

WORK/STUDY

President Jan Woldseth called the Issaquah School Board to order at 6:05 p.m. with board members Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Brian Deagle and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen in attendance. Mr. Winkler arrived at 6:40 p.m.

The Board met in work/study session as scheduled on the agenda; the primary discussion centered around high school graduation requirements, the process for activating a committee to explore and define long-term comprehensive ISD graduation requirements, and the upcoming boundary review process. Superintendent Rasmussen noted that the outside facilitator for the boundary review process, Dick Withycomb, will be visiting the District on January 23rd and is available to meet with the Board prior to the board meeting that evening. Board members agreed to focus that evening's 6 p.m. work/study session to meet with Mr. Withycomb.

Superintendent Rasmussen shared an article written by La Center School District Superintendent Mark Mansell entitled *Changing the Graduation Requirements: Threat or Opportunity?*

Dr. Rasmussen also shared a draft of the charter prepared for the Boundary Committee for the Board's information.

Due to a commitment that Ms. Fletcher and Mr. Thiele have to attend a meeting regarding the YWCA's Passage Point Project, Ms. Fletcher asked that the meeting agenda for January 23rd be structured so that no Board action is required on major topics between 7 and 7:30 p.m. The Board agreed.

Dr. Rasmussen asked for Board direction regarding the effectiveness and necessity of EL-10 Instructional Program, in that most elements are incorporated into other policies and ENDS statements for monitoring.

Based on the discussion, Dr. Rasmussen said that the Administration will carefully re-look at the policy to incorporate the Board's input and return with recommendations to the Board at a future meeting.

The work/study session concluded at 7:02 p.m.

Please note: Because regular Issaquah School Board meetings are now being recorded and made available in their entirety for listening via podcast at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/podcasts/ minutes will reflect board action/direction and general topic discussion only.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Issaquah School Board President Jan Woldseth called the January 9, 2008 regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. noting the Board had been in work/study session since 6 p.m. Board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen were also in attendance.

Kathy Linderman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public

1. Steve Rasmussen – read Governor Christine Gregoire's proclamation declaring January as School Board Appreciation Month and expressed thanks to Issaquah's Board for their dedication to meeting the needs of all students in the Issaquah School District.
2. Heather Gillette – PTSA Council – urged that the board move forward on graduation requirement decisions.

Student Representative Input

McKenzie Morrison and Alexis Newman, PCFC students, reported on various activities taking place at District high schools.

Establishment of Regular Agenda

President Woldseth suggested agenda item #2 Charge and Activation of Graduation Requirements Committee and #3 Three-Year High School Review Plan be reversed because the discussion/information shared on agenda item #3 may be helpful as the board and administration address agenda item #2. The Board and administration agreed with the suggestion.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Superintendent Rasmussen added certificated resignations to the consent agenda. Ms. Weaver moved and Mr. Winkler seconded that the consent agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously. The Board took action as noted on the following consent agenda items:

- Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing office as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of January 9, 2008, the Board, by a majority vote, approved for payment those vouchers and electronic transfer included in the following list and described as: General Fund vouchers 253880 through 254663 in the total amount of \$1,581,737.27; Capital Projects vouchers 254116 through 254672 in the total amount of \$279,537.39; ASB Fund vouchers 254130 through 254726 in the total amount of \$211,178.42; Payroll vouchers 157394 through 157664 in the total amount of \$2,087,692.72; and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$6,973,756.85.
- Accepted five gifts: 1) \$3,821.40 for the library at Newcastle Elementary; 2) \$26,716.09 to upgrade the Light Speed technology system in 34 classrooms at Cougar Ridge Elementary; 3) \$24,668.41 for teacher grants at Pine Lake Middle School; 4) \$5,000.00 for track and field purchases at Liberty High School; and 5) \$5,000.00 to provide scholarships for students at Tiger Mountain Community High School.
- Approved the minutes of the December 12, 2007 regular board meeting.
- Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2007-08 school year.*
- Approved certificated leave(s) of absence without pay for the 2007-08 school year as presented.*
- Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
- Approved new classified employees as presented.*
- Approved classified employee resignations/retirements/terminations as presented.*

*personnel listings are available by clicking on the appropriate item on the electronic agenda for this meeting:
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/Events/ViewEvent.aspx?ID=100&KEY=U1xsJAQe>

High School Graduation Requirements

Ms. Weaver moved the board adopt credit and graduation requirement changes as presented by the administration. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Gallagher, Executive Director of High School Programs, reviewed the recommendation being made by the administration – in brief:

- Add one year of math (1.0 credit)
- Decrease the number of Occupational Ed credits by 1.0 (which will match the State requirement)
- Cease the granting of credit for school-directed athletics

Mr. Gallagher responded to board questions and noted that these requirements will be included in the 2008-09 High School Student Course Guide to be effective for students graduating in 2012.

