

Work/Study Session

President Deagle called the October 28, 2009 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center and moved immediately into work/study session. With Mr. Deagle were directors Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

CFO/COO Jacob Kuper, with Trevor Carlson of Seattle NW Securities, and David Thompson, K & L Gates, summarized new opportunities available for future financial planning related to bond sales/funding: Build America Bonds (BABs) and Quality School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) and explained the parameters and differences for each of them, as well as noting some of the unknowns that are part of the planning process.

There is no action required at this time; the work/study was to share information on the BABs and QSCBs with the Board and, depending on market position as well as legal and bond counsel recommendations, a recommendation will be brought back to the Board when the time is right.

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

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Deagle called the October 28, 2009 regular school board meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center, noting the preceding work/study session. With Mr. Deagle were directors Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Andy Rohde led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Morgan McDonald, Andy Rohde, and Kevin Bomar, Tiger Mountain Community High School students, represented the Inter-District Student Council.

Public Input - None

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Action was taken as noted on the following consent agenda items.

1. Acknowledged receipt of the August 2009 (Year End 2008-09) Budget Status Report.
2. Approved Resolution 964 to raise the United States Postal Trust Account for the Issaquah School District from \$7,000 to \$8,050.
3. Approved six gifts: (1) \$5,000 to pay for additional Education Assistant wages at Discovery; (2) \$4,895.20 to pay for Accelerated Reader software for Endeavour; (3) \$4,750 to pay for Science-To-Go program for Endeavour; (4) \$3,600 to pay for additional teacher salaries for after school science labs at Issaquah High School; (5) \$5,000 to pay for ActivBoards at Newcastle; and (6) \$4,000 to be used toward sub teachers assisting with the All-School Write scoring at Pine Lake Middle School.
4. Approved the annual renewal of the WIAA membership for all Issaquah School District high schools and middle schools for the 2009-10 school year.
5. Approved the minutes of the October 14, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
6. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2009-10 school year.*
7. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*

8. Approved new classified employees 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=166&KEY=xgBk39Fy>

Continuation of Work/Study Discussion

Two items were identified for discussion at the work/study session preceding the board meeting: E-4 Technology—Draft Interpretation and Evidentiary Support, and 2) bond sale financing information. There was only time to complete the bond sale information discussion so the board took up the discussion on E-4 at this time.

This is the first phase of three for monitoring this End: 1) Draft Interpretation 10/28, 2) Draft Evidence 11/10, and 3) final approval 12/9.

President Deagle also provided a brief summary of the bond sale financing discussion held at the work/study session.

Monitoring Report: EL-3 Personnel Administration

Ms. Woldseth moved, and Mr. Magendanz seconded, that the Board accept the monitoring report for EL-3: Personnel Administration as presented. Following discussion on the report the motion carried unanimously.

Enrollment Update

CFO Kuper provided an update on student enrollment, explaining some of the anomalies experience this year as compared to past years.

High School Math Plan Update

Patrick Murphy, Executive Director of Secondary Ed, provided an update on the work being done this school year with regard to engaging our community in a conversation around the existing high school math curriculum recommendation and around math instruction in general throughout the district. Community math conversation evenings are being (or have been held) on Tuesday, October 27th at IHS, Tuesday, November 3rd at Liberty High, and Monday, November 16th at Skyline. A survey has also been conducted of all middle and high school students in math classes as well as middle and high school parents at Curriculum Nights—over 2800 parents and over 6400 students responded. Continually updated information on this subject is available at:

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/adoption/HSmath/Default.aspx>

Mr. Murphy noted that a dozen parents attended the math conversation held on October 27th. The people who attended participated fully and he felt the conversation was very good. Mr. Murphy also noted that the District sent an invitation to OSPI inviting a representative to visit the District to help clarify some of the confusion around the conflicting reports on high school math curriculum coming from the state level, but at this point the invitation has yet to receive a response. An OSPI representative did say that local districts are in the best position to choose the adoption that best fits their specific needs.

Optimal High School Experience (OHSE) Update

Mr. Murphy provided an update on the Optimal High School Experience study undertaken this year and summarized a survey recently taken by all middle and high school math students and parents.

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/secondary/OHSE/Default.aspx>

Construction Projects Update

In spite of wet weather, Steve Crawford, Director of Capital Projects, assured the Board that construction projects are moving forward well, and contrary to the rumor mill, E-15 will be ready for occupancy in the fall, and IHS and SHS are on schedule.

CFO Kuper will make arrangements for the Board to tour active projects in the near future.

Legislative Matters

Mr. Magendanz reported on various public education related meetings taking in Olympia and regionally.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen reported on various events and activities taking place District-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence

President Deagle noted the Board had received correspondence from

- C. Donnelly (2) re: availability of used computers to low income students
- K. Munn re: I-1033
- B. Yoder re: his blog
- Mrs. Filley re: district boundaries – Mr. Deagle clarified that school district boundaries and city limit boundaries are not related and are established independently of one another.

Calendar and Future Agenda Topics

- Mr. Deagle and Mr. Magendanz agreed to serve as a board sub-committee to work on district metrics / key performance indicators.
- 11-10-09 – Olympian Coalition Legislative Draft of E-4 back to the board
- 11-09-09 - Work/study will be with ISF executive board
- 11-09-09 – possibly action on a bond sale but only if the market is right

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the November 10, 2009 school board meeting.