

Work/Study Session

Issaquah School Board President Jan Woldseth called the December 10, 2008 meeting to order in work/study session at 6:05 p.m. With President Woldseth were directors Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. The work/study focused on further developmental work on the means to monitor Ends and ELs.

The Board and Administration agreed that after the last work/study on this subject, and further reflection, the monitoring tool proposed by the administration is really a better tool for administrative organization, rather than Board use.

There was considerable discussion on the importance of the superintendent interpretations, and how the administration can create *effective* interpretations. One reason is that the interpretations will maintain the focus on the system, not on individual student situations.

It was agreed that significant “chunks” of time are needed to reach valuable levels and depth of discussion. Either pre-regular board meeting work/studies, or limiting a regular agenda to a single discussion item would allow the kind of time needed. That would also provide for public observation of the board’s work with the administration. The board agreed that scheduling this work on regular meetings nights (on a limited agenda or a pre-meeting work/study) was preferable to scheduling special meetings. This format will be piloted at the January 28th meeting.

Ms. Fletcher requested an opportunity to present a report on a Compassionate Schools conference she and other district team members attended. This will try and be scheduled on January 14th if participants are available.

As previously requested by the Board, Mr. Thiele noted a brief reception was being planned for January 14th to extend appreciation to the members of the Boundary Review Committee. It was agreed the reception would take place from 5:30 to 6 p.m. followed by a work/study session focused on E-2 Academics and Foundations. The administration will have a springboard interpretation prepared. The actual monitoring of E-2 will take place on January 28th with a limited regular agenda.

The work/study concluded at 6:55 p.m. and following a short break reconvened at 7:07 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

President Woldseth called the December 10, 2008 Issaquah School Board meeting back to order at 7:07 p.m. noting the preceding work/study session. In attendance were President Woldseth, Directors Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Skyline students Heather Nunan and Dana Wilson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Heather Nunan and Dana Wilson reported on activities at Skyline High School, and some of the other events at District high schools.

Public Input

- Alison Meriweather, PTSA Council – focus on 2009
- Martin Turney introduced Brian Wilson – newly hired Director of Food Services.

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Magendanz moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weaver and carried unanimously. Action was taken as noted on the consent agenda items.

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer 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 December 10, 2008, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list: General Fund vouchers 266788 through 267789 in the total amount of \$1,215,076.81; Capital Projects vouchers 266945 through 267806 in the total amount of \$3,852,838.31; ASB Fund vouchers 266961 through 267879 in the total amount of \$340,684.26; Payroll vouchers 160959 through 161223 in the total amount of \$2,237,073.55; and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$12,556,959.56.
2. Accepted nine gifts: 1) \$2,500 for additional salary support for teachers in the Math Lab at Beaver Lake Middle School; 2) \$10,138.77 in PTA enrichment grants as noted at Beaver Lake Middle School; 3) \$3,374.51 to purchase an IMAC and MacBook Laptop for use in the Tech and Video classes at Beaver Lake Middle School; 4) \$21,037.00 for the GLAD Program (Guided Language Acquisition Design); 5) \$3,393.72 for books and materials at Newcastle Elementary; 6) \$9,000.00 to the science program at Newcastle Elementary; 7) \$5,039.30 in mini-grants for identified curriculum items/equipment at Pine Lake Middle School; 8) \$12,805.00 for enrichment grants at Sunny Hills Elementary; 9) \$3,704.42 to the Sunset Elementary library.
3. Approved the minutes of the October 30, 2008 special meeting with the Issaquah City Council and staff as presented.
4. Approved the minutes of the November 12, 2008 regular board meeting as presented.
5. Approved the minutes of the November 17, 2008 special meeting with the Sammamish City Council and staff as presented.
6. Declared surplus all obsolete computer equipment located at May Valley Service Center as presented by the administration and authorized the administration to conduct a sale of these items.
7. Acknowledged receipt of the September 2008 budget status report.
8. Approved certificated employee resignations/retirements as presented.*
9. Approved certificated employee leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.*
10. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
11. Approved classified new employees as presented.*
12. Approved classified 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=135&KEY=I6eJKRp2>

Boundary Review Process: Superintendent's Decision

Superintendent Rasmussen presented an overview of the process and foundational information on his decision to accept the recommendations of the BRC (Boundary Review Committee) for Issaquah School District school boundaries to be effective in September 2010.

Also present and adding to the review of the process were members of the BRC and Mr. Dick Withycombe, committee facilitator. BRC meeting minutes, materials, and the Superintendent's letter explaining the new boundaries are available on the district web site at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/news/hottopics/ViewArticle.aspx?NewsID=466>.

Following the committee and administrative background, the Board accepted public input. Community members speaking to the board: Jay Clark, Philip Dungey, Antonette Wood, Elizabeth Nickerson, Leena Rathore, Greg Huord, Suman Tayal, Jayne Bell, Debra Rogers, Winnie Dungey, Pamela Timmons, Nancy Campi, Judy Proudly; there were some speakers who did not clearly identify themselves.

9:20 p.m. Break

9:35 p.m. Back to order

Monitoring Report: EL-1

Ms. Weaver moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded, that the Board accept the annual internal/external monitoring report for EL-1, Global Executive Constraint. Following presentation of the report by Dr. Rasmussen, his certification that EL-1 is in compliance for January 2008 through December 2008, and questions from the board, the motion carried unanimously.

Constructional Projects Update

Steve Crawford presented a report on current construction projects district-wide.

Summary of WSSDA Conference

The Board briefly summarized the benefits and professional development opportunities from the recent Washington State School Directors Association Conference.

Summary of Pre Board Meeting Activity

President Woldseth briefly summarized the work/study session prior to the regular meeting. Consensus was to hold a work/study prior to the January 14th meeting for an hour to focus around the interpretation of E-2; on January 28th have the entire focus of that meeting (other than consent agenda) be the monitoring of E-2.

Legislative Matters

- Basic Ed Funding task force has concluded its work; Ms. Fletcher felt the proposal “looks good.”
- Ms. Weaver moved the Board endorse the Issaquah Olympian Coalition 2008-09 Legislative Platform. Mr. Deagle seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen reported on various works in progress District-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence

Ms. Woldseth announced that she has been appointed to serve on a WSSDA task force seeking to develop voluntary standards for school boards.

Future Agenda Topics

January 14: Presentation on Compassionate Schools

January 14: Work/study on E-2 monitoring

Calendar – No further discussion

Board Reorganization

Superintendent Rasmussen declared the nominations open for the position of Board President for the ensuing year. Mrs. Fletcher nominated Brian Deagle and the nomination was seconded by Ms. Weaver. There were no further nominations. By roll call vote, Mr. Deagle was unanimously elected Board President 2009.

Executive Session

10:20 p.m. The Board moved into executive session on personnel and bargaining per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a); estimated time 10 minutes with no action to follow.

Adjournment

10:40 p.m. adjourned

These minutes were approved as presented at the January 14, 2009 regular board meeting.