Three-Year High School Review Plan

Mr. Gallagher outlined how, through an integrated three-year plan, the Administration is working to create a cultural change beginning at the high school level that is systemic, consistent and sustainable. This change, while it is being articulated at the high school level at this time, will over time be systemically integrated throughout the District.

Charge and Activations of Graduation Requirements Committee

There was no discussion on this topic. There was some discussion during the work/study session and there is strong connection to the information presented on the three-year high school review plan. Board discussion and action will be requested at the January 23rd meeting.

Follow up from December 12th discussion on the Boundary Review Process, Clark Elementary, E-15

There was considerable discussion regarding the decisions facing the Board with regard to building E-15, conducting a comprehensive boundary study, and the use of Clark Elementary. Superintendent Rasmussen noted that, in order to maintain a timeline that will address housing needs, it is critical that the Board make a decision on whether to build E-15 on the identified Plateau site on January 23rd. Further, direction to the Boundary Review Committee to recommend boundaries for 14 or 15 elementary schools is needed on February 6th. (Note: due to Dr. Rasmussen's commitment to a national conference on February 13th, the Board will take action later in the meeting to change the February 13th board meeting to February 6th per his request.)

Ms. Weaver moved that the Board schedule a special meeting for Saturday, January 19th from 9 a.m. to Noon in order to tour various areas of the District relative to the housing decisions facing the Board. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Several members of the audience spoke to the Board on this subject as well: Lisa Ricky, Clark teacher; Kelly Munn, Skyline attendance area; Jeff Wood, Clark attendance area; Julie Bell, Clark attendance area; Jerry Blackburn, Clark attendance area; Anne Moore, Issaquah High attendance area; Janelle Wildemuth, Clark tech specialist; and Vicky Wortchow, Clark attendance area.

9:08 break

9:21 Back to open session

2008-09 Budget Parameters

Parameters for development of the 2008-09 budget were presented with action requested at the January 23, 2008 board meeting.

EL-9 Monitoring Report – Annual Report to the Public

Mr. Winkler moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded, that the board accept the annual, direct inspection monitoring report for EL-9: Annual Report to the Public. Following some discussion, a response to questions, and a recommendation for acceptance from Superintendent Rasmussen, the motion carried unanimously.

EL-1 Global Executive Constraint Monitoring Report

Ms. Weaver moved the board approve the annual, internal/external monitoring report for EL-1: Global Executive Constraint. Mr. Deagle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Legislative Representative – Job Description

President Woldseth will prepare a job description based on the WSSDA template and board input for presentation as a first reading at the January 23rd meeting, and action at the February meeting.

Legislative Matters

- Ms. Fletcher reported that meetings have been scheduled with legislators on February 11th during the WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference.
- Ms. Fletcher is working with Rep. Anderson and other legislators toward getting some support through this legislative session for the Passage Point project.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen reported briefly on a variety of activities and works in progress district-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence

The Board made special acknowledgment of the receipt of Principal Nancy Weinstein's resignation at the end of this school year after a 38-year career in education, and that of Linda Corr, Director of Career and Technical Education, with thanks for their service to Issaquah students.

Calendar

Ms. Weaver moved that the board change the meeting currently scheduled for February 13th to February 6th. Mr. Deagle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Winkler moved and Ms. Fletcher seconded that the Board hold a special meeting for the purpose of a work/study on the high school issues on Wednesday, January 30th from 7 to 9 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gallagher pointed out that administrators will be at a conference in Spokane and not able to attend.

Ms. Weaver moved the Board amend the motion setting the work/study for the 30th to January 22nd. Mr. Winkler seconded the amendment which carried unanimously.

Ms. Weaver moved the motion be approved as amended. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion which carried unanimously, setting a board work/study at the Administration Building on Tuesday, January 22nd from 7 to 9 p.m. on high school issues.

Ms. Weaver moved that the Board establish a board retreat on Saturday, January 26th from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Administration Building. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Topics

Ms. Fletcher requested Board consideration of a work/study session on the achievement gap.

Executive Session – Bargaining

10:03 p.m. The Board moved to an executive session – no action to follow – 10 minutes estimated length.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:25 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

These minutes were approved as presented at the January 23, 2008 board meeting.