

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

Issaquah School Board President Brian Deagle called the February 25, 2009 regular school board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. Also present were board members Connie Fletcher, Jan Woldseth, Suzanne Weaver, Chad Magendanz and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Liberty High student Hannah Robins led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Hannah Robins, Andy Boes and Jordan Robinson, Liberty High students, were this week's student representatives and they responded to questions regarding their classroom experiences.

Public Input

- The following teachers recently were awarded National Board Certification. They were introduced, sincerely congratulated on their achievement, and talked about the certification process and value with the Board. Carol Best, second grade at Discovery Elementary; Lori Fisher, first grade at Endeavour Elementary; Kara Heaphy, science at Beaver Lake Middle School; Gabrielle Herring, Kindergarten at Endeavour Elementary; Kathryn Krueger, music at Challenger Elementary; Jennifer Mountford, language arts at Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus; Rena Pitasky, math at Pine Lake Middle School; Carrie Reckling, Spanish at Beaver Lake Middle School; Kourtney Smith, first grade at Discovery Elementary; Ann Swiftney, humanities at Issaquah Middle School; Leah Van More, Science at Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus; Michele Van More, Humanities at Pine Lake Middle School; and Jonathan Whitney, world studies at Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus.
- Thomas Brown – groundskeeper on the Plateau. Spoke to the bargaining with the custodial/maintenance union.

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. Acknowledged receipt of the December 2008 Budget Status Report.
2. Directed the administration to move up the timeline for ceasing the practice of granting credit for school-directed athletics, and to allow principals to exercise their authority to grant a .25 waiver of the graduation PE credit requirements in appropriate situations for the graduating classes of 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.
3. Approved the Skyline High School Expansion and alternation Change Order #5 from Lydig Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$55,228.00 plus \$4,970.52 WSST for a total of \$60,198.52.
4. Accepted seven gifts: 1) \$8,215.91 a variety of identified equipment and resources for Challenger Elementary; 2) \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of a new baseball scoreboard at Issaquah High; 3) \$4,750.00 toward the "Science to Go" program at Endeavour Elementary; 4) \$7,502.15 to purchase additional ActivBoards for Issaquah Middle School; 5) \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of a new baseball scoreboard at Issaquah High; 6) \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of a new baseball scoreboard at Issaquah High; 7) \$3,145.00 as identified toward the girls' swim team and football uniforms and equipment at Issaquah High.
5. Approved the minutes of the February 11, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
6. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*

7. Approved the certificated resignations/retirements as presented.*
8. Approved certificated leaves of absence without pay 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 employee 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=141&KEY=Sj3gOLVG>

2010 Levy/Bond Discussion

After briefly reviewing direction received at the February 11th meeting and noting how that direction has been incorporated into planning for a 2010 ballot measure, Ms. Fletcher moved the board direct the administration to prepare for a February 2010 levy election which will include three ballot measures: four year Maintenance and Operations Levy, Critical Repair/Technology Levy and a one year Transportation Levy. Recommendation for the amount of the proposed ballot measures will be forwarded to the Board for deliberation and approval. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Emphasis was placed on the following points:

- No decision has been made, nor implied, for 2012 or other future ballots, but that those election measures will be carefully and comprehensively considered when appropriate. Specifically, no bond measure has been established for 2012, but will be considered at the appropriate time.
- The Board is seeking broad community input on ballot measures and the Board and administration will seek input from community members, business representatives, parents, and all stakeholders in the Issaquah School District.
- Equity and standards will be considered as buildings submit needs lists and decisions are made for programs, equipment, resources.

Construction Projects Update

CFO/COO Jake Kuper provided an update on current construction projects in the district. In addition to the podcast, Construction Updates are updated and maintained on line at
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects/projects/default.aspx>.

Legislative Matters

- The Board and administration discussed the state revenue forecast and various funding elements, such as I-728, Title 1 and IDEA funding.
- Ms. Fletcher provided an update on some ed related bills currently being processed in Olympia.
- February 26, 2009 is the PTA Focus Day in Olympia – all are welcome to participate.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen provided a brief review of various works in progress throughout the District.

Announcements and Correspondence

Ms. Fletcher encouraged board members and the administration to visit the Washington State School Directors' Association web site and review the potential for a "Washington Lighthouse Project" related to how board leadership impacts and improves student learning. The information can be accessed at:
<http://wssda.org/wssda/WebForms/En-Us/WSSDAServices/BoardDevelopment/Lighthouse/LHIndex.asp>. Ms. Fletcher would like the Issaquah School Board to consider indicating an interest and/or commitment for participating in the project if the WSSDA decides to proceed.

Future Agenda Topics

- The Board took action on January 28th to schedule a special work study/retreat session on Saturday, February 28th; since that time, additional topics for discussion have become necessary. In order to allow for discussion on legislation and the potential impact on district budget planning and staffing, as well as organization of future agenda topics, a new motion to establish the meeting was presented. Ms. Woldseth moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the Board schedule a special meeting on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss: the half-year review required in the superintendent’s contract, monitoring the board’s performance, work with new board member on policy updates, and legislation and potential impact on district budget planning and staffing, and future agenda topics. Following some discussion, the motion carried unanimously. As always, the meeting is open to the public, with the exception of the time spent in executive session for the half-yearly evaluation conference with the superintendent. Superintendent Rasmussen noted that the conversation around future agenda topics is primarily prioritization of the “parking lot” items identified by the Board over the past several months.

Calendar

- March 19th the Washington State School Directors’ Association will hold a regional meeting in the Issaquah School District Board Room. All board members indicated they would plan to attend.

Executive Session

9:08 p.m. the Board recessed into executive session to talk about personnel and bargaining per RCW 42.30.240 (4) (a)

10:00 p.m. the Board moved back into open session and immediate adjournment.

These minutes were approved as presented at the March 11, 2009 regular board meeting.