

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on Dec. 14, 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; and Joe Stewart, Finance Director

The meeting was called to order by President Bott at 7:00 p.m.

This month the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Browning.

President Bott asked if there were any visitors to be introduced to the Board. The Honorable Michael Rickert, Superior Court Judge, was 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 regular meeting of November 23, 2009. Mr. Lopez seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Dynes moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Wallace 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 December 2009: General Fund Warrant Nos. 302236 through 302359, 303260 through 303460, and 303508 through 303524; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 303461 through 303507.

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

The following travel items were approved:

- The travel of Steve Clark, possibly one other staff member, 10-12 students, and 2-3 chaperones to Puget Sound University on January 8-9, 2010 to participate in a debate tournament. Costs for the trip will be paid by the debate budget. Travel will be via privately owned vehicle and the school van.

- The travel of Jeff Brandenburg to Houston, Texas on February 6-10, 2010 to attend the GEAR-UP Capacity Building Conference. Costs for the trip will be paid by the 7904 SKY budget.
- The travel of B-EHS librarian, Cathy Belben, to San Francisco, CA on February 18-21, 2010 to attend the Learning and Brain Conference. Costs for the trip will be paid by the library budget and Mrs. Belben.

The Board accepted the donation of \$2,000.00 from the Bay View PTA to the Bay View Building Budget. The donation will be used for technology maintenance.

President Bott asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Dynes recognized outgoing board member, Dick Spink, and said that it was an honor to serve with him and that he appreciated all the things he has done for the district. Mr. Dynes stated, "It is not easy to step up and donate your time and effort, especially under scrutiny, and you have done it well."

Mr. Lopez said he remembered it was a heated election when Dick Spink ran for office. He stated, "Dick has shown a passion for kids and the forest industry and gave us everything he had. He has helped me along the way. You did it well, and I appreciate the time you spent with us."

Mr. Wallace stated, "I have worked with Mr. Spink over the last few years and have really enjoyed getting to know him as a person and as a board member. He brought his long-standing tenure here in the community as a teacher and a businessman and his dealings with foreign countries. I think his background complemented the Board. You brought a lot to the Board, and I will miss you."

Mrs. Bott said she had more disagreements with Mr. Spink, but they agreed more than they disagreed. She said, "The core at what Dick wanted was the best for students. I know how much he loves his own children, how he cares about the students he teaches in Mount Vernon, and how much he cares for the students in the Burlington-Edison School District. It does take sacrifice and time to serve on the Board. I appreciate getting to know you and thank you is not adequate for what you have done for this district."

Mr. Spink thanked everyone stating that it has been a great honor for the last eight years. He said that each board member has unique attributes and that he has learned a lot from them.

B-EEA President, Richard Glick, thanked Mr. Spink for his eight years of service. He said that the teachers think he is an approachable person and enjoyed seeing him at the Edison Carnival every year. Mr. Glick stated, "He is a school board member, but also a regular guy that had the best interest of students at heart. We appreciate and thank you."

Mr. Spink was presented a plaque by Superintendent Browning. She said, "He is a wonderful board member who gave countless hours to the district and community. He did a great job as an advocate for teaching and learning, especially in the area of career and technical classes, and has handled the job with grace and class. You are welcome back any time, and we will miss you!"

New school board member, Brad Whaley, and re-elected board member, Mike Dynes, were officially seated. The Honorable Michael Rickert, Superior Court Judge, administered the oaths. Judge Rickert said it was an honor for him to administer the oaths. (It is his fourth or fifth time.) He stated, "Everybody has an opinion, but few people actually step out and do something and run for positions. We need as many good people as possible to step out and run for elected offices. They are tough jobs especially with all the time and effort that is put into them. I love this district. My parents had their careers here and their children attended school in the district. I have great faith in Mrs. Bott and Mrs. Browning. I have no fear about that. Mr. Whaley will do a great job too."

At approximately 7:16 p.m., Mrs. Bott thanked Judge Rickert and announced the Board would take a short recess. At approximately 7:35 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

President Bott announced it was time to elect officers for 2010. Mr. Dynes moved to nominate Mr. Wallace as Board President. Mr. Whaley seconded. Motion carried, and Mr. Wallace was elected as President. Mr. Wallace stated, "It is an honor to be voted as Board President, and I look forward to working with Superintendent Browning, the Board, and the community as we move forward."

Mr. Lopez moved to nominate Mr. Whaley as Board Vice-President. Mrs. Bott seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Whaley was elected as Board Vice President.

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

Superintendent Browning updated the Board on the Blue and Gold Citizens' Committee. The Committee will be meeting on January 14 and 28. It is a 35-member group comprised of a cross section of the community. David Steele will be the facilitator. Mrs. Browning paraphrased a statement from Attorney, Grace Yuan, about how she advised the district not to move forward with the Pulver/Peterson property.

Mrs. Bott stated that she was keenly disappointed that an attorney has determined that the district does not have legal recourse. Mr. Wallace shared that disappointment.

After reading her statement of resignation (attached), Mr. Lopez moved to accept the resignation of Liza Bott (Director District 4). Mr. Whaley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After reading his statement of resignation (attached), Mr. Dynes moved to accept the resignation of Marty Lopez (Director District 1). Mr. Whaley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Dynes stated that he will also resign in 30 days, or upon Board approval, to ensure the Board has a quorum. Attached is his statement.

Mr. Wallace stated, "This is a momentous occasion tonight. I think what the three of you did here tonight is both noble and courageous with students' interests at heart. I respect the decision and how hard it was for you to arrive at it. I truly enjoyed working with all three of you the past couple of years. The students have been well served by your passion for quality education that I have witnessed every day you have been on the Board."

Mr. Whaley stated, "I ran for this position with no "bones to pick" or no agenda. In regards to the topic of the purchase of land, mistakes were made. I don't fault the Board; I think the mistakes were made administratively. These are good people. I made a conscious decision to bring my children to the Burlington-Edison School District because of the quality of education this district offers and that is the reason I ran for this position. I hope people will step up and assist us. I am sad to see this action."

Mrs. Browning expressed her appreciation to the board members resigning for everything they have done for the district and that she knew how hard it has been for them to make the decision. She explained the next steps for appointing someone to fill the board positions now vacant. (See attached.)

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, January 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office. There will be no work session in January, but a special meeting will be held later in the month.

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. Wallace will go over the warrants this month.

The first Blue and Gold Citizens' Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2010. It will be held at the Burlington City Library.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., 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: DECEMBER 14, 2009

RE: CONSENT AGENDA
PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR DECEMBER, 2009

Certificated Appointments

NAME	POSITION	FTE/HRS	REPLACING	LOCATION	CONTRACT	EFFECTIVE

Classified Appointments

NAME	POSITION	HRS/DAY	WORK DAYS	REPLACING	LOCATION	STATUS	EFFECTIVE
Liesl Johnson	Sign Language Interpreter	4.5 hrs/day	174	Student Need	High School	Temporary	11/30/09

Transfers

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE

Leave of Absence

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE
Stacey Dalgarn	Certificated	1.0	3 rd Grade	Allen	Family	2 nd semester 2009/10 school year

Retirement

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE

Resignation

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE

Extra-Curricular Appointments

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE