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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Jan Woldseth called the May 28, 2008 Issaquah School Board meeting to order at 6 p.m. and the Board moved immediately to executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (g) as scheduled. Board members Woldseth, Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen were in attendance.

President Woldseth called the meeting back to order in open session at 7:12 p.m. noting the preceding executive session.

Mike Winkler led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public – None

Student Representative Input

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

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. Acknowledged receipt of the March 2008 Budget Status Report.
2. Approved the annual renewal of the WIAA membership for all Issaquah School District high schools and middle schools for the 2008-09 school year.
3. Accepted five gifts: 1) \$4,241. to purchase spectrophotometers for use in the Biology Department at Issaquah High School; 2) \$15,000 to purchase Activotes for the classrooms at Issaquah Valley Elementary; 3) \$2,500 to help keep the library open after school and for the Homework Club at Pine Lake Middle School; 4) \$6,700 to the various clubs and sports teams from Issaquah, Liberty, and Skyline High Schools that participated in the “Kids Calling for Kids” Phone-A-Thon; \$3,000 for a garden area on the campus at Grand Ridge Elementary.
4. Approved the minutes of the May 14, 2008 regular meeting as presented.
5. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2007-08 school year.*
6. Approved the certificated resignations/retirements as presented.*
7. Approved certificated leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.*
8. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
9. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
10. Approved 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=110&KEY=bjifpnHe>

Bond Rating Presentation

Executive Director Jake Kuper, Trever Carlson and Ryan Swanson from Seattle NW Securities presented information to the Board with regard to planning for a spring sale of the third and final installment of bonds approved by the voters February 7, 2006.

High School Graduation Requirement Update

Mike Gallagher provided a summary to the Board on the WA State “Core 24, One Diploma, Many Pathways” graduation requirements which are currently being considered by the State Board of Education.

ENDS Monitoring, Part 2

Ms. Weaver moved that the Board accept Part II of the monitoring report for ENDS statements as presented. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion. Following an administrative presentation on supporting data and discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

EL-10 Instructional Program – Interpretation

Superintendent Rasmussen outlined the administration’s recommendation for modifying EL-10 by 1) moving some elements from the current EL-10 into Policy EL-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students where those elementary are most appropriately addressed, 2) noting that some of the remaining elements of the current EL-10 are already being monitored in other policies, and 3) creating a new EL-10 with the title Structure of Schools. Further, based on the proposed new EL-10, a Superintendent’s interpretation of the policy was presented for Board approval. There was some discussion, and the Board agreed, as is usual practice, to take two weeks between presentation of a policy change and board action in order to provide time for public input and careful consideration of proposed changes. This material will be presented for action at the June 11th board meeting.

Legislative Matters

Ms. Fletcher noted that Secretary of Education Spellings is in Seattle conducting community meetings on NCLB.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen presented brief updated on various activities and works in progress district-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence

Ms. Fletcher noted there will be a WSSDA/UW Center for Educational Leadership workshop for school directors on August 1-2 at the PSESD in Renton.

President Woldseth noted the board met on May 27th with members of the Newcastle City Council. This is an annual joint meeting to provide time for the two agencies to informally discuss matters of mutual interest. The board agreed the meeting was very valuable, and are hopeful a similar meeting can be arranged with the Renton City Council and possibly the Renton School Board.

Calendar

On May 14th the Board scheduled a work/study retreat on Saturday, June 7th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Board agreed to include a 7 to 8 a.m. executive session on personnel matters prior to the work/study retreat per RCW 42.30.110 (g), with no action to follow.

Future Agenda Topics

The Board would like to have a work/study session on monitoring Ends policy.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the June 11, 2008 board meeting.