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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Issaquah School Board President Jan Woldseth called the June 11, 2008 school board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center and the Board moved immediately into executive session per RCW 42.30.11 (g) as scheduled. With Ms. Woldseth, members present were Suzanne Weaver, and Connie Fletcher. Board member Brian Deagle was out of town, and member Mike Winkler arrived at 7:28 p.m. *Please note: Mr. Deagle participated in the executive session via speaker-phone between 6 and 7 p.m.*

The Board moved back to open session at 7:15 p.m. and President Woldseth noted the board has been in executive session since 6 p.m. on personnel matters.

Nancy Campi led Pledge of Allegiance.

Public

- Dale Timmons representing Overdale Park, expressed concerns on behalf of the Overdale Park community regarding a proposal to be presented from the Boundary Review Committee recommending that the Overdale community be incorporated into the Clark Elementary attendance area. Mr. Timmons asked for forum to meet with school board and administration to resolve their concerns; President Woldseth pointed out that at this time the BRC recommendations are being reviewed by the administration and will not be presented to the Board until sometime in the fall; it is not appropriate at this time for the Board to become involved in the process.

Establishment of Regular Agenda

Superintendent Rasmussen recommended the addition of a Capital Projects report to the discussion agenda as item #3. The Board agreed and there were no further changes to the agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

President Woldseth acknowledged that the Board would be accepting the resignation of Craig Christensen as Executive Director of Operations as part of the Consent Agenda. The Board expressed appreciation to Craig for his service to the District and wished him well. Ms. Weaver moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Action was taken as noted on