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President Jan Woldseth called the October 20, 2008 special meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With Ms. Woldseth were members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Ms. Woldseth noted the purpose of the meeting was to conduct interviews of the five applicants for the opening in Director District #5 due to the resignation of Mike Winkler.

Mike Winkler led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Woldseth outlined the meeting format noting the Board will retire to executive session at the conclusion of the interviews to discuss the qualifications only of the applicants; no action will be taken at this meeting. At the regular board meeting on October 22nd the board will discuss and possibly take action on this appointment.

Each candidate was asked to introduce and tell a bit about themselves and then each candidate responded to eight questions. Questions were invited from the community, but none were submitted.

Candidates:

Steve Ellis
Chad Magendanz
Peggy Moe
Carla Wigen
Jeff Wood

Questions:

1. If you are selected for this position, what would you see as your biggest individual challenge?
2. Do you believe that the District has the financial resources it needs to accomplish its ends? Why or why not?
3. What is the District doing well? What can the District improve upon?
4. Of the most critical issues facing the District, are there any that you feel strongly about taking action on in the near term?
5. Improving student achievement is the ultimate objective of the Issaquah School District. Please describe the roles and responsibilities of the Board as compared to the Superintendent, individual school administrators, and parents in improving student achievement.
6. School board members serve the entire community. How would you approach deciding a matter on which the community is conflicted, with strong opinions on both sides of the issue?
7. What is the Board's role in labor negotiations?
8. If you are appointed to this position, do you plan to run for election next November?

Each candidate gave a brief closing statement.

The question/answer period concluded at 8:20 p.m. and after a short break to allow the Board and audience to thank the applicants for their willingness to step forward for this important position, the Board moved into executive session to discuss candidate qualifications. President Woldseth estimated the session would take an hour, and no action would be taken at the conclusion of the executive session.

8:40 p.m. Executive Session

10:15 p.m. Back to open session and immediate adjournment

Approved as presented at the November 12, 2008 regular meeting.