

Boston Wallace E. Jr.
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FORM 4

**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 WEST CONGRESS STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2012

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)	(A) or (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/03/2012		F	1,412	D	\$ 42.85 225,940	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/04/2012		F	1,093	D	\$ 42.88 224,847	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/27/2012		A	30,462 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 0 255,309	D	
Common Stock, par						22,814	I	By the Boston

value \$.01

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Harry T. Wilkins,
 Attorney-in-Fact
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 07/25/2012
 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 27, 2013.
- (2) Restricted Stock Award pursuant to the American Public Education, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (3) 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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