

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on December 15, 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. There were none.

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 November 24, 2008. Mr. Dynes seconded, and the motion carried.

Mrs. Bott informed Board members and those present at the meeting that the Board agenda had been revised. Approval of second reading and adoption of amended Policy No. 3126/Child Custody was taken off the consent calendar. The district was notified that the State made a mistake in the proposed policy; therefore, the policy will be reviewed/revised and on the agenda at the January Board meeting. Mr. Wallace moved to approve the consent calendar as revised. 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 December 2008: General Fund Warrant Nos. 195531 through 195955; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 17066 through 17109.

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

At last month's meeting, first reading was given to amended Policy No. 1112/Director Orientation. At this month's meeting it was adopted by the Board. The policy is revised to provide complimentary publications provided by WSSDA that are crucial to help familiarize a new school director with their duties and responsibilities.

The following travel item was approved:

- The travel of B-EHS staff member, Angie Desler, 2-3 chaperones, and 8-16 students to the Mountaineers Lodge – Mount Baker Ski area on February 28, 2009 – March 1, 2009. Costs for the trip will be paid by the Mountain Sports Club Budget, monies from fund-raisers, and the students. Travel will be via privately owned vehicles.

President Bott asked the Board if they had any comments. Board members wished everyone a Happy Holiday and expressed how proud they are to serve on the Board and how much they enjoy working with each other.

Mr. Wallace attended a recent Citizens for Schools meeting and said the group is off to a good start getting geared up for the upcoming bond election. Mrs. Bott said she too appreciated the involvement of the Citizens for Schools group. She expressed concern about the state budget and deficit looming ahead. Mrs. Bott is concerned about I-728 dollars and what the district will do with those funds as far as reducing class size and bringing additional services to students. She praised Howard Shapiro and his Dad's Club group and how the district is reaching out to improve the lives of students.

President Bott announced it was time to elect officers for 2008. Mr. Dynes moved to nominate Mrs. Bott as Board President. Mr. Wallace seconded. Motion carried, and Mrs. Bott was re-elected as Board President. Mr. Spink moved to nominate Mr. Lopez as Board Vice-President. Mr. Dynes seconded. Motion carried, and Mr. Lopez was re-elected as Board Vice-President.

At approximately 7:10 p.m., the Board took a short break. At approximately 7:15 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

Cynthia Weed, attorney and bond counsel from Preston, Gates, and Ellis, spoke to the Board about adoption of Resolution No. 763 and the savings to taxpayers. Resolution No. 763 is an amendment to Resolution No. 760 extending the authorization period given to the Superintendent to negotiate the sale of the district's unlimited general obligation refunding bond that expired October 31, 2008. Mr. Dynes moved to adopt Resolution No. 763. Mr. Lopez seconded, and the motion carried.

Mrs. Weed also reviewed proposed bond Resolution No. 762 and received feedback from the Board about changes they recommended to the resolution language. Mr. Spink moved to adopt bond Resolution No. 762 with the recommended language changes. Mr. Wallace seconded. Motion carried. Mrs. Browning will be e-mailing the newly revised resolution to all Board members.

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

Mr. Lopez moved to give first reading to amended Policy and Procedure No. 2190/Highly Capable Programs. Mr. Spink seconded. Motion carried. The policy is being updated to reflect changes in state regulations.

Mr. Wallace moved to give first reading to amended Policy No. 1220/Board Officers and Duties of Board Members. Mr. Spink seconded, and the motion carried. The current language has the potential of being misinterpreted; therefore, the language is rewritten to clearly state that the Board President is authorized to preside over meetings of the Board or to set Board agenda, schedule meetings, and perform other duties that facilitate the work of the Board. The change is recommended by WSSDA.

Mr. Wallace moved to give first reading to new Policy No. 4129/Family Involvement and Mr. Lopez seconded. Motion carried. This new policy focuses on school/parent partnerships. The intent of this policy is to create and maintain a districtwide climate conducive to the involvement of families and to develop and sustain partnerships that support student learning and positive child and youth development in all schools.

Mr. Lopez moved to give first reading to new Policy No. 4130/Title 1 Parental Involvement. Mr. Spink seconded, and the motion carried. The updated policy addresses the required policy changes for Title 1.

Mrs. Browning will follow up with the Board's request to check with other school districts about a policy and procedure regarding Booster Club/PTA roles.

The Board scheduled a work session for Monday, January 12, 2009, at 5:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room.

The next Board tour of the year is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2008, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Edison Elementary School.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

Mr. Spink will go over the warrants this month.

At approximately 8:45 p.m., Mrs. Bott announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. She said she anticipated the Executive Session would be approximately one hour long, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session, and no action was taken. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Board President

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Board Secretary