

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/20074. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.01	12/20/2007		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 62,814 D \$ 0	321,451	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	12/20/2007		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 62,814 A \$ 0	62,814	I	By The Boston Family LLC

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. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## 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

12/27/2007

\_\_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) This transaction involved a gift of shares of Common Stock by the reporting person to The Boston Family LLC (the "LLC"), which is 98% owned by trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's family members. The reporting person is the managing member of the LLC and has voting and dispositive power over the transferred shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the transferred shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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