

Board Meeting BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 August 25, 2008

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on August 25, 2008 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; Joe Stewart, Finance Director; and Vicki Kelley, Deputy Board Secretary

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. Mrs. Browning introduced Assistant Finance Director, Wanda Hoffecker.

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

Mr. Lopez moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 28, 2008. Mr. Dynes seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Dynes moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Spink seconded, and 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 August 2008: General Fund Warrant Nos. 193845 through 194092; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 2575 through 2593; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 16926 through 16936.

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

The Board adopted amended Policy No. 4230/Contacts with Students. The district updated this policy and created an application form in order to facilitate requests of groups to meet with students. Other groups besides the military have requested the opportunity to meet with students regarding employment.

The Board adopted amended Policy No. 3515/Reasonable Suspicion Alcohol and Drug Testing. The Washington State Supreme Court ruled in March 2008 that random, suspicion-less drug testing or alcohol testing is illegal. The district updated Board Policy and Procedure No. 3515 which authorizes drug and alcohol testing when a reasonable suspicion exists that a particular student is under the influence of a prohibited substance.

The donation of 12 computers from Skagit State Bank valued at \$2,400.00 was accepted by the Board. The computers will be used by students in the classroom. Board policy requires approval for donations of \$500.00 or more.

President Bott asked the Board if they had any comments. Board members thanked Mrs. Bott for hosting their retreat at her home. Mr. Wallace appreciated the opportunity to attend the administrators' picnic and also the community network event.

At approximately 7:07 p.m., President Bott announced the meeting would recess from regular session so the 2008-2009 budget hearing could be conducted. Mrs. Bott said that following the hearing there would be Board discussion and an opportunity for public comment.

Finance Director, Joe Stewart, presented the budget information for the 2008-2009 school year and answered questions from the Board. Mrs. Bott asked how the state apportionment changed this year from last year. Mr. Stewart will get this information for Mrs. Bott.

There were no questions from the audience, and at approximately 7:22 p.m., the regular meeting reconvened.

Mr. Spink moved and Mr. Lopez seconded a motion approving Resolution No. 759 adopting the 2008-2009 budgets for (a) General Fund; (b) Transportation Vehicle Fund; (c) Debt Service Fund; (d) Associated Student Body Fund; and (e) Capital Projects Fund. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Spink moved to approve a one-year extension of the dairy products contract with Dairy Valley Distributing (for purchases in 2008-2009) and authorized the Finance director to execute any and all necessary documents. Mr. Wallace seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Wallace moved to approve the purchase of three school buses for the district (listed below) at a total cost of \$288,810.72. Mr. Spink seconded. Motion carried.

- Two (2) full size Thomas Rear Engine Buses at \$113,397.69 each including taxes.
- One (1) Thomas Monitor Bus for special needs t \$62,015.34 including taxes.

It was requested by the Board that Director of Auxiliary Services, John Leander, give a presentation about the district's bus fleet at the September 8th Board work session. The Board would like information about depreciation of buses, information about state funding, how the district retires buses, their salvage value, emissions and efficiency, and bus inspections.

Discussion followed about a 2009 bond election. Mrs. Browning had previously provided information to the Board about timelines and the next steps to follow. Following are comments from the Board from this discussion:

- The “what” to us from the Facilities Study Committee was 1) High School modernization/safety improvements; 2) West View Elementary modernization; 3) Bay View parking lot improvements; and 4) pay off current property debt. Total amount of the proposed bond is \$39.5M.
- Merits of the High School recommendations:
 - Appreciate the focus of adding additional classrooms (19) and accommodating students for the cafeteria (safety concern).
 - Like the focus on classrooms and infrastructure.
 - This plan has consolidated programs. We would be able to create different programs and accommodate needs and take down lowest value (dollar value for our taxpayers).
- Merits of the West View recommendations:
 - Adding gym to bring the building up to same standard as other elementary schools.
 - Modernizing West View similar to Allen (great plan).
- Elementary classes will be rolling up to the High School, and we need to accommodate them. We currently have portables on the site, and recommendations would be to deal with current and projected future enrollment.
- There was recognition by the Facilities Study Committee to try to prioritize the need by 1) safe schools, 2) address classroom space, and 3) recognize there still is a huge need for classroom space at the elementary schools.
- Election Dates for 2009 Bond Election
 - February 3rd – Need to adopt resolution at November Board meeting; file the resolution by December 12th. Ballots are mailed on January 16th (two weeks after students return from winter break).
 - March 10th –Need to adopt resolution at January Board meeting; file the resolution by January 16th. Ballots are mailed on February 20th.
- A decision needs to be made on the timelines.
- Find out as soon as possible what our surrounding school districts are planning.
- Need more information from D.A. Davidson & Company as to the impact of the tax rate to taxpayers.
- The need for a new elementary school has not gone away.
- Call a couple of focus groups together (e.g., Citizens’ Advisory Committee) and talk about the feasibility of running a bond.
- Meet with the City of Burlington and Chamber of Commerce about partnering with the school district as this could impact the “what” and “how” we package it. There is a common space that the community can benefit also. Set up the meeting within the next couple of weeks.

Mrs. Bott asked board members to contact Mrs. Browning if they need additional information or have questions about the bond. Discussion will continue on the subject at the September 8th work session.

Mr. Lopez moved to approve the attached 2008/2009 Board goals. Mr. Wallace seconded. Motion carried.

The Board scheduled their next work session for Monday, September 8th, starting at 5:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, September 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

The first Board tour of the year will be held at the High School starting at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2008. Mr. Spink is not able to attend this tour, but will schedule with Mrs. Browning at a future time/date.

Mr. Lopez will go over the warrants this month.

The Board was reminded about the annual school district kickoff scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2008, in the B-EHS Cafeteria.

The district will be hosting a WSSDA Regional meeting on October 2, 2008 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (location to be determined). Board members were asked to mark their calendars for the event.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Mrs. Bott announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations, specifically the Public School Employees' (PSE) contract, and that the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of this topic. She said she anticipated the Executive Session would be approximately 10-15 minutes long, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

At approximately 8:23 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session. Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, shared that the PSE will be voting tomorrow, Tuesday, August 26, 2008. The Board will vote after they reach agreement. The next Board meeting is September 22nd. If the PSE reaches agreement, the Board will vote then.

At approximately 8:34 p.m., there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Board President

Board Secretary