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President Brian Deagle called the March 11, 2009 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. The Board moved immediately into executive session as scheduled. Also present were board members Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. The executive session was held for the purpose of conducting the half-yearly evaluation conversation with Superintendent Rasmussen. President Deagle called the meeting back to order in open session at 7:10 p.m.

Liberty High student Andy Boes led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Student Report**

Hannah Robins and Andy Boes from Liberty High responded to the board and provide input on various issues/classes/events.

### **Public Input**

Input was provided to the board from the following:

- Allison Merriweather – PTSA Council – urged the board to review the e-mail communications process, and ensuring open lines of communication.
- Diane Holt, new principal for Issaquah Valley Elementary was introduced and welcomed
- Robin Earl, Challenger Elementary principal was introduced as the newly assigned planning principal for E-15.
- Neva Luke, President IEA, expressed concern for the bargaining climate and urged that energy be directed in “positive ways.”
- Steve Kirby – urged the board to utilize local companies in construction projects.

**Establishment of Regular Agenda** – No changes. The agenda and files for this meeting can be accessed at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/events/ViewEvent.aspx?ID=145&KEY=4vZvaUNk>

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. Accepted two gifts: 1) \$6,027.00 for the GLAD program (Guided Language Acquisition Design), and 2) \$52,651.00 to a variety of district programs as identified.
2. Approved the following basic materials: *Grade 9/10 and 11/12 F.L.A.S.H. Curriculum*
3. Authorized issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the Base Bid for the Issaquah High School Reconstruction Project to Cornerstone General Contractors, Inc., for \$61,511,946 plus WSST of \$5,536,075.14 for a total of \$67,048,021.44.
4. Approved the minutes of the February 25, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
5. Approved the minutes of the February 28, 2009 special meeting as presented.
6. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.\*
7. Approved certificated employee resignations/retirements as presented.\*
8. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2009-10 school year.\*

9. Approved leave(s) of absence without pay for the 2009-10 school year as presented.\*
10. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.\*
11. Approved new classified employees as presented.\*
12. Approved the agreement reached with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO District Lodge No. 160, Local Lodge No. 289, September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

\*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=145&KEY=4vZvaUNk>

### **E-2 Academics and Foundations – Monitoring Report**

Superintendent Rasmussen presented the monitoring report for E-2 Academics and Foundations. The content of the presentation is available on line at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/policies/ends.aspx>.

There was considerable discussion, available on the podcast, regarding the content of the report and how the district can measure that Issaquah students, upon graduation, are academically prepared and confident to pursue higher education or specialized career training.

Ms. Woldseth moved, and Mr. Magendanz seconded, that the Board accept the monitoring report for E-2 Academics and Foundations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Construction Projects Update**

Steve Crawford provided an update on current active construction projects in the District. Construction reports are available on line at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects/projects/default.aspx>.

Tom Nikirk, a professional glazier, urged the board to support and “...perhaps go above and beyond” the Washington state standards with regard to apprenticeship programs in the trades as well as to utilize local construction laborers.

### **Summary of Special Board Work/Study Session**

President Deagle provided a summary of the Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> a special meeting held in the Board Room from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The time was spent with the Board monitoring Governance Policies and reflecting how board is performing with regard to policy. He noted the benefit gained from self reflection the board agreed the time was well spent.

President Deagle also noted the board met in executive session prior to this meeting to conduct a half-year evaluation discussion with the superintendent; this was scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>, but time ran out before it was accomplished.

The Board will schedule another work/study session to complete the monitoring of board policy. (*Note: under the calendar discussion the Board set this work/study session for March 18<sup>th</sup>.*)

### **Audit Exit Interview Committee**

Ms. Woldseth moved that board members Brian Deagle and Chad Magendanz participate in the state audit exit interview process on March 24, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weaver and carried unanimously.

**Legislative Matters**

- CFO Kuper reported on the status of various ed funding bills currently being processed in Olympia and noted that the next state revenue forecast will come out on March 19.

**Works in Progress**

Superintendent Rasmussen provided an update on various works in progress throughout the District.

**Announcements and Correspondence** - None

**Future Agenda Topics**

- Further discussion on the achievement gap
- Communications and e-mail policy
- Identifying linkage opportunities

**Calendar**

- Board members agreed to hold April 27<sup>th</sup> for meeting with the Renton City Council. That date will be confirmed and will be presented for action at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Ms. Weaver moved that the Board calendar a special meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 4 to 9 p.m. in the Administration Building for the purpose of continuing monitoring policies and prioritizing parking lot items. This is to finish the work begun by the Board on February 28, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Woldseth and carried unanimously.

**Exec Session** – the executive session was not needed at this time.

**Adjournment**

The Board moved to adjourn at 10:10 pm.

*These minutes were approved as presented at the regular ISD school board meeting held March 25, 2009.*