place a specific acknowledgement in school law on the right to be free from discrimination. Policy No. 5010, Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action, prohibiting discrimination against personnel, and Policy No. 3210, Nondiscrimination, that prohibits discrimination against students are both revised.	FIRST READING/ AMENDED POLICY NO. 3210/ NONDISCRIM- INATION & AMENDED POLICY NO. 5010/ NONDISCRIM- INATION & AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
Mr. Whaley moved to give first reading to amended Policy No. 3210/Nondiscrimination and Policy No. 5010/Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action. Mr. Lowell seconded; motion carried.	

Amended Policy No. 4215 was developed to assist districts in responding to the use of “electronic” cigarettes. After discussion, Mr. Lowell moved to give first reading to amended Policy No. 4215/Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Substances. Mr. Wesen seconded, and the motion carried.

FIRST  
READING/  
AMENDED  
POLICY NO.  
4215/USE OF  
TOBACCO &  
NICOTINE  
SUBSTANCES

The district is establishing a parent partnership program beginning in the fall of the 2011-2012 school year. New board Policy No. 2408 provides guidance for this alternative learning experience. Mr. Wesen moved to give first reading to new Policy No. 2408/Alternative Learning Experience Programs. Mr. Whaley seconded; motion carried.

FIRST  
READING/  
NEW POLICY  
NO. 2408

Mr. Whaley moved to declare the items listed in the attached memo (school buses, vehicles, and equipment) from Director of Auxiliary Services, John Leander, as surplus. Mr. Lowell seconded. Motion carried.

ITEMS  
DECLARED AS  
SURPLUS

The next work session is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2011, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the D.O. Board Room.

NEXT WORK  
SESSION  
SCHEDULED

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, August 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

NEXT  
REGULAR  
MEETING

Mr. Howard will go over the warrants this month.

WARRANTS

At approximately 8:50 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 the matter, that he anticipated the Executive Session would be no more than 30 minutes long, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

RECESS INTO  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At approximately 9:40 p.m., the meeting reconvened to public session. No action was taken, and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

NO ACTION  
TAKEN/  
ADJOURNED

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Board President

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Board Secretary