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

President Woldseth called the May 14, 2008 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 7:07 p.m. With President Woldseth were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Board member Mike Winkler arrived at 8 p.m.

Ms. Woldseth noted the Board has been in executive session since 6 p.m. on personnel matters per RCW 42.30.110 (g).

Sara Paulson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public**

Student representatives from each high school invited board members to attend graduation ceremonies and requested the Board select a representative to accept the graduating class.

The Issaquah High School graduating class will be accepted by Jan Woldseth  
The Skyline High School graduating class will be accepted by Connie Fletcher  
The Liberty High School graduating class will be accepted by Suzanne Weaver  
The Tiger Mountain Community High School graduating class will be accepted by Mike Winkler

**Cindy Pfeifer** – Liberty attendance area – block schedule change at Liberty  
**Alesa Trager** – Liberty parent – boundary review / high school population balance  
**Julie Varon** – LHS attendance area – boundary review / high school population balance  
**Jayne Bell** – LHS attendance area – boundary review / high school population balance  
**Robin Callahan** – LHS parent – block schedule change at Liberty  
**Maryann DiPasquale** – Liberty parent – Petition calling for investigation into the decision-making process and data supporting a changed schedule at Liberty High School.  
**Anne Moore** – IHS attendance area – boundary review / Liberty capacity  
**Paul Galasso** – LHS parent – block schedule at Liberty  
**Linda Bergam** – LHS parent – block program at Liberty / Liberty image issues  
**Ron Thruelsen**, Liberty teacher – block schedule opportunities  
**Nancy Campi** – PTSA co-president – State PTSA annual convention report  
**Lynn Juniel** – Skyline attendance area – Liberty schedule opportunities

### **Student Representative Input**

Airam Alvarez and Chelsea Cree, Skyline, reported on various high school events taking place district-wide.

Due to time taken for Public Input, and the Board's commitment to meet with legislators between 8 and 9 p.m., the board will take a short break and move directly to agenda item Conversation with Legislators.

8:05 p.m. Break  
8:12 p.m. Back to order

### **Conversation with Legislators**

The Board was pleased to welcome Senator Cheryl Pflug, Senator Rodney Tom, and Legislative Representatives Judy Clibborn, Ross Hunter, and Fred Jarrett to this meeting. These legislators joined the Board in discussing the recent legislative session, thoughts about what to expect from the upcoming session, as well as how legislative action has/may impact the Issaquah School District.

In no particular order, legislators responded to these questions:

- Are you hopeful that the Basic Education Finance Task Force will bring about meaningful change? And what can we do in Issaquah to help the effort?
- In its review of graduation requirements, the State Board of Education is developing a “Core 24” proposal, requiring 24 credits for high school graduation. How are we (or any other district) going to be able to accommodate this proposal within the constraints of our current six-period day? Is the Legislature prepared to fully fund the increasing requirements of courses and credits—which might include funding a six-period day, allowing districts to use local levies to fund a seventh?
- The District is working with service agencies to plan for Passage Point, which could become a model program for at-risk youth statewide. Because of the unique and severe academic, behavioral, and emotional needs of this influx of children, we predict it will cost \$290,500 to prepare our teachers and staff. Are you committed to helping us get this additional funding?
- Do you think the change to end-of-course assessments instead of the high school math WASL will benefit student learning? How will the state oversee the formation of the exit tests to make sure they are more effective than the perceived weaknesses of the current WASL assessment?
- What can we as a board do to work more effectively to increase student achievement in Issaquah?

The entire discussion is available on the District podcast for this meeting (see top of page 1 for link).

9:28 break

9:48 back to order

### **Consent agenda**

Ms. Fletcher moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded, that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Action was taken as indicated on the 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 14, 2008, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and described as: General Fund vouchers 258809 through 259585 in the total amount of \$1,090,649.70; Capital Projects vouchers 259052 through 259592 in the total amount of \$1,367,537.00; ASB Fund vouchers 259064 through 259670 in the total amount of \$247,638.23; Payroll warrants 158344 through 158545 in the total amount of \$2,032,943.94; and an electronic transfer in the total amount of \$7,133,574.95.
2. Accepted eight gifts: 1) \$9,525.38 for the Playworld Systems Challenger Structure playground equipment at Briarwood Elementary; 2) \$7,091.56 to pay for risers for the music program at Briarwood Elementary; 3) \$5,198.34 as the first installment to purchase and professionally install a climbing wall in the gym at Cougar Ridge Elementary; 4) \$77,125.00 for the 2008-09 Classroom Enrichment Grants and Kateri Brow Grants; 5) \$9,196.88 to provide enrichment and extra teaching materials at Grand Ridge Elementary; 6) \$6,752.00 to be divided among classes at Issaquah High School as stipulated; 7) \$35,350.00 for weight room improvements at Liberty High School; 8) \$7,000.00 to purchase mats for the wrestling program at Skyline High School.
3. Approved the minutes of the April 22, 2008 special board meeting as presented.

4. Approved the minutes of the April 23, 2008 regular board meeting as presented.
5. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2007-08 school year.\*
6. Approved certificated resignations/retirements as presented.\*
7. Approved certificated employee leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.\*
8. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.\*
9. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.\*
10. Approved new classified new employees as presented.\*
11. 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=108&KEY=qtGVYQuG>

### **EL-2 Treatment of people**

Following brief discussion, the Board agreed that no change to Executive Limitation – 2 Treatment of People is needed.

### **Budget Development**

Exec. Director of Finance Jake Kuper inquired if there are any questions regarding the *Superintendent's Direction for 2008-09 Budget Development* document. Brief discussion and no action required.

### **Legislative Matters** - None

### **Works in Progress**

Superintendent Rasmussen provided brief updates on various works in progress throughout the district.

### **Announcements and Correspondence**

The Board acknowledged they have been reading many e-mail messages regarding the block schedule, boundary review process and high school programs and thanked people for providing their input.

### **Calendar**

Ms. Weaver moved, and Ms. Fletcher seconded, that the Board schedule a special meeting for the purpose of a board work/study retreat on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Future Agenda Topics**- None noted

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

*These minutes were approved as presented at the May 28, 2008 school board meeting.*