

Work/Study Session – 2010 Levy/Bond Discussion

Board President Brian Deagle called the February 11, 2009 meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With Mr. Deagle were Directors Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. The Board immediately moved into work/study session as scheduled to discussion 2010 levy/bond planning.

The need to focus planning and various factors critical to the timeline were discussed, such as the need to allow adequate time for a volunteer campaign committee to organize. The topic is also on the regular meeting agenda to allow for further discussion, and action/direction if any.

6:55 p.m. Short break before reconvening in regular meeting.

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 Deagle called back to order in regular session at 7:14 p.m., noting that the Board has been in work/study session discussing bond/levy planning for 2010 and noted that this work/study discussion will continue later during the regular meeting.

Liberty student Andy Boes led Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Liberty High students Andy Boes, Hannah Robins and Jordan Robinson provided input to the board on a variety of topics and responded to board questions.

Public Input – None

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Consent Agenda

1. Superintendent Rasmussen noted that certificated resignations presented was amended to include a resignation received from Alexander Olsen. Ms. Weaver moved, and Ms. Fletcher seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Action was taken as noted on the following agenda items.
2. 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 January 14, 2009, the Board, by a majority vote, approved for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and further described as: General Fund vouchers 267880 through 268939 in the total amount of \$2,155,589.20; Capital Projects vouchers 268152 through 268952 in the total amount of \$3,563,122.79; ASB Fund vouchers 268165 through 268976 in the total amount of \$298,978.23; Payroll vouchers 161224 through 161403 in the total amount of \$2,167,184.36; an electronic transfer in the amount of \$7,530,980.57; and Transportation Vehicle Fund vouchers 268593 through 268593 in the total amount of \$230,129.00.
3. Declared surplus the obsolete equipment as presented by the administration and authorized the administration to conduct a sale of these items.
4. Accepted one gift of \$8,317.25 for unlimited site licenses for a math software program called FASTT (Fluency and Automaticity through Systematic Teaching and Technology for Briarwood Elementary.

5. Approved the minutes of the January 28, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
6. Approved the minutes of the February 5, 2009 special board meeting regarding HB1410 and SB5444 as presented.
7. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
8. Approved certificated employee resignations/retirements as amended.*
9. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
10. 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=139&KEY=FKar52j7>

Optimum High School Experience

Patrick Murphy, Executive Director of Secondary Education, provided an update to the Board on the Optimum High School Experience Study currently taking place in the District. In addition to the podcast, information on this study is maintained and updated on the district web site at

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

2010 Levy/Bond Discussion

President Deagle provided a summary of the preceding work/study session looking at 2010 ballot measures.

The Board and administration discussed direction needed from the board, other decisions to be made, and what process will be used to continue moving forward toward a February 2010 ballot.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed that the topic will return to the Board for action at the February 25th meeting to determine if a bond should be included and to make sure that the process for developing any measure(s) is clear, and appropriate opportunities for public input are included.

The administration will incorporate modifications to the charter drafted for a proposed Levy Development Committee, develop a timeline and provide other materials at the February 25th meeting.

Construction Projects Update

Steve Crawford provided an update on current construction projects in the District. The report is available on-line at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects/projects/default.aspx>.

Legislative Matters

- Board members summarized the WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference February 8/9 in Olympia.
- Ms. Weaver noted that Representative Glenn Anderson offered to visit the District some Saturday to talk about issues around the task force and other education related legislation. The Board directed the administration to pursue the offer through Rep. Anderson's office.
- Dr. Rasmussen cautioned that once the February 19th budget forecast comes out in Olympia, the legislators will be focused on that and finding a workable date may be difficult.
- Ms. Fletcher provided an update on the potential impact of IDEA and other legislative action on the District.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen provided a brief update on various works in progress district-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence

- Sportsmanship at athletic events was discussed as a result of an incident at a recent basketball game out-of-district.
- Thank you messages to the Board in honor of School Board Appreciation month were extended from the Issaquah Schools Foundation, Briarwood PTA, and Sunny Hills kindergarten students.

Future Agenda Topics

- On February 25th the board will take action on whether to include a bond on the 2010 ballot.
- The agenda for the February 28th special meeting will be determined. .
 - Monitoring board/superintendent policies, governance policies
 - Board members were asked to send any other thoughts on this agenda to Mr. Deagle for compilation.
- A process to obtain community input on funding priorities needs to be clearly determined.
- Mr. Kuper noted he will be bringing budget guidelines to the Board again in May.

Calendar – No additional

9:55 move to exec session as scheduled per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a). Mr. Deagle announced the session will last about 15 minutes and there will be no action to follow.

10:15 p.m. The Board moved back to open session and immediate adjournment.

These minutes were approved as presented at the February 25, 2009 regular board meeting.