

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on May 26, 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; Jeff Brown, Special Education Coordinator; Asher Cohen, Technology 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 Asher Cohen, Tracy Dabbs, Josh Greenberg, and Trish Wood. She stated others visiting may introduce themselves later in the meeting.

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

**Lesa Savoie-Lanouette**

619 Greenleaf Avenue  
Burlington, WA 98233

Mrs. Savoie-Lanouette is a cook at Allen Elementary School. She voiced her concerns about the Food Services Program. Mrs. Bott directed Superintendent Browning to follow up on the matter.

**Jim Anderson**

20780 Kelleher Road  
Burlington, WA 98233

Mr. Anderson expressed his concern about the district's kindergartners moving to West View Elementary School next year. Mr. Anderson also requested that the Board not go into executive session to discuss property. He would like to know why some of the properties have been kept so long and not sold when the district had the opportunity. Also, Mr. Anderson asked if progress has been made in getting the Pulver/Peterson property into urban growth. He recommended that the school district get help in solving the problem by hiring real estate professionals as the properties are commercial pieces. Mrs. Bott directed Mrs. Browning to follow up.

**Steve Savoie**

619 Greenleaf Avenue  
Burlington, WA 98233

Mr. Savoie expressed his concerns about Food Services. He inquired about student costs during the time Dr. Chaplik was the district's superintendent to present day. He also inquired about the hiring of a new administrator for next year. Mrs. Bott directed Superintendent Browning to follow up.

Mr. Spink moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 27, 2009 and the work session of May 11, 2009. Mr. Lopez seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Dynes 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 May 2009: General Fund Warrant Nos. 197361 through 197743; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 17273 through 17324.

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

The following travel items were approved:

- The travel of B-EHS Traffic Safety Education Coordinator, Arnie Robinette, to Charlotte, North Carolina on July 24-30, 2009 to attend the 53<sup>rd</sup> American Driver Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) Conference, "Measuring Up to Expectations." Costs for the trip will be paid by the 2008-2009 Traffic Safety Education (TSE) budget (registration, airfare, hotel, and food). Mr. Robinette will incur the car rental and gas expenses.
- The travel of B-EHS 10<sup>th</sup> grader, Esmeralda Martinez, to Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA on May 21-24, 2009 to attend the State Leadership Conference for Migrant Students. Costs for the trip will be paid by the Migrant Program budget; travel will be via airplane. The student will be traveling with staff from Mount Vernon and Nooksack School Districts. They will be providing chaperones to minimize the costs.

The Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$4,164.00 from Fred Meyer Stores to the Burlington-Edison School District. The donation represents funds raised during the 2008 "Support Our Schools" campaign. Our policy requires that the Board officially accept donations (gifts) of \$500.00 or more.

The Board authorized continued membership in WIAA for the 2009-2010 school year. Washington State Law authorizes school boards to delegate control and regulation of athletics and activities to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. Each year, WIAA requests school boards to renew their membership. Our district is a long-standing member of the WIAA.

The Board adopted the curriculum materials identified by the Instructional Materials Committee (IMC) as follows: 1) *Drive Right* textbook to be used for the Washington State Traffic Safety Class and 2) *American History (6<sup>th</sup> edition)* textbook to be used for AP U.S. History.

President Bott asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Wallace expressed his disappointment that the Legislature has cut school funding as much as they have statewide as it is hurtful to our school district and others in the state. He was pleased to see the article in the *Skagit Valley Herald* about Burlington-Edison High School's Positive Behavior Support Program. Mr. Wallace stated it is a great program, and he is glad it was highlighted.

Mr. Dynes enjoyed cooking omelets for kids at West View School. He also enjoyed the last board tour of the year at Edison Elementary and stated the new principal, Brenda Naish, did a great job!

Mr. Spink attended the Skagit County Community Prayer Breakfast at Skagit Valley College with Mrs. Browning. He said it was good to talk with different commissioners and mayors. He also attended the Tech Prep Consortium and brought some of his students to speak at the event. Mr. Spink said he would like to talk with Mr. Anderson about executive sessions and why they are held for discussions about real estate (property).

Mr. Lopez congratulated the B-EHS softball girls' team for making it to the state competition. (His daughter is a team member.) He was impressed with how B-EHS administrators handled an incident with players from B-EHS and another team.

Mrs. Bott said she appreciates the way B-EHS and the district handle issues like tagging and gang-like behavior. She and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, recently attended a gang workshop. Mrs. Bott stated that we need to strengthen our youth so they do not feel they need another family. She learned a lot about gang activity in Skagit County and appreciates that our administrators and staff are being vigilant. Mrs. Bott also enjoyed the Edison board tour and the Edison art show.

Director of Technology, Asher Cohen, and TOSA, Tracy Dabbs, updated the Board about the district's technology competency program in which teachers can complete three levels of competency training. Ten staff members will receive their Level III competency certificates this year. Preschool teacher, Howard Shapiro, and Edison Elementary sixth grader teacher, Heidi Herder, were in attendance at the meeting and received their certificates. In addition, Edison Elementary sixth graders, Ariana Franklin, Kayla Whited, and Ryan Arnold, shared their technology projects (book reports).

Strategic Planning Steering Committee members, Josh Greenberg (parent), Tracy Dabbs (staff), and Trish Wood (staff), presented the Burlington-Edison School District Strategic Plan that will be recommended for adoption at the June Board meeting. Mrs. Bott asked board members to review the plan and if they have questions, direct them to Mrs. Browning.

At approximately 8:12 p.m., Mrs. Bott announced the Board would take a short break. At approximately 8:25 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. Stewart informed the Board that he recently met with Jeff May from the Department of Natural Resources and received good information about what to expect in the future for forest funds. In 2010, no timber sales are planned; in 2011, timber sales are planned, but that does not mean we will have revenue; and maybe not until 2012 or 2013 before we see any state timber sales revenue.

Mr. Dynes stated that even though the district's enrollment is up, we have students that are not housed in permanent housing; therefore, we need to pass a bond. Currently kindergarten registration numbers are high.

After discussion about the district's property, Mrs. Bott directed Superintendent Browning and Finance Director, Joe Stewart, to proceed with the steps necessary for the refinancing of non-voted debt, and the sale of the Bow Hill/Ershig Road property. She stated that the district will continue looking at options for the remaining properties. The information will be provided for the Board at their June 8<sup>th</sup> work session.

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, presented and distributed the recommendations the administration has made to reduce classified and extracurricular programs for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Spink moved to approve the classified and extracurricular program reductions as recommended by the administration for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Lopez seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Dynes moved to give first reading to the Board of Directors/1000 series as recommended by the Board Policies Committee. Mr. Spink seconded, and the motion carried. The Committee had met and reviewed the Board of Directors/1000 series of the board policies. The Board had access to a link to review the updated 1000 series policies and also the old/current 1000 series. The 1000 series will be back on the June agenda for adoption. Mrs. Bott requested that the Board receive CDs of the series in their board packets as a few board members were unable to access the information via the links.

The Board scheduled a work session for Monday, June 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the B-EHS Library in conjunction with the Retirement Tea. Citizens' Advisory Committee members will be recognized at this meeting also.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office.

Board members were reminded that school board candidate filing dates (positions 2 and 5) are June 1-5.

High School graduation will be held on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. on Kirkby Field. Board members, Liza Bott, and Marty Lopez, will be handing out diplomas.

Eighth grade promotion is June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary schools.

The last day of school (half day) is June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Board decided to hold a retreat on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, starting at 4:00 p.m. Location is to be determined.

Mr. Spink will go over the warrants this month.

Mrs. Bott will be sending board members an e-mail about a breakfast with the Early Learning Coalition scheduled for June 3, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. at McIntyre Hall. Board members are to RSVP to Liza if they plan to attend.

At approximately 9:38 p.m., there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Board President

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Board Secretary