

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to conduct a hearing on an appeal of a student termination from the varsity boys' basketball team.

Reconvened

The Board reconvened at 6:55 p.m. into regular session and took a short break.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President McLeod at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room of the Burlington-Edison School District. All Board members were present except Jerry Benson. Staff members present were Superintendent Jones; Assistant Superintendent, Laurel Browning; Director of Special Programs, Don Hanson; Director of Finance, Greg Thramer; and Director of Auxiliary Services, John Leander.

German Exchange Program

Heidi Herder, teacher at Edison Elementary School, presented the Board with details regarding a trip to Germany next summer for eight-ten seventh and eighth grade students from Edison Elementary School. After hearing details and having a short discussion, Dick Spink moved and Liza Bott seconded a motion to approve the trip. Motion carried.

Teachers on Special Assignment

Laurel Browning and current TOSAs, Sharon Mainard and Kay Grimstead, presented to the Board packets outlining the work that the TOSAs have done this year to promote academic achievement throughout the school district. Discussion followed regarding the success of the TOSAs and future goals for the program.

Use of Facilities

Superintendent Jones and John Leander shared with the Board concerns regarding the existing use of facilities policies, specifically regarding the difficulty to implement them. Specific concerns were the increasing request from churches for extended use of facilities as well as the many sports programs currently using the facilities. Dr. Jones and John Leander will develop recommended changes for presentation to the Board.

School Resource Officer

Superintendent Jones presented a draft of a job description for Board members to review for a school resource officer position. The draft comes from the Mount Vernon School District where a resource officer has been in place for a number of years. Superintendent Jones will continue discussing the idea with High School Principal, Beth VanderVeen, and Burlington Police Chief, Bud Bowers. He will bring further details back for future Board discussion.

Argus Articles

Superintendent Jones asked Board members to consider future articles for *The Argus*. Liza Bott volunteered to work on Board correspondence, and Superintendent Jones will provide a list of suggested topics.

Board Work Session

Superintendent Jones recommended a board work session in the near future to discuss boardsmanship and board/superintendent relationships. These are vital topics for a new school board, and Board members agreed a workshop would be very helpful. Board members were asked to bring calendars to the next meeting to identify a date.

WSSDA Regional Meeting

Superintendent Jones handed out a notice for board members to attend a regional WSSDA meeting scheduled for March 4th in Mukilteo. Board members will check their calendars and confirm attendance at the next board meeting.

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At 9:10 p.m., the Board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss school district property and union negotiations.

Reconvened/Adjourned

The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:40 p.m. Superintendent Jones was directed to write a letter on behalf of the Board upholding the decision of Rick Skeen, varsity boys' basketball coach. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.



Board President


Board Secretary