

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on November 23, 2009 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President, Liza Bott; Vice-President, Marty Lopez; Members, Mike Dynes, Dick Spink, and Bill Wallace

Staff Members Present: Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Jeff Drayer, Assistant Superintendent; K.C. Knudson, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; John Leander, Director of Auxiliary Services; and Joe Stewart, Finance Director

The meeting was called to order by President Bott at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Bott announced the Board would recess from regular session so a public hearing to admit evidence for and against the disposal/sale of a 20-acre rectangular-shaped parcel having a corner position with extended frontage along Bow Hill Road at the south border and along Ershig Road at the west border could be conducted and also to receive community input.

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented information as follows:

- Anytime a school district sells property, statute requires that a public hearing is held and constituents can attain evidence against or for sale of the property. Also, preceding this hearing, for two weeks there was a notice of intention to sell the property.
- Once the decision is made to sell, the property cannot be sold for 45 days following a publication in a newspaper. The district cannot accept less than 90 percent of the appraised value.
- The property must have a market value appraisal. It has been appraised at \$150,000 - \$180,000.
- A wetland determination was done. The property contains significant wetlands (buffers surround it) and only one home could be built on the property.
- Does the property have harvestable timber? By the time you get it logged, it will be of very little value to the owner.
- The district could market the property and see what kind of offers come in. It will be something the Board will need to consider.
- The property was purchased from the Department of Natural Resources in 1990, and the district paid \$57,000.

The following addressed the Board on the subject:

Carl Garrison

P.O. Box 327
Bow, WA 98232

Mr. Garrison stated that he thinks the appraisal for the property is too low. He said there is a ten-acre piece of property near his home and the asking price is \$280,000.

Mr. Wallace commented that when the district bought the property, the wetland laws were not in effect. Now the land is restricted for development.

Larry Brown

19914 Hill Ct.
Burlington, WA 98233

Mr. Brown wanted to know if the land was appraised by the same person that appraised the Pulver/Peterson property. Finance Director, Joe Stewart, responded that it was not and that the Board requested that MAI be used. Mrs. Bott stated that it would have been unwise to go with the same appraiser.

Mr. Brown asked how much square footage was buildable on the property. Mr. Stewart said that 17 acres are wetland and the remainder acreage is buildable.

Lynn Black

503 N. Gardner Road
Burlington, WA 98233

Former board member, Lynn Black, asked if the Board had looked at possible development on Bow Hill. She said the Indian Nation plans to build there, and they will have a sewer and city water. Mrs. Black stated that is why the former Board thought it would be a good place to buy property. She said that the population on Bay View Hill will be for senior citizens and not for a school district. Mrs. Black stated, "I think you should think twice about selling the property."

Sarah Spence

1992 Barrel Springs Road
Bellingham, WA 98229

Ms. Spence said she agreed with Mrs. Black. She stated that the Board needs to make a good decision about selling the property as now the Pulver/Peterson property is standing in water and if the Bow Hill property is so cheap, what is the benefit in selling it? She said, "It is the driest dirt you have got!"

Oscar Lagerlund

19501 Dahlstedt Road
Burlington, WA 98233

Former Board member, Oscar Lagerlund stated, "Sounds like we are trying to build a bridge with a straw, and the straw is not worth selling. Wetland mitigation? There are other issues. Build on highland or build on lowland? The lowlands are getting wet. When we looked at the property, we thought the growth was coming there. You want to look long term. The Indian Nation will be there and a sewer. Keep your eye on it. Is it worth selling after you pay the taxes? There are other possibilities. Think about what you are doing. Don't build a bridge out of straw!"

Mrs. Bott said, "The reason we are having this hearing is to hear the comments like those made. It is the wish of the Board to look at all of our properties, to look at their values, and what should be here for the future for the school district. I appreciate your comments."

The public hearing concluded at approximately 7:26 p.m., and Mrs. Bott called the regular meeting back to order.

This month the Pledge of Allegiance was led in both Spanish and English by West View Elementary sixth graders, Julissa Asuncion-Aron and Sarahi Casas-Castorena.

President Bott asked if there were any visitors to be introduced to the Board. Mrs. Browning introduced former board members, Lynn Black and Oscar Lagerlund. West View Elementary Principal, Meagan Dawson, board member-elect, Brad Whaley, and Citizens' Advisory Committee member, Carl Garrison, were also introduced.

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

Mr. Spink moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting of October 21, 2009; the minutes from the regular meeting of October 26, 2009; and the minutes from the work session of November 9, 2009. Mr. Dynes seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Wallace moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Lopez seconded. The motion carried.

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 2009: General Fund Warrant Nos. 301846 through 302192 and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 302193 through 302235.

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

The following travel items were approved:

- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Steve Clark, 2-3 chaperones, and 12-14 students to Auburn High School in Auburn, WA on December 4-5, 2009 to participate in a debate tournament. Costs for the trip will be paid by the Debate Club budget. Travel will be via privately owned vehicle and the school van.
- The travel of B-EHS staff members Kirk Hamilton and Ryan Tesarik, and 14 students to Vancouver, WA on December 31, 2009 – January 3, 2010 to participate in a wrestling tournament. Costs for the trip will be paid by the wrestling and athletic budget. Travel will be via school van.
- The travel of ACTS Coordinator, Bonnie Campbell, 6 chaperones, and 30 students to Vancouver, B.C. on January 28, 2010 to participate in an ACTS Marine Mammal Field Study. Costs for the trip will be paid by the students. Travel will be via school bus.

The Board adopted Board Policy No. 6116: Recognition for Non Staff Members.

Board Policy No. 3422/Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries was adopted.

President Bott asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Lopez spoke about the great workshops he attended at the Washington State School Directors' Conference and how he got to interact with other board members in other school districts. He complimented the students who led the Pledge of Allegiance in both Spanish and English at this board meeting. He said it was the second year this has been done at a board meeting, and he encouraged people to walk through West View Elementary to observe students speaking in both languages. The West View Dual Language Program is in grades K-6 this year. Mr. Lopez also thanked the community members who spoke at this meeting about the district's property.

Mr. Spink attended the WSSDA Conference and talked about a couple of speakers he liked at a few of the sessions. One was Susan Scott, author of *Fierce Conversations*, which is about communication and how it is the most important thing and also Dr. Yong Zhao, author of *Catching Up/or Leading the Way*. Dr. Zhao talked about the United States and education today and that the U.S. is doing things the right way (ahead of everyone else). Mr. Spink attended a session regarding consolidation of school districts. He said the Governor has legislation for forest consolidation.

Mr. Dynes talked about the board tour at Allen Elementary School. He said it was a nice tour of the building, reminding him of the great remodel that was done at that school. Mr. Dynes stated, "It is very functional and the staff are great!" He also attended the WSSDA Conference and was impressed with the presentation by South Whidbey administrators and the great things they are doing with their volunteer program. Mr. Dynes expressed his appreciation to the community members that spoke this evening about the district's property and that the Board will take into consideration their comments before a decision is made.

Mr. Wallace stated that attending the WSSDA Conference gives you the opportunity to listen and talk with fellow board members around the state. He said that one of the statements that he took from the conference is, "An economic meltdown is a terrible thing to waste." He also attended the Allen board tour and learned a lot about good things happening in the district.

Mrs. Bott also attended the WSSDA Conference. She said another "elephant in the room" is the state deficit and that we can look forward to spring short sessions with the Legislature. It will be another year of cutting. Standards and testing are still in flux. She said it was a huge concern for her. Mrs. Bott attended the Allen board tour and in the classrooms observed focused instruction and students engaged. She thanked the staff for doing a great job.

The topic for this month's School Report was "School Improvement to Support All Language Learners" and was presented by West View Elementary sixth graders, Sarahi Casas-Castorena, Carmen Ferran, Irene Corona, Yesenia Gallegos, Kenia Cristenera, and Julissa Asuncion-Aron.

At approximately 7:58 p.m., Mrs. Bott announced the Board would take a short recess. At approximately 8:13 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the post year end Fiscal Report and the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. Mrs. Bott thanked Mr. Stewart for the budget summary and told patrons the document was available at the D.O. front counter that actually outlines district finances. It is also available on the web.

Mr. Lopez moved to adopt Resolution No. 771/Asset Preservation System (APS); Mr. Spink seconded, and the motion carried. The resolution is required for the new Asset Preservation Rule (APR) being put into effect per changes in the WAC 392-347-023.

Mr. Spink moved to adopt Resolution No. 772 which declares the district's 20-acre parcel of property commonly referred to as "Bow Hill Property" surplus and authorizes the district to proceed with the disposition of the property. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred and following are comments from the Board.

Mr. Dynes stated that the community members that spoke this evening made some good points. He said, "We want to honor everyone's input. It is my concern that those people be heard."

Mr. Wallace stated that he thinks the property is not useable for a school. He said the appraisal sets minimum bid, and that the bid does not have to be accepted if the Board does not think it is a fair market value and that the market value will recognize the value of buildable land. He stated the Board has made the decision to surplus the property, to get bids on it, and to seek the best price.

Mr. Lopez said that he has heard for a long time that development will start on Bow Hill, but it has not happened yet. He asked, "When will it?"

It was also pointed out that the charge to the Blue and Gold Citizens' Committee will be to make a determination on the best use of all the district's properties. After adoption of the resolution, Finance Director, Joe Stewart, will delay further steps until directed by the Board.

The motion carried.

Mr. Wallace moved to adopt the Board Policies 6000 Series/Management Support Services. Mr. Lopez seconded, and the motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office. There will be no work session in December.

The next Board tour of the year is scheduled for Friday, January 8, 2010, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Bay View Elementary School.

Mr. Lopez will go over the warrants this month.

At approximately 8:50 p.m., Mrs. Bott announced the Board would take a short break. Upon return to regular session at approximately 8:55 p.m., Mrs. Bott immediately recessed the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, specifically employee discipline. She stated she anticipated the Executive Session would be approximately 15 minutes long, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

The meeting reconvened to public session at approximately 9:15 p.m. There were no decisions, and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Board President

Board Secretary

MEMO: **SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS**

FROM: **LAUREL BROWNING, SUPERINTENDENT**

DATE: **NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

RE: **CONSENT AGENDA**
PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR NOVEMBER, 2009

Certificated Appointments

NAME	POSITION	FTE/HRS	REPLACING	LOCATION	CONTRACT	EFFECTIVE
Christa Shaw	Counselor Lv Replcmt	1.0	Andrea Harmeling	Bay View & Lucille Umbarger	Temporary	11/13/09

Classified Appointments

NAME	POSITION	HRS/DAY	WORK DAYS	REPLACING	LOCATION	STATUS	EFFECTIVE
Brandi Sanders	Cook/Casher Leave Replcmt	4 hrs/day	178	Pam Burress	Lucille Umbarger	Temporary	10/20/09
Nikki Solwold	Inst. Asst. SpEd Leave Replcmt	6 hrs/day	174	Saundra Blackwell	Edison	Temporary	10/28/09

Transfers

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE

Leave of Absence

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE

Retirement

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE
Patricia White	Classified	7 hrs/day	Bus Driver	Auxiliary Services		12/131/09

Resignation

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE

- Separation of employment Linda Tunstall, Bus Driver

Extra-Curricular Appointments

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Kathy Perry	High School	Asst. Dance coach	10/30/09