

## BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100

December 9, 2024

## Regular Meeting Agenda Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of Burlington-Edison School District No. 100 met on December 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Meeting at 927 E. Fairhaven Ave., Burlington, WA 98233.

Staff members attending were Superintendent Dr. Chris Pearson, Executive Director of Student Support Services Jeff Brown, Director of Finance and Operations Valori Vargas, Director of Human Resources Jen Whitney, Interim Director of Teaching and Learning Amy Reisner, Interim Director of Special Education and Early Learning Programs Mo Lyden, and Deputy Board Secretary Jennifer Dalton.

Vice-President Roger Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO  
ORDER

This month, Superintendent Pearson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

Board Members attended Vice-President Roger Howard, Shayna Campbell, Rich Wesen, Elli Haddick, Rich Wesen and Ken Axelson.

ROLL CALL

Vice-President Roger Howard announced it was time to elect the officers for 2025. Rich Wesen moved to nominate Mr. Roger Howard as Board President. Ken Axelson seconded. Motion carried, and Mr. Roger Howard was elected as Board President. Elli Haddick moved to nominate Rich Wesen as Board Vice-President. Ken Axelson seconded and the motion carried, and Rich Wesen was elected as Board Vice-President. Shayna Campbell moved to nominate Rich Wesen as Legislative Representative. Elli Haddick seconded Motion carried, and Rich Wesen was elected as the Legislative Representative.

ELECTION OF  
OFFICERS

BOARD  
COMMENTS

President Roger Howard asked the Board if they had any comments.

Shayna Campbell stated that she attended the musical, James and the Giant Peach, at the high school and loved it. She thanked the drama group.

Ken Axelson said that he listened to Legislative Representatives last week and came away very impressed with the superintendents and board members who presented along with the legislative representatives who responded.

Rich Wesen commented that he also went to James and the Giant Peach and that it was great to have the drama students perform at the Board meeting. He stated that he was happy that basketball season had started.

REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Chris Pearson presented the [Superintendent Report](#).

B-EHS Drama teacher, Holly Wood and students from the drama club performed a scene from the current production at the high school, James and the Giant Peach.

STUDENT

Director of Finance and Operations Valori Vargas will email the fiscal report to the Board due to the early time of the meeting.

FISCAL

The [Budget Sustainability Committee](#) presented to the Board.

BUDGET  
SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS

Committee Members that spoke:

Kaaren Flint

Tim Rawlins

Tamara Ingram

Estevan Vivanco and Monica Soriano

Kelly Parsons

Mark Wees, Mary Ellen Hodges

Saul Ruiz

All Public Comments were in regards to the upcoming School Board decision related to district consolidation, particularly the scenario that includes reconfiguring the district to include a 6-8 campus. Those that spoke:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Wallace commended the District regarding the Budget Sustainability Committee information on the website and all the video informational presentations.

Tom Anderson shared his appreciation for the middle school staff at LU.

Melissa Corcoran was for keeping the K-8 model.

Kamriell Welty was against a middle school.

Charlie Gunderson was for keeping the K-8 model.

Lara Cole complimented the leaders at Lucille Umbarger.

Stephanie Knutson was concerned about proposed shift to middle school and in a short time.

Christina Soltero was for keeping the K-8 model.

Steph Rees was for a middle school.

Billie Jo Hamilton was against a middle school.

Amy Reece was for keeping the K-8 model.

April Nault was for a middle school.

Mr. Wesen moved to approve the Consent Calendar and Elli Haddick seconded, the motion carried. Items approved on the consent calendar are as follows:

APPROVAL OF:

- Approval was granted for payment of warrants, subject to review by the Board member

CONSENT  
CALENDAR

designated by the Board President at the end of the month. Items covered are the December 2024: General Fund Warrant Nos. 362279 through 362279, 362282 through 362365, and 362367 through 362466; Capital Projects Fund Nos. 362483 through 362487; Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 362280 through 362281, 362366 through 362366, and 362467 through 362482.

- The attached appointments, resignations, and leaves of absence on the [Personnel Items](#) were approved/accepted.
- The Board approved the Board Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on [November 25, 2024](#).
- The Board approved all [travel requests](#).

