

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on October 22, 2007 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, Mike McLeod, and Dick Spink.

Staff Members Present: Dr. Rick Jones, Superintendent; Laurel Browning, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Drayer, Director of Assessment and Human Resources; 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 Bay View Elementary eighth grade ASB Co-Presidents, Taylor Frizzell and Eric Stubben.

President Bott asked if there were any visitors to be introduced to the Board. Dr. Jones introduced school board candidates, Tim Loving and Bill Wallace. He also introduced Jon Gores from D.A. Davidson and Company.

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

Mr. Spink moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2007 and the work study session of October 8, 2007. Mr. McLeod seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bott informed the Board of a correction to the Consent Calendar as follows: The retreat travel item is a girls' basketball retreat, not a boys' basketball retreat. Mr. McLeod moved to approve the consent calendar as amended. Mr. Lopez 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 October 2007: General Fund Warrant Nos. 188915 through 189442; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 2522 through 2531; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 16432 through 16491.

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

The Board approved the following travel items:

- The travel of B-EHS coach, Mike Buckholz, along with 3 other staff members, 1 chaperone, and 12-14 students to Edison and Camano Island on November 17-18, 2007 to participate in a girls' basketball retreat. Costs for the trip will be paid by the ASB budget. Travel will be via school vans.
- The travel of ACTS Coordinator, Bonnie Campbell, 2 chaperones, and 20 students to Ladner, British Columbia on November 3, 2007 for a field trip for the ACTS birding class, Session I. Costs for the trip will be paid by the students. Travel will be via school bus.
- The travel of ACTS Coordinator, Bonnie Campbell, 2 chaperones, and 20 students to Ladner, British Columbia on December 8, 2007 for a field trip for the ACTS birding class, Session II. Costs for the trip will be paid by the students. Travel will be via school bus.

The Board accepted the following donations:

- The donation of 19 computers from Skagit State Bank to the B-ESD Tech Department valued at \$3,800 to be donated to the classrooms for student use.
- The donation of \$1,000.00 from the NJROTC Booster Club to the B-EHS NJROTC program to be used to purchase computers for the classroom.

The Board adopted new Policy No. 5001/Retire-Rehire. The state legislature has changed some regulations with regard to the rehire-retire legislation. This new board policy details those changes as well as the requirements for the retire-rehire process.

President Bott asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. McLeod welcomed the students from Bay View Elementary School that were in attendance at this meeting and commented that he enjoyed the recent board tour at Bay View Elementary School.

Mr. Spink talked about the exciting B-EHS versus Lynden girls' volleyball game he recently attended in which Burlington was the winner.

Mr. Lopez conveyed his appreciation to the Bay View Elementary ASB officers in attendance at this meeting to present the school report. He said that these leaders of the classroom may be taking steps someday to become leaders of the school district (i.e., Board of Directors).

Mrs. Bott said she too enjoyed the Bay View board tour. She applauded staff and students for continuing to move forward with the continuous improvement model at that school. Mrs. Bott encouraged voters to support House Joint Resolution 4204. This amendment to the State Constitution would provide for passage of school district levies by simple majority vote. She said it is an important step toward a simpler way of funding for our schools. Mrs. Bott also commented that it was great to see the front page article in the *Skagit Valley Herald* about West View physical education and health teacher, Dick Simpson, and the school's Great Pumpkin Run.

Bay View Elementary Principal, Aaron Darragh, presented an overview of SIP and schoolwide goals. Sixth grade teacher, Amy Staudenraus, gave a brief presentation of CIT and staff perspective. The following ASB officers gave examples of CIT practices and data folders with reflections about their data and work:

Co-Presidents: Taylor Frizzell and Eric Stubben

Secretary: Nate Lowe

Treasurer: Nicole Thompson

Business Manager: Jansen Vandermeulen

At approximately 7:25 p.m., the Board took a short break. At approximately 7:35 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

Jon Gores, Senior Vice-President of D.A. Davidson and Company, presented an analysis of the net percent value savings of refunding the 1997 bonds and a portion of the 1998 bonds. The refinancing of the bonds will save the district's taxpayers a total of nearly \$243,000 during the next five years. Interest rates averaged 3.57 percent on the new bonds compared to 4.91 percent on the old debt. In addition, our district's Moody's rating was upgraded from an A3 to an A2 rating. Mr. Spink moved to adopt Resolution No. 746 authorizing the Superintendent of Finance Director to move forward with bond refunding. Mr. Dynes seconded, and the motion carried.

Superintendent Jones presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board. He informed the Board that the district is 18 FTE students below budget this year.

After discussion, it was agreed by all board members that the district run its levy election on February 19 when the other school districts in the county will be running their elections. We will share in a savings of election costs with the other school districts.

Mr. Spink moved to approve the travel of B-EHS teacher, Greg Knutzen, and six students to Woodland High School to participate in an FFA Nursery/Landscape Contest on Friday, November 2, 2007 and an FFA Floral Contest on Saturday, November 3, 2007, at Yelm High School. Mr. Lopez seconded. Motion carried. Costs for the trip will be paid by the ASB (FFA) budget. Travel will be via school van.

The Board was reminded that the next Board tour of the year is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2007, at Burlington-Edison High School from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The Board scheduled their next work session for Monday, November 12, 2007, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

Dr. Jones, Mrs. Bott, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Dynes, and a new board member will be attending the WSSDA Annual Conference in Seattle on November 14-17, 2007.

A Board tour is scheduled for Friday, November 30, 2007, at Allen Elementary School from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Lopez will go over the warrants this month.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Mrs. Bott announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations and personnel matters, and that the public was excluded due to the sensitive nature of these topics. She said she anticipated the Executive Session would be approximately 15 minutes long, and that the Board would not take formal action upon return to public session.

At approximately 8:35 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 at 8:45 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary