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### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Issaquah School Board President Jan Woldseth called the regular meeting of April 23, 2008 to order at 7:05 p.m. With President Woldseth were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

It was noted that since 6 p.m. the Board has enjoyed the presentation of the 2008 Issaquah Schools Foundation grant awards.

Hamilton McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided a recap of the ISF presentations of 29 grants totaling over \$77,000!

### **Public**

- Lindsay Grove, LHS student, re: program scheduling at Liberty HS.
- Rebecca Tell – Senior at LHS, re: Survival Science as an elective at Liberty.
- Pat Walker – EA at Maywood Middle School, re: contract agreement with SEIU / EAs.
- Nancy Campi – PTSA Co-President w/Heather Gillette, re: PTSA activities.

### **Student Representative Input**

Lindsay Grove and Summer Thompson reported on various events and activities taking place in District high schools.

### **Establishment of Regular Agenda** – No changes

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

The Board agreed that approval of the individual building Continuous Improvement Plans will be removed from the consent agenda for action in May. Ratification of the agreement with Service Employees International Union (SEIU – Educational Assistants) was walked on to the consent agenda for action. Mr. Winkler moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded that the consent agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Acknowledged receipt of the January/February 2008 Budget Status Report.
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 April 23, 2008, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and further described as: General Fund vouchers 257128 through 258749 in the total amount of \$2,612,284.69; Capital Projects vouchers 257300 through 258767 in the total amount of \$1,068,940.51; ASB fund vouchers 257316 through 258808 in the total amount of \$655,237.77; Payroll warrants 158127 through 158343 in the total amount of \$2,032,236.86; and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$7,194,422.40.
3. Declared surplus the obsolete equipment as presented by the administration and authorized the administration to conduct a sale of those items.
4. Accepted four gifts: 1) \$16,000 to purchase new playground equipment for Challenger Elementary; 2) \$26,168 to purchase ActivBoards and ActivVotes or Expressions for the students at Issaquah Middle School; \$5,065 to purchase an 8' x 10' utility trailer and help support the Air Rifle Skills NJROTC team at Liberty High School; and \$4,020.02 to purchase a timing system for the track program at Skyline High School.

5. Approved submission of the Capital Facilities Plan – Draft to the King County School Technical Review Committee as presented.
6. Approved the minutes of the March 26, 2008 regular board meeting as presented.
7. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2007-08 school year.\*
8. Approved certificated resignations/retirements (07-08) as presented.\*
9. Approved certificated leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.\*
10. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.\*
11. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.\*
12. Approved new classified employees for 2007-08 as presented.\*
13. Approved classified employee resignations/retirements/terminations as presented.\*
14. Approved the agreement reached with the Service Employees International Union, Local 925, September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010.

\*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=106&KEY=3Ciu4u77>

### **I-728 Plan and PUBLIC HEARING**

As required by law, President Woldseth declared open the public hearing on the I-728 funding plan at 7:25 p.m.. Prior to inviting input, the administration presented a brief outline of the plan. Public comments were invited, however, no input was provided. The hearing was declared closed at 7:29 p.m.

### **Monitoring Report – EL-2 Treatment of People**

Ms. Weaver moved that the Board approve the Superintendent’s internal annual monitoring report for EL-2 Treatment of People. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winkler. Following a summary presentation by Superintendent Rasmussen, and some language discussion/agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board and Superintendent agreed that the word “illegal” should be removed from #3 in the policy statement: “The superintendent shall not permit any form of illegal discrimination.” However, that is policy language, and it is the board’s responsibility to determine policy language. The Board agreed to discuss the policy at the next board meeting in order to determine if revisions are in order and if so, to take appropriate action.

### **NSBA Conference Report**

Board members Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver and Jan Woldseth recently attended the National School Board Association Annual Conference and each provided a brief report on the conference – meetings/classes they attended, interesting findings, professional development experienced as board members and resources they brought back to share with staff and board colleagues. A short (approximately 3-4 minute) DVD was played entitled *All Children Can Learn*.

### **Legislative Matters**

- Ms. Fletcher reported on the most recent work of the Basic Education Finance Task Force.
- Ms. Fletcher will work with the administration to coordinate the discussion with legislators scheduled for the May 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting. An hour will be allowed for this discussion.
- Katie Haycock, President of Education Trust, will be in Seattle 4/28 @ 7 p.m. to make a presentation on improving achievement and closing gaps between groups of students.

**Works in Progress**

Superintendent Rasmussen reported on various events and activities district-wide.

**Announcements and Correspondence**

Ms. Woldseth shared a letter from the Bellevue School District acknowledging their efforts to more effectively process BSD correspondence so that it goes only to BSD parents. Overlapping mail boundaries of the City of Bellevue with the Issaquah and Bellevue Schools Districts boundaries created some confusion when BSD last mailed voter information.

**Calendar**

- Board members explored June 6/7 as dates for a board work/session. Action to be taken at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- There will be an informal joint meeting with members of the Newcastle City Council and the Issaquah School Board on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss areas of mutual interest.
- The High School Graduation Requirements Committee will meet tomorrow, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Individual building Continuous Improvement Plans
- May 14 – Policy EL-2
- A work/study on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills matching our ends statements
- How Board e-mail correspondence is processed

**Executive Session** - None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

*These minutes were approved as presented at the May 14, 2008 board meeting.*