Elli Haddick moved to approve first reading of the following new or revised Board Policies and Shayna Campbell seconded, the motion carried.

1. [3414 – Infectious Diseases](#)
2. [3420 – Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response](#)
3. [3424 – Opioid Related Overdose Reversal](#)
4. [5005 – Employment and volunteers: Disclosures, Certification Requirements, Assurances and Approval](#)
5. [6600 - Transportation](#)

Shayna Campbell moved to adopt [Resolution No. 901 authorizing the Interfund Loan from the Capital Projects to the General Fund 2024-25](#) and Elli Haddick seconded, the motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Chris Pearson [summarized the vote between two scenarios](#) for the proposed motion to consolidate the Burlington-Edison School District.

The two scenarios were:

#### **Scenario 1:**

- West View is an Early Learning Campus, housing our current B-ESD Preschool/Head Start partnership, the expansion to 3-4 sections of Transitional Kindergarten, and potential partnerships with community early learning partners. The district will also partner with community after-school program providers to provide before/after school care for families on the West View campus.
- The Dual Language Program, currently housed at West View, moves to Allen Elementary, transitioning from a K-6 Dual Language Program to a K-8 Dual Language Program.
- The current Allen boundary is eliminated, as Allen becomes a ‘choice’ school in our district. The Bay View, Edison and LU boundaries are adjusted to cover the previous Allen boundary. Students currently enrolled at Allen are assigned to their new school boundary for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Allen, Bay View, Edison and LU all remain K-8 schools in this scenario.

- The estimated total savings for this Scenario 1 is \$2.3 Million.

#### Scenario 2:

- West View becomes an Early Learning Campus, housing our current B-ESD Preschool/Head Start partnership, the expansion to 3-4 sections of Transitional Kindergarten, and potential partnerships with community early learning partners. The district will also partner with community after-school program providers to provide before/after school care for families on the West View campus.
- The Dual Language Program, currently housed at West View, moves to Allen Elementary, transitioning from a K-6 Dual Language Program to a K-5 Dual Language Program.
- The current Allen boundary is eliminated as Allen becomes a district-wide Choice School.
- Bay View and Edison are K-5 schools. The current Edison and Bay View boundaries are adjusted to incorporate the current Allen and LU boundaries.
- LU is a 6th-8th grade campus that serves all 6th-8th grade students in the district.
- **The estimated total savings for Scenario 2 is \$2.7 million.**

ADOPT  
DISTRICT  
RECONSOLIDATION  
PLAN

Rich Wesen moved to adopt the consolidation plan Scenario 2 with the reconfiguration plan for the 2025-26 school year for the Burlington-Edison School District and Elli Haddick seconded.

President Roger Howard asked for Board comments.

Elli Haddick stated that she had three kids in district and she did not take this decision lightly. She greatly appreciated all the work the district had done to answer all of the questions everyone had.

Shayna Campbell thanked the committee for their work and all the people who shared their thoughts at the board meeting. She also stated that she had two children in the district and she was grateful for the staff at Lucille Umbarger for putting together the middle school schedules.

Rich Wesen seconded all the statements made by the board members. He stated that this had been a challenging decision because his family was five generations in a K-8 District model.

President Roger Howard stated that he too had struggled with the decision and that he graduated from B-EHS, his children had graduated here and that his grandkids were now going to school in the District. The District is currently struggling to balance our budget putting us in difficult and challenging position, and many school districts across the state are in the same position because of the state's shortfall of funding, decreased enrollment, and increased of expenses. It is the Board's responsibility to provide a balanced budget for the operations of our schools. Significant changes have to be made otherwise the state would put the District in binding conditions.

President Howard received four ayes for the motion to adopt the consolidation plan for Scenario 2 2026 school year and received one abstain by new board member Ken Axelson, the motion carried.

Mr. Axelson stated that he abstained due to being brand new to the topic.

The next Board Tour is at the Edison. December 16 at 8:45 a.m.

BOARD TOUR

The next work session is January 13, at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office.

BOARD WORK  
SESSION

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

BOARD MEETING

Shayna Campbell is scheduled to do the warrants in January.

WARRANTS

At 8:03 p.m. approximately there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURN

  
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 Board President

  
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 Board Secretary