

Board Inservice

The inservice was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2008 by Board President, Liza Bott. In attendance were all Board members, Dr. Jones, and consultant, John Fotheringham. The inservice was held before the regular meeting for the purpose of Board goal setting.

At approximately 6:55 p.m., the inservice was adjourned.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on February 25, 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: Dr. Rick Jones, Superintendent; Laurel Browning, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Jeff Drayer, Director of Assessment and Human Resources; Don Hanson, Director of Special Programs; Greg Thrasher, 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 in both English and Spanish by West View Elementary School third graders, Hannah Pettersen and Erik Michel.

President Bott asked if there were any visitors to be introduced to the Board. Dr. Jones stated that West View Elementary staff and students would be introduced later in the program.

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 January 28, 2008 and the minutes of the Board work session of February 11, 2008. Mr. Dynes seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Lopez moved to approve the consent calendar. 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 February 2008: General Fund Warrant Nos. 190930 through 191420; Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 2551 through 2553; and Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 16671 through 16733.

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

The Board approved an out-of-endorsement waiver in special education for Connie Walser.

The following travel items were approved:

- The travel of ACTS Coordinator, Bonnie Campbell, 5 chaperones, and 30 students to the Vancouver, B.C. Aquarium on March 13, 2008 to participate in a field study for the ACTS Marine Mammal Class. Costs for the trip will be paid by the students. Travel will be via school bus.
- The travel of Richard Dahl, and one-five students to Pacific Lutheran University in Forest Grove, Oregon on May 21-24, 2008 to perform in the Music in May Festival. Costs for the trip will be paid by the ASB budget, and travel will be via privately owned vehicle or school van.
- The travel of West View Elementary Principal, Meagan Dawson, to Morelia, Mexico on June 25- July 9, 2008 to attend a Language Immersion School. Costs for the trip will be paid by conference funds.
- The travel of B-EHS agriculture teacher, Greg Knutzen, and six students to Cle Elum, WA on April 28-29, 2008 to attend the Ellensburg Girls' Invitational Tournament (a varsity girls' golf event). Costs for the trip will be paid by the girls' golf budget, and ASB. Travel will be via school van.

The Board accepted the following donation:

- The donation of \$5,210.00 from Fred Meyer Stores to the Burlington-Edison School District. The donation represents funds raised during the 2007 "Support Our Schools" campaign. Our policy requires that the Board officially accept donations (gifts) of \$500.00 or more.

The Board approved Resolution No. 749 (waiver of 180-day school year). For the past several years, the district's school year has been 178 days for grades K-8 and 177 days for grades 9-12. Resolution No. 749 allows staff to apply for a continuation of this policy for the next three (3) school years.

The Board approved the updated 2007-2008 NWESD 189 Compensated Absences Liability Pool Interlocal Cooperative Agreement as presented, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute same. The district began participating in the Compensated Absences Liability Pool in the 2006-2007 school year. Since then, proposed changes have been made to make the interlocal agreement more accurately reflect the original intent of the parties.

President Bott asked the Board if they had any comments. Mr. Spink commented on the boys' basketball game in progress at the district tournament.

Mr. Lopez thanked the students who led the Pledge of Allegiance in both English and Spanish. He said the West View Elementary Dual Language Program is outstanding, and that he is proud to have the program in the Burlington-Edison School District.

Mr. Wallace acknowledged the extracurricular activities in the district. He has attended sports events in which there is not only the sports team, but also the band and dance team. He commended them on the great job they are doing and that the district can take pride in their performances.

Mr. Dynes stated that he echoes Mr. Wallace's comments and also that he is happy that our levy passed.

Mrs. Bott said that school districts need to learn more about mail-in ballots. She thanked the staff at Edison for the great Board tour and their success with student achievement. Mrs. Bott recently attended an AYES (Automotive Youth Educational Systems) open house at the High School. This is a program that certifies our auto shop program to place students into a mentorship with a master technician at a dealership. Mrs. Bott commended B-EHS teacher, Jerry Wade, for the program that he has created in our district that partners with local businesses in which B-EHS students can become technicians.

The School Report was presented by West View Elementary School Principal, Meagan Dawson. She presented West View's SIPTAP plan and how they are assessing reading, writing, math, and climate and answered questions from the Board.

Mrs. Bott introduced Eric Schenk and Andre Stegner from Boy Scouts (also eighth grade Bay View Elementary students) who, in order to earn a merit badge, are required to observe a public meeting (Board meeting).

At approximately 7:40 p.m., the Board took a short break. At approximately 7:45 p.m., the Board met again in regular session.

Mr. Spink left at approximately 7:45 p.m., as he was feeling ill.

Finance Director, Greg Thrasher, distributed and presented the monthly Fiscal Report and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Dynes moved to give first reading to new Board Policy No. 1821/Evaluation of the Board. Mr. Wallace seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Lopez moved to give first reading to Policy No. 2161/Special Education and Related Services for eligible students. Mr. Dynes seconded, and the motion carried. Districts are required to revise Policy No. 2161 and subsequently adopt procedures to ensure compliance and compatibility with the revised Federal Law, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004.

Mr. Wallace moved to adopt amended Policy No. 2410/High School Graduation Requirements. Mr. Lopez seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wallace moved to approve the 2007-2008 Affirmative Action Report. Mr. Dynes seconded, and the motion carried. The report is a requirement of OSPI in cooperation with the Washington State Human Rights Commission.

Mr. Lopez moved to adopt the mission statement for the work of the 2008 Facilities Study Committee. Mr. Dynes seconded, and the motion carried.

Mrs. Bott thanked Mr. Wallace for his work as past chairman of our Facilities Study Committee and acknowledged his considerable contribution to the school district.

Mr. Dynes moved to approve the travel of B-EHS Principal, Beth VanderVeen, ELL Coordinator, Arturo Vivanco, and B-EHS staff member, Michael Sampson, to Provo, Utah on February 21-23, 2008 to observe the Latinos in Action Programs. Mr. Lopez seconded, and the motion carried. Costs for the trip will be paid by the OSPI Grant.

The next Board work study session will be held on Monday, March 10, 2008, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

The Board tour scheduled for March 7, 2008 will be rescheduled.

After discussion, it was decided that the warrants will be included in the March Board packet. In addition, Mr. Spink will go over the warrants this month.

A Facilities Study Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at Auxiliary Services.

Dr. Jones will be e-mailing the Board with three proposed dates for an exit meeting with the state auditors.

There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Bott adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary