

### **Work/Study Session**

The Issaquah School Board was called to order in work/study session on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. Presented were board President Brian Deagle, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth, member-elect Marnie Maraldo, and Superintendent Rasmussen.

As noted by Dr. Rasmussen, the purpose of the work/study is to meet with building principals regarding the 2009-10 CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) process. At this meeting the following principals and assistant principals or program assistants were in attendance: Wayne Hamasaki and Nona Wright from Sunset Elementary, Barb Walton and Lori Bumstead from Grand Ridge Elementary, Paula Phelps, Dawn Wallace and Julia Bamba from Issaquah High School; and Corrine DeRosa and Seth Adams from Issaquah Middle School.

Each principal shared specifics about their building CIP, including how current goals have been established and what means/strategies/resources have been identified and implemented to address student needs. Each also responded to questions from the Board.

*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**

Board President Brian Deagle called the December 9, 2009 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 7:14 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With Mr. Deagle were board members Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Rasmussen.

Boy Scouts from Troop 696 in the Issaquah High area, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Oath of Office**

The election having been certified by King County Department of Elections, Superintendent Rasmussen gave the Oath of Office to Marnie Maraldo, newly elected board member to Director District #2, and Chad Magendanz, newly elected board member to Director District #4 (Mr. Magendanz has been serving as an appointee to the board completing the vacancy created by the resignation of Mike Winkler; Mr. Magendanz has now been elected to this position for a full term).

### **Board Reorganization**

As required by law, upon the seating of new board members the Superintendent accepted the gavel to preside over the election of a board president for the coming year. Superintendent Rasmussen declared the nominations open for the position of Board President.

Mr. Magendanz nominated Ms. Weaver for the position of Board President.

Ms. Woldseth moved, and Mr. Magendanz seconded, that the nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously.

By voice vote, Ms. Weaver was unanimously elected board president for the coming year and immediately accepted the gavel to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

### **Student Input**

Students from Skyline High School, Tait Stephens, Heidi Fielden and Haley Oswald, were the student representatives to this meeting.

**Public**

- Debbie Nye – District K-12 Science Curriculum Specialist, introduced representatives from the PEI (Pacific Education Institute) in attendance to present awards to four district science teachers for their outstanding work exposing students to exciting outdoor environments where math and science meet everyday life. The representatives: Lynne Ferguson and Dr. Margaret Tudor, PEI Executive Directors, and Pat Otto, teacher trainer. The honored teachers: Jane Ulrich from Sunny Hills Elementary, and Leslie Smith, Diane Parham and Gabrielle Herring from Endeavour Elementary. A brief slide show showing the award winning projects of these outstanding teachers was shared.
- Matthew Barry – resident and parent in the Issaquah High attendance area, requested that the Board remove the Pledge of Allegiance, in its current version including the phrase "...under God..." from the agenda of school board meetings.
- Heather Gillette – President, Issaquah PTSA Council, Council remarks were focused on upcoming bargaining and urged board presence at the bargaining table.
- Jared Spataro, Troop Master for Troop 696 from the IHS attendance area, responded in part to the comments shared by Mr. Barry regarding the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Establish Agenda** – no changes

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Deagle moved, and Ms. Woldseth seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Action was taken as noted on the following 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 9, 2009, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and further described as 1) General Fund vouchers 280664 through 281682 in the total amount of \$1,371,235.16; Capital Projects vouchers 280902 through 281690 in the total amount of \$7,505,704.86; ASB Fund vouchers 280936 through 281751 in the total amount of \$346,434.68; Payroll vouchers 163777 through 163987 in the total amount of \$2,196,793.67; Transportation Vehicle Fund vouchers 281252 through 281253 in the total amount of \$235,494.64; and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$12,461,091.95.
2. Acknowledged receipt of the September-October 2009 Budget Status Report.
3. Accepted eleven gifts: 1) \$4,600 in support of the Cougar Ridge fifth grade environmental camp; 2) \$2,900 to support the Cougar Ridge student recognition program; 3) \$8,248.00 to enhance learning at Grand Ridge Elementary; 4) \$10,983.00 for various student/staff educational enrichment programs at Grand Ridge; 5) \$44,222.00 to support the Middle School After School Homework Program, High School After School Homework Program, Club 7 After School Program and VOICE Mentor Program as identified; 6) \$10,013.78 to purchase reading support materials for Issaquah High School students; 7) \$6,699.09 to the Liberty High Girls Basketball Program; 8) \$3,729.30 toward teacher educational enrichment at Maywood Middle School; 9) \$3,377.57 to the Newcastle Elementary library program; 10) \$10,000.00 for curriculum supplies and equipment at Pine Lake Middle School; and 11) \$4,575.00 to the ASB programs district-wide.
4. Approved Skyline High School Expansion and Alteration Change Order #15 from Lydig Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$235,390.00 plus \$22,362.05 WSST for a total of \$257,752.05.
5. Approved Elementary #15 Change Order #5 from Babbit Neuman Construction Company, in the amount of \$76,956.63 plus \$7,310.88 WSST for a total of \$84,267.51.
6. Approved the minutes of the November 10, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
7. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2009-10 school year.\*
8. Approved certificated leaves of absence for the 2009-10 school year as presented.\*
9. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.\*
10. Approved classified new employees as presented.\*
11. 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=176&KEY=guniuuQw>

### **Revised Maintenance and Operations (M & O) Levy Resolution**

The administration presented a recommendation to the Board to modify the amount approved in October for the replacement M & O levy. The administration explained that the change recommended is to allow the District to maintain a stable tax rate in 2011, 2012 and a declining rate in 2013, and 2014 and provide the authorization to ensure the District's levy authority can withstand change to fiscal and public policy; at this time there is still considerable uncertainty at the State and Federal levels regarding education funding in the coming years.

Following some discussion, Mr. Deagle moved the Board adopt Resolution 965 to replace Resolution 960 which authorizes a replacement levy for education. This replacement levy funds district education programs and school operations and authorizes the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property with the District: in 2011 \$38,200,000 at a projected rate of \$2.06; in 2012 \$40,995,000 at the projected rate of \$2.13; in 2013 \$44,550,000 at the projected rate of \$2.24; and in 2014 \$47,800,000 at the projected rate of \$2.32. The motion was seconded by Ms. Woldseth and carried unanimously.

Updated levy information is available on the District website: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/levy/Default.aspx>

### **Work/Study Summary – CIP Process**

President Weaver and board members summarized the work/study meeting held prior to the start of the regular board meeting.

### **High School Math Plan**

Patrick Murphy, Executive Director of High Schools, summarized the community conversations recently held to gain input and share information about the high school mathematics curriculum. This report was provided for information only, no action required – more information is available on the district website at:

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

Following the administration's report and board discussion, Mr. Mark Van Horne, parent of an IHS graduate, expressed his concern regarding existing math instruction and his support for the Holt curriculum over the Discovery series. Mr. Van Horne also invited further dialogue regarding the math adoptions with the administration.

### **E-4 Technology – Monitoring Report**

Mr. Magendanz moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded that the board accept the monitoring report for E-4 Technology as presented. Following the administration presentation and brief discussion with the board, the motion carried unanimously.

### **E-15 Name Recommendation.**

After brief discussion, Mr. Deagle moved the Board name Elementary 15 Creekside Elementary School effective immediately. Mr. Magendanz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Monitoring Report: EL-1 Global Executive Constraint**

Mr. Magendanz moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded, that the Board accept the annual internal monitoring report for EL-1 Global Executive Constraint as presented. Following brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Construction Projects Update**

Steve Crawford provided an update on district-wide construction projects.

### **2009 WSSDA Conference Summary**

Board members summarized their attendance at the recent annual Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Conference.

### **Legislative Matters**

Mr. Magendanz summarized legislative actions/events since the November board meeting. CFO Kuper summarized the Governor's budget, released today, and potential impact on the Issaquah School District if it is approved in current form.

### **Works in Progress**

Superintendent Rasmussen briefly noted many events/activities taking place throughout the district.

### **Announcements and Correspondence**

President Weaver noted correspondence received by the Board since the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- B. Yoder (4) – sharing his Redmond blog
- R. Petrut – regarding McDonald Creek in the Sunset Valley Farms area
- C. Donnelly (3) – regarding City of Renton possible annexation in the Liberty High area
- L. Brandt (2) – regarding mathematics
- R. Earl – regarding naming E-15
- K. Munn – regarding congratulations on WSSDA award
- S. Day – regarding traffic congestion and building lighting at Maywood Middle School

Board members noted correspondence personally received and reported on various events/activities attended. It was noted that the proposed ban on polystyrene products being considered by the City of Issaquah would likely have an impact on school lunch costs. The food services program is cost neutral, and a ban on polystyrene would mean that all schools within the City limits would need to change products resulting in higher cost of operation.

### **Calendar and Future Agenda Topics**

- Community Linkage with South End – Ms. Weaver will pursue a date. The board would like to meet in each of the three regions prior to the February 9<sup>th</sup> in order to provide an opportunity to answer questions and provide information regarding various community questions as well as the levy election.
- Superintendent Rasmussen asked the board to consider moving the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to February 9<sup>th</sup> in order to facilitate his attendance at the annual American Association of School Administrators Conference, February 10-13. The board will consider action on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Monitoring E-5 step 1 – February meeting

**Adjournment** – 10:27 p.m.

*These minutes were approved as presented at the January 13, 2010 regular meeting.*