

Work/Study

President Jan Woldseth called the Issaquah School Board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. With Ms. Woldseth were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Mr. Winkler arrived at 6:38 p.m.

The Board and administration discussed the Math Path program and its implementation. A news article from the Wall Street Journal referenced in the discussion may be accessed at:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB120465579132610785.html?mod=personal_finance_yahoo. Other materials referenced include an article in Ed Week magazine:

http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2008/03/19/28math_ep.h27.html?qs=national+math+panel, and the Washington State K-12 Mathematics Standards, March 2008: <http://www.utdanacenter.org/wamathrevision/>

Other materials/handouts may be obtained by contacting the Teaching and Learning Department at (425) 837-7030.

Per the Board's request, the administration will return to the Board with an update in about 6 weeks (May 28) on how implementation of the program is going, and to hear the administration's plans to assure staff and capacity are in place to meet student needs in advanced mathematics.

A very brief update was provided by Mr. Gallagher on high school graduation coming up on June 12th. The administration is monitoring closely to assist students who are "down to the wire" and still have graduation requirements to meet.

Superintendent Rasmussen will provide a brief update on GLAD and National Board Certification under Works in Progress.

7:04 short break before back to order

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 March 26, 2008 Issaquah School Board meeting back to order at 7:18 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center, noting the Board has been in work/study session since 6 p.m. In addition to Ms. Woldseth, board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen were in attendance.

Sara Niegowski led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public

- Heather Gillette – PTSA Council – thanks to board members who attended golden acorn awards.

Student Representative Input

Summer Thompson, LHS, reviewed activities and events at Liberty High and events at other high schools were shared as well.

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

The administration asked that legal matters be added to the topics to be discussed during the executive session scheduled at end of meeting. The Board agreed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- Accepted two gifts: 1) \$11,867.92 to purchase six sets of Activotes and two Activhubs for Discovery Elementary, and 2) \$10,600.00 for the purchase of P.E. equipment for PCFC.
- Approved the minutes of the March 12, 2008 regular meeting as presented.
- Approved certificated employee resignations/retirements as presented.*
- Approved leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.*
- Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
- Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
- Approved classified new employees as presented.*
- 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=105&KEY=1JMhtEjj>

Continuous Improvement Plans (CIPs)

Lynn noted that some resource information has been attached to the agenda for this meeting for easy reference related to the CIP process in the district, including a url link to the OSPI site to access individual school report cards:
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/Events/ViewEvent.aspx?ID=105&KEY=1JMhtEjj>

Individual building CIPs will be presented for Board action at the April 23rd meeting.

Monitoring Report – EL-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students

The administration and Board discussed the monitoring report for EL-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students. The one exception noted was due to some collection of support materials that has now been completed and the board agreed that with that support material in place the report could be accepted as presented. Mr. Thiele will update the report before it is placed on line.

Mr. Winkler moved the board approve the superintendent’s internal annual monitoring report for EL-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Randy Nevin – Skyline attendance area – urged the board and administration to keep in mind studies that conclude kids need 9 hours of sleep to be prepared to learn well, and that district bell times, at the secondary level in particular, would be better later in the morning. He asked that this be kept in mind the next time the Board has the opportunity to considering “school environment.”

Legislative Matters

- Legislators have been invited to the May 14th board meeting to debrief the most recent legislative session, and begin preliminary planning for the next session.
- Report on the Ed Finance Task Force, and most recent Task Force meeting.
- Ms. Fletcher noted she has talked with OSPI Superintendent Dr. Bergeson regarding the YWCA’s Passage Point Project; Ms. Fletcher feels the District is well-linked to OSPI on this project.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen reported on a variety of works in progress District-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence – None

Calendar

Mr. Winkler moved the Board schedule a special meeting on May 27, 2008 for the purpose of a joint meeting with the Newcastle City Council at 6:30 p.m. – location to be determined. The Board tries to meet annually with other governmental agencies within district boundaries on an informal basis to discuss matters of mutual interest/concern. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fletcher and carried unanimously.

Ms. Fletcher moved and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the Board schedule a work/study session for Tuesday evening, April 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Motion carried unanimously. Note: The Board generally holds work/study prior to regular meetings, but the Issaquah Schools Foundation will be making grant award presentations on April 23rd, hence the work/study on April 22nd.

Future Agenda Topics

- The administration will report on math implementation at the May 28th meeting.

Executive Session

The Board moved to executive session - bargaining, as scheduled on the agenda per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a). The executive session is anticipated to last approximately 15 minutes and there will be no action to follow.

Executive Session: 8:54 p.m.

Return to open session and immediate adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the April 23, 2008 board meeting.