Wilkins Harry T Form 4 March 01, 2011

FORM 4

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

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may continue.

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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

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wilkins Harry T

(First)

(Street)

Symbol

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

AMERICAN PUBLIC **EDUCATION INC [APEI]**

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

111 W. CONGRESS STREET 02/25/2011

(Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) 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) | d 3. 4. Securities Acquired Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (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 | 02/25/2011 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,000 | D | \$ 42.586 (2) | 33,111.5 | I | By Wilkins Asset Management, Inc. (3) | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 | | | | | | | 88,661 | D | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 | | | | | | | 350 | I | By son (4) | | |

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|------------|-------------|--|
| | Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | ionNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | |
| | Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | | |
| | | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| | | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | Number | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | of | | | |
| | | | | | Code V | I (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wilkins Harry T 111 W. CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Harry T. 03/01/2011 Wilkins

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on March 19, 2009, as amended on September 7, 2010.
- The price of \$42.586 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$42.2 to \$42.87 per share. The reporting person (2) undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership, except to the extent of his pecuniary benefit, of the securities owned by Wilkins (3) Asset Management, Inc., and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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(4) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his son, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his son's shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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