

Work/Study Session

President Brian Deagle called the Issaquah School District May 27, 2009 meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center and moved directly into work/study session on the 2010 levy recommendations as scheduled. With President Deagle were directors Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

The Board and administration addressed each of the three proposals separately: Maintenance and Operations Levy, Transportation Levy, Critical Needs Levy (including technology). At the conclusion of the discussion:

- No further questions regarding the M & O proposal to submit a levy at the maximum level allowable; a four-year levy with the tax rate not to exceed the Board's self-imposed \$3.89 per \$1000 of assessed value.
- No further questions regarding the Transportation Levy; a one-year levy in the amount of \$1,700,000.
- A Board sub-committee will review the Critical Needs Levy (including technology) and will report back to the Board at the June 10th meeting on the review; there were questions regarding the cost estimations in the proposal.
- The administration will seek additional information regarding economic climate in this region to help ascertain the community's ability/willingness to support the proposals.

These proposals were presented for discussion; action on the recommendation is anticipated at the June 10th board meeting.

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 Deagle called the regular meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 7:11 p.m. on May 27, 2009 in the Board Room of the Administration Center. With President Deagle were Directors Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Mr. Deagle apologized for the late start due to the preceding work/study session on the 2010 levy proposals.

Abby Englund, IHS student, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Darci Curtin and Abby Englund, IHS, were the student representatives at this meeting.

Public Input

- State Representative Glenn Anderson provided a brief summary of "where we are now" with regard to the recently concluded legislative session. More information will be available when the next revenue forecast comes out in June.
 - Ramesh Mandyam – BLMS attendance area – expressed concern about cell tower safety in general, and the process used to communicate with the BLMS neighborhood about the potential for placement of a cell tower on Beaver Lake Middle School grounds.
 - Patricia Vargas – BLMS attendance area – same as above
 - Jim Hill – BLMS attendance area – same as above
- It was acknowledged that the district is re-looking at this issue to either 1) find another location, or 2) rescind the agreement. CFO/O Jake Kuper agreed, and noted that better communications will be in place for any future considerations, and, in response to a question from the board noted that placement of a tower results in \$1000 to the district and \$1,300-\$1,500/month in perpetuity.

- Anne Moore – IHS attendance area – concern regarding current proposed high school math curriculum adoption.
Associate Superintendent Ron Thiele and Chief Academic Officer Lynn Brogan summarized the math adoption process to date and responded to Board questions.

Establishment of Regular Agenda

There were no changes to the content of the agenda, but the order was changed to address the construction report immediately following the bond refunding topic in order to address a number of people in attendance to participate in the construction conversation.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. Approved the District and building level one-page CIP summaries.
2. Acknowledged receipt of the March 2009 Budget Status Report.
3. Approved Skyline High School Expansion and Alteration Change Order #7 from Lydig Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$397,303.00 plus \$37, 743.79 WSST for a total of \$435,046.79.
4. Adopted Resolution 948 acknowledging that the Issaquah School District No. 411 does certify that the construction of Elementary #15 will be completed for purposes for which the state matching funds are being provided as required by WAC 392-344-130.
5. Accepted three gifts: 1) \$4,245.35 for various supplies/training items for Maywood Middle School; 2) \$10,000.00 for band supplies at Liberty High School; and 3) \$3,382.00 for general staff/student needs district-wide.
6. Approved a tree planting at Tiger Mountain Community High School in memory of former student Elsie Chan as presented.
7. Approved the minutes of the May 13, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
8. Approved certificated resignations/retirements as presented.*
9. Approved certificated leave(s) of absence without pay for the 2009-10 school year as presented.*
10. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
11. Approved classified new employees as presented.*
12. 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=149&KEY=758eA83t>.

Bond Refunding

Following presentation of information related to the recommended bond refunding/refinancing, Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the Board accept the offer from Seattle Northwest Securities and adopt Resolution No. 947, providing for the issuance and sale of \$6,475,000 of general obligation refunding bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Annette Sommer, Seattle Northwest Securities; Deanna Gregory, K&L Gates; and independent financial advisor Bob Yeasting made brief presentations and responded to board questions.

It was noted that taking this action would save district taxpayers approximately \$650,000 over the life of the bonds.

A short break was taken in order to sign related paperwork.

7:50 p.m. Break

7:58 p.m. Reconvene

Construction Project Update

Steve Crawford provided an update on the various construction projects going on in the district.

President Deagle called for public input on this topic. The following spoke

- Jermaine Smiley – urged the Board to hire local workers on district construction projects.
- Benjamine Freitag – urged the Board to include a requirement in bid specifications that construction projects include a mandatory 15% apprenticeship workers.
- Monty Anderson – also urged a mandatory requirement to include apprenticeship workers on construction projects.

Steve Crawford, Director of Capital Projects, responded and noted that the District follows all state/federal construction bid laws.

Issaquah High School Stadium Naming Proposal

Ms. Fletcher moved the Board approve the proposal presented for naming the football stadium at Issaquah High School *The Gary Moore Stadium* in honor of Gary Moore, former teacher/coach at Issaquah High School. The final design of any installation plaque/sign must have the superintendent's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Woldseth and carried unanimously.

Mardi Nystom, who presented the proposal, asked that it be noted that this naming is in perpetuity and that the stadium will not ever be renamed, regardless of future construction or changes the main football stadium connected to Issaquah High School will always and forever be named in Mr. Moore's honor.

The Board indicated that policy does not specifically state "in perpetuity;" however, this Board supports the dedication and intends that it be permanent.

Energy Savings Report

John Macartney, District Resource Conservation Manager, summarized the history of energy use and realized savings of energy and cost through a very aggressive program of conservation in the District. The bottom line, he said, shows a savings of over \$2.9M over the life of the conservation program in energy costs (the program began in 2000-01 school year). This report was presented for board information only, no action required.

Monitoring Report: EL-1 Global Executive Constraint

Ms. Weaver moved the annual external report for EL-1 Global Executive Constraint be approved as presented. Mr. Magendanz seconded the motion. Following some discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Monitoring Report: EL-5 Actual Financial Condition and Activities

Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Woldseth seconded, that the Board approve the annual external monitoring report for EL-5 Actual Financial Condition and Activities (External Annual Audit Report) as presented. Following the administration's presentation of the monitoring report, the motion carried unanimously.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Kuper noted a correction needed to be made: in the next-to-the-last paragraph, the word "no" was inadvertently dropped out when the sentence was restructured. It should read: This was the 7th consecutive annual audit that noted no findings or management letter items.

E-15 Authorization to Issue Notice of Intent to Award Contract

Ms. Weaver moved the Board authorize issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the Base Bid and selected Alternates for the Elementary #15 project to Babbit Neuman Construction in the amount of \$15,511,300.00 plus WSST of \$1,473,573.50 for a total of \$16,984,873.50. Mr. Magendanz seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crawford noted that the District is eligible for \$4.4M dollars in state match on this project and in order to fulfill OSPI requirements to be granted the funds, some added paperwork is required.

Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Fletcher seconded, that the Board adopt Resolution 949 acknowledging that the Issaquah School District No. 411 recommends award of the General Construction Contract for the construction of Elementary #15 to Babbit Neuman Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

Debrief Work/Study Session

President Deagle summarized the work/study session held prior to the regular meeting on recommendations for a 2010 levy election. The Board agreed that a sub committee of Directors Magendanz and Deagle will study in depth the recommendation for a Capital Levy (including Technology), and will report back to the board at the next meeting.

Legislative Matters

- Appreciation was extended to Ms. Fletcher for her terms as the Board's Legislative Representative. Legislative Reps are elected in May for two-year terms. Ms. Fletcher nominated Mr. Magendanz for the position of Legislative Representative. There were no further nominations and by voice vote Mr. Magendanz was elected Legislative Representative for the next two years (to May, 2011).
- Following some discussion, Ms. Fletcher agreed to pursue a special meeting to be held on June 17th to hold a debriefing with local legislators on the recently concluded legislative session and consider steps for the next session.
- Ms. Fletcher moved that the Board forward to the WSSDA legislative assembly a proposal on the elimination of disparities among school districts in levy lids that result in inequitable opportunities for local revenue generation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Woldseth and carried unanimously.
- Mr. Magendanz attended the signing of bill 2261 and noted that while "bittersweet" there seemed to be broad support for the bill in general.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen reported on several works in progress district-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence

Ms. Fletcher noted she had attended a recent science workshop that included a good speaker, identified some interesting teaching strategies and supported the District's adoption of rigorous science instruction.

Future Agenda Topics

Topics for future board discussion/meeting agendas:

- Mathematics adoption, recommendation/process
- Levy election proposals
- Policy Ends work
- In depth CIP study in August

Calendar

It was noted that the board meeting calendar for 2009-10 was proposed with an error in the September dates – the meetings are to be held on September 9 and 23, not 9 and 10 as presented. Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the board adopt the regular meeting schedule for 2009-2010 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed scheduling some work/study session time over the summer and agreed to put a “hold” on their July 30th calendars for an all-day work session, and August 12th for a half-day or several hours prior to the regular meeting. The administration will work out times and location and board action will be taken at the next meeting. Topics will include: parking lot items, dashboard parameters, policy work, and development of a detailed work calendar for 2009-10.

Other calendar items included:

- Mathematics work/study just before the regular meeting on June 10th – to begin at 5 p.m.
- Superintendent’s annual evaluation prior to the end of June.
- A ground breaking event for the Issaquah High remodel—the administration will seek to plan this for just before the Tiger Mountain Community High School graduation on June 11th. (*Note: since the meeting, this groundbreaking has been scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on June 11th.*)
- A ground breaking event for the construction of E-15. In order to provide time for advertising, the administration will seek to schedule this in late June, hopefully on June 23rd. (*Note: since the meeting, this groundbreaking event has been scheduled for June 23rd at 10 a.m.*)

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the June 10, 2009 board meeting.