

Board Meeting BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT Jan. 12, 2009

In Attendance

In attendance were all Board members; Laurel Browning, Superintendent; Dr. Jeff Drayer, Assistant Superintendent; and Joe Stewart, Finance Director.

Guest Presentation: Asher Cohen, Jim Logan, Taylor Rhea, and Tracy Dabbs

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Bott at 5:30 a.m., and the following topics were presented:

Board Policies

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, discussed the current process for updating Board policies and procedures. He shared that WSDDA has a process that they implement that examines a series at a time. The organization assigns a person to update district Board policies, meets with district staff and Board members, and then an entire series is recommended for adoption to the Board. It was agreed that this process would be efficient and effective. The process will take up to a year to complete.

Update/Bond Activities

Superintendent Browning provided an update regarding the bond activities as follows: presentation schedule, printed materials, viewed the video, and efforts by a few Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) members to contact non-registered voters.

SOAR

The technology staff presented SOAR (Student Online Assessment Resource). Director of Technology, Asher Cohen, explained that the web-based tool allows teachers and administrators to access assessment information at a single access point. All staff has been trained to use the system. The technology staff will add features such as student learning plans and classroom-based assessments this spring.

Two other districts are also using the SOAR program for a fee. Mr. Cohen shared that the district can host six more districts. It was noted that the program was highly needed and provides excellent information about student assessment for teachers to use.

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Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 a.m.

Board President

Board Secretary