

Boston Wallace E. Jr.
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Boston Wallace E. Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC [APEI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
111 W. CONGRESS STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/04/2010		A	(A) or (D) 10,500 (1) (2)	\$ 0 281,527	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01					22,814	I	By The Boston Family LLC ⁽³⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.8	01/04/2010		A	56,000	<u>(1)</u> 01/04/2017	Common Stock	56,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Boston Wallace E. Jr. 111 W. CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Harry T. Wilkins,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/07/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Award vests in three equal annual installments beginning on January 4, 2011.

(2) Restricted Stock Award pursuant to the American Public Education, Inc. 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

The reporting person is the managing member of The Boston Family LLC, which is 98% owned by trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's family members. The reporting person has voting and dispositive power over the shares and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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