

Work/study – Communications

Issaquah School Board President Brian Deagle called the May 13, 2009 work/study session to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. At the table were board members Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth, and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

The work/study was focused on effective board communications, specifically e-mail correspondence.

No formal action is taken at work/study sessions, but the Board reaffirmed the current practice of listing individual e-mail links to board members as well as a collective link to the school board (all members) on the website (for individual board members:

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/members.aspx>, and for the board collectively:
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/Default.aspx>).

Board members also affirmed that they will use their district e-mail account, rather than any personal accounts, when handling board business.

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 Brian Deagle called the May 13, 2009 regular meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 7:19 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. Other board members present were Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Issaquah High student Riley Goodman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Report

IHS students Bobby Johnson and Riley Goodman Bobby were the student representatives at this meeting.

Public Input

- Nancy Campi – PTSA Co-President reported on recent PTSA Conference and noted the honors received by Issaquah School District PTA groups and individuals.
- Jodi Bongard, Exec Director of Elementary Ed, introduced May Pelto, the new principal for Clark Elementary effective July 1, 2009 when current Clark Principal Sue McPeak becomes the principal at Challenger Elementary.

Establishment of Regular Agenda- No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

Superintendent Rasmussen presented one amendment to the consent agenda: an additional certificated employee resignation has been received and included in the listing submitted for board approval on the consent agenda. Mr. Magendanz moved and Ms. Fletcher seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as amended. Motion carries unanimously. Action was taken as noted on the following consent agenda items.

1. 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 May 13, 2009, 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 272826 through 273601 in the total amount of \$959,055.98; Capital Projects vouchers 273035 through 273625 in the total amount of \$5,000,999.66; ASB Fund vouchers 273064 through 273674 in the total amount of \$193,486.53; Payroll vouchers 162200 through 162442 in the total amount of \$2,089,718.07; and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$7,814,562.60.
2. Declared obsolete equipment as presented by the administration and authorized the administration to conduct a sale of these items.
3. Approved the Constructability Review and Value Engineering Study for Elementary #15.
4. Approved three gifts: 1) \$2,664 for Powerful Teaching training; 2) \$3,185. for football uniforms at Liberty High; and 3) \$4,000 for an auctioned parking space at Newcastle Elementary.
5. Approved the minutes of the April 22, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
6. Approved the minutes of the April 27, 2009 special meeting with the Renton City Council as presented.
7. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
8. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2009-10 school year.*
9. Approved the certificated resignations/retirements as amended.*
10. Approved certificated leaves of absence without pay for the 2009-10 school year as presented.*
11. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
12. Approved classified new employees as presented.*
13. 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=148&KEY=XDfBlq8w>

Issaquah High School Car Pooling Program

Dennis Chang, Ashley Lester, and Alex Spencer, IHS students made a presentation to the Board summarizing the successful, student-developed, car pooling program at Issaquah High School. This program was developed to address the reduction in parking available at that site during the construction project.

Issaquah High School Stadium Naming Proposal

Mardi Nystrom presented a proposal for dedicating the Issaquah High School Football Stadium in memory of Gary Moore, former Issaquah High teacher and coach.

Ms. Nystrom briefly outlined the teaching/coaching career of Gary Moore at Issaquah High School (1963-2002), explained why she was proposing the IHS football stadium be named in his honor, and shared many supportive comments and messages she has received as word of the proposal has spread. Per District policy, Ms. Nystrom has also made certain that the proposal has the support of the building principal and other stakeholders at Issaquah High School. She provided assurance that there would be no initial or significant maintenance cost to the District and outlined the plan for dedicating the memorial.

The proposal will return to the May 27, 2009 meeting agenda for Board action.

Levy 2010 Superintendent's Recommendation

The Board and administration discussed Superintendent Rasmussen's levy 2010 recommendations which were based on the work of the Levy Development Committee. The recommendation included a four-year Maintenance and Operations levy, a four-year Capital levy (which includes critical needs and technology), and a one-year Transportation levy to be presented to the voters in February, 2010.

The recommendation is under consideration, public input is welcome, and board may take action at the next meeting.

Construction Projects Updates

Steve Crawford presented an update on construction projects district-wide. Project updates and timelines are available on-line at:

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects/projects/default.aspx>.

Brad Moore, a representative of WA state plumbers and pipe fitters, urged the Board to use local workers on construction projects, and support trades apprentice programs.

10:13 p.m. Break

10:20 p.m. Back to order

EL-10 Structure of Schools – Monitoring Report

Ms. Weaver moved the Board accept the annual internal monitoring report for EL-10 Structure of Schools as presented. At the conclusion of discussion, the motion passed with Directors Deagle, Fletcher, Weaver and Woldseth voting in favor of the motion, and Director Magendanz voting against the motion, indicating a need for additional evidence.

Debrief Work/Study Session

President Deagle briefly summarized the discussion held at the 6 p.m. work/study on board communications, particularly focused on e-mail. The discussion will be continued at a future date.

Legislative Matters

Ms. Fletcher agreed to coordinate a legislative debrief with local legislators sometime after the June revenue forecast is available.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen summarized some of the events and activities taking place in the District.

Announcements and Correspondence

- Ms. Fletcher announced that she will not seek a fourth term on the school board when her term expires in November, 2009.
- Mr. Magendanz noted that the League of Education Voters would be holding a town hall meeting with Kati Haycock on May 18th beginning at 7 p.m. Information available at their web site.
- Also on May 18th, high school principals will hold a “Conversation Café” and invite community members to talk about the Optimal High School Experience. The Café will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Future Agenda Topics – no new topics added

Ms. Fletcher will pursue a legislative debrief at a future meeting. The second June meeting was suggested (June 24).

Calendar

Date for legislative debrief to be determined.

Executive Session

Superintendent Rasmussen noted that there was no need for the scheduled executive session

Adjournment

President Deagle adjourned the meeting at 11:13 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the May 27, 2009 school board meeting.