

Special Board Meeting BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 Jan. 20, 2010

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met in regular session on January 20, 2010 in the Board Room of the Administration Office at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President, Bill Wallace; Vice-President, Bradley Whaley; and Member, Mike Dynes

Staff Members Present: Superintendent, Laurel Browning; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer; Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, K.C. Knudson; Finance Director, Joe Stewart; Special Programs Coordinator, Jeff Brown; and Deputy Board Secretary, Vicki Kelley

Others Present: Members of the public and *Skagit Valley Herald* reporter, Kate Martin

The meeting was called to order by President Wallace at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Wallace stated that the purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates who have applied for school board vacancies in Director District 1 and Director District 4. The interviews were for 15 minutes, and 8 candidates were interviewed as follows:

- 5:00 p.m. – David Lowell Director District 1
- 5:20 p.m. – Ray Knutzen Director District 4
- 5:40 p.m. – Rich Wesen Director District 4
- 6:00 p.m. – Jeff Anderson Director District 1
- 6:20 p.m. – Leo Jacobs Director District 4
- 6:40 p.m. – Keith Eitner Director District 4
- 7:00 p.m. – Bill Youngren Director District 4
- 7:30 p.m. – Wesley Hagen Director District 4

At approximately 7:52 p.m., Mr. Wallace announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointments for the two director districts. He stated that he anticipated the Executive Session would be approximately 30-45 minutes, and that the Board would take formal action upon return to public session.

At approximately 8:44 p.m., the meeting reconvened to public session. Mr. Wallace reviewed the criteria upon which the Board based their decisions on the appointments as follows:

1. Candidates need to complement the Board and represent a cross section of a diverse community.
2. Individuals selected should have a history of volunteerism and constructive involvement in the community, especially schools.
3. Board members selected will focus on all school district issues.
4. The Board is looking for individuals that can answer hard questions and deal with critical issues and make informed decisions.
5. Members should be ready to invest their time and work collaboratively with the community by listening and being involved because the Board represents the community on various issues.

Mr. Whaley moved to appoint David Lowell to fill Director District 1. Mr. Dynes seconded; the motion carried.

Mr. Dynes moved to appoint Rich Wesen to fill Director District 4. Mr. Whaley seconded. Motion carried.

Board members commented on the appointments they made. Mr. Dynes stated that he hoped the candidates that did not get appointed would stay involved with the school district and “not go away.” He said, “We can’t do anything if we don’t do it together. I think it was a great candidate pool to draw from and there is something to do for everybody. The commitment stands out.”

Mr. Whaley stated, “We have good candidates that want to put forth a concerted effort, and now we need the most help. We could only pick two, but I don’t want the other candidates to walk away.” Mr. Whaley said the district’s land issue is small in comparison to our state’s bigger issue (reductions by the Legislature), but unfortunately our district has the land issue on top of it. He commented, “We need a school board that is cohesive, and I am extremely grateful for the Blue and Gold Citizens’ Committee and have been listening to as much input as possible before we make decisions. I want to voice to the candidates in the room and to other potential candidates that I appreciate the fact that you stepped up.”

At approximately 8:52 p.m., there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Board President

Board Secretary