

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on March 23, 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; 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 Lucille Umbarger Elementary fifth graders, Yisele Rosales-Avila and Gabriela Lopez-Marquez.

President Bott asked if there were any visitors to be introduced to the Board. Mrs. Browning stated they would be introduced later in the program.

President Bott opened the floor to any members of the audience who wished to address the Board. The following addressed the Board:

Becky Belisle

1229 Memorial Highway
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Mrs. Belisle stated that she was addressing the Board on behalf of the third grade teachers at Lucille Umbarger Elementary School. She conveyed that they had come to a consensus that if there will not be a certified person next year to support the extended day from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., which is the literacy reading time for third graders, that it be approved to go back to the original dismissal time of 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Belisle said third graders need consistency. This is why the certificated support person was needed.

Mr. Dynes moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 23, 2009. Mr. Spink seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Lopez moved to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Wallace 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 March 2009: General Fund Warrant Nos. 196655 through 197080; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 2621 through 2623; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 17184 through 17235.

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

The following travel item was approved:

- The travel of dance coaches, Susie Perry and Jessie Annis, along with 6 chaperones, and 18 students to Yakima, WA on March 26-27, 2009 to participate in the WIAA State Dance/Drill Championships. Costs for the trip will be paid by the ASB budget. Travel will be via school bus.

The Board accepted the following donation:

- The donation of \$2,000.00 from the B-EHS Football Booster Club to the B-EHS Football Program. The donation will be used to purchase equipment and gear.

President Bott asked the Board if they had any comments. Board members expressed their disappointment and frustration that the bond did not pass. Mr. Dynes and Mr. Lopez said its failure may not be due to just the economy, but other issues. They said they have always felt the responsibility to support schools. Mr. Lopez stated that kids still need to be educated, and the district still needs more room. Board members thanked staff, the Citizens for Schools Committee, the Facilities Study Committee, and Superintendent Browning for all their hard work for passage of the bond.

Mr. Dynes and Mr. Lopez encouraged people to attend the Lucille Umbarger Elementary Science Fair. It is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The district was recently audited. Mr. Dynes thanked Finance Director, Joe Stewart, and staff for the internal controls they have in place to protect public assets. Mrs. Bott also conveyed her thanks.

Mr. Wallace enjoyed the recent Board tour of Bay View Elementary. He was impressed with the programs and student leadership at the school. He also congratulated the high school boys' and girls' basketball teams for their accomplishments at State. Mr. Wallace stated that they represented the school district very well this year.

Mr. Spink attended the Edison Carnival. He said it was great, as usual, and a lot of fun. Mr. Spink also stated that if the bond had passed, the district could have taken advantage of low construction costs.

Lucille Umbarger Elementary teachers, Tara Van Loo (ELL) and Candy Smith (fifth grade), and fifth graders, Elizabeth Smith, Yisele Rosales-Avila, Alexander Nunez, Gabriela Lopez-Marquez, Joshua Sharpe, and Ashley Sparks, presented the School Report. The title of their presentation was "ELL Strategies in the Content Area: 5th Grade Math."

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Bott announced the Board would take a short recess. At approximately 7:44 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

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

Mr. Spink moved to adopt Resolution No. 765. Mr. Lopez seconded, and the motion carried. Resolution No. 765 authorizes the Superintendent or Finance director to apply for and acquire “corporate liability” credit cards on behalf of the district. The district has been without a credit card since the departure of the former superintendent. The Finance Director will acquire three credit cards. One will be for the Superintendent, one for the Assistant Superintendent, and one for the Finance Department. The cards will only be used in instances where a P.O. is not accepted or feasible. Mr. Stewart will draft a check-out log (that staff members will sign) for the Board to review.

Mr. Dynes moved to approve Friday, June 12, 2009, as the High School graduation date for the Class of 2009. Mr. Lopez seconded. Motion carried. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkby Field.

It was decided that Mrs. Bott and Mr. Lopez will hand out diplomas at the B-EHS graduation this year.

Discussion occurred about proposed budget reductions. After a review of the proposal, Mr. Lopez moved that the Board tentatively approve the district’s recommended reduced educational programs and services for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Spink seconded, and the motion carried.

Mrs. Bott expressed her frustration for cutting so deeply into the budget not knowing what the State deficit will be until the Legislature finalizes it and also for the reduction in I-728 dollars. She stated that the only course of action for the Board is to forecast conservatively so we can stay balanced in our budget. Mr. Wallace complimented the administration and the district’s budget committee for their work. He said it was a good process that represents some different sectors to make tough decisions. He feels comfortable that the Board has good information.

The Board scheduled a Board work session for Monday, April 13, 2009, 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, April 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

The last Board tour of the year is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2009, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Edison Elementary School.

Mr. Dynes will go over the warrants next month.

The Board was informed that schools will be closed on March 30 – April 3, 2009 for spring break. The District Office will be closed on Friday, April 3.

At approximately 8:45 p.m., Mrs. Bott announced the Board would take a short break. Upon return to regular session at approximately 9:00 a.m., Mrs. Bott immediately recessed the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, specifically the superintendent’s contract, and that the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of the topic. She said she anticipated the Executive Session would be approximately 30 minutes long, and that the Board may take formal action upon return to public session.

The meeting reconvened to public session at approximately 9:30 p.m. Mr. Spink moved and Mr. Lopez seconded a motion to approve the superintendent's contract for an additional year through 2011. Motion carried.

At approximately 9:31 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: MARCH 23, 2009

RE: CONSENT AGENDA
PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR MARCH, 2009

Certificated Appointments

NAME	POSITION	FTE/HRS	REPLACING	LOCATION	CONTRACT	EFFECTIVE

Classified Appointments

NAME	POSITION	HRS/DAY	WORK DAYS	REPLACING	LOCATION	STATUS	EFFECTIVE
Kristi Kyzar	Cook/Cashier	3 hrs.	178	Deanna Wright	High School	Temporary	02/23/09
Delia Hjelt	IA TWE/Migrant	4.5 hrs	174	DiAnn Cardona	West View	Temporary	03/09/09

Transfers

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE
Carol Doyle	Classified	7 hrs/day	IA Title/LAP/Genl Lv Replcmt LU	IA SpecEd/HS	See position	02/11/09

Leave of Absence

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE
Anna Gildnes	Certificated	1.0	Ag-Science	High School	Family	2009/10 school year
Carol Doyle	Classified	6 hrs/day	IA Special Ed	High School	Transfer to LU	Remainder of 2008/09 school year
Nicky Cook	Certificated	1.0	English	High School	Maternity/child care	1 st semester 2009/10 school year
Jeannette Siemers	Certificated	1.0	2 nd Grade	Lucille Umbarger	Maternity/child care	2009/10 school year
Holly Nielsen	Certificated	.5	Counselor	Edison	Education	2009/10 school year
Alice Summers	Classified	6 hrs./day	IA Cls Sz & LAP	Edison	Education	2009/10 school year
Kirk Hamilton	Certificated	1.0	Business Ed	High School	Paternity/Child Care	5/29/09 – 6/18/09 and 08/27/09 – 10/23/09
Leslie Hamilton	Certificated	1.0	Kindergarten	Lucille Umbarger	Maternity/Child Care	5/29/09 – 6/18/09 and

						10/26/09 – 12/18/09
Carmen Sanchez	Certificated	1.0	6 th Gr.	West View	Health	3/12/09- 06/18/09
Jessica Klassen	Certificated	.4	English	High School		2009/10 school year

Retirement

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE
Ardis Rieland	Certificated	1.0	7/8 Soc. Studies	West View	Retiree	6/18/09

Resignation

NAME	CLASS/CERT	HRS/FTE	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE
Arie Werder	Certificated	.5	7/8 Social Studies	Lucille Umbarger	Family	06/18/09
Becky Bankart	Certificated	1.0	Special Ed/Remediation	Edison		06/18/09
Deanna Wright	Classified	3 hrs.	Cook/Cashier	High School	Family	03/05/09

Extra-Curricular Appointments

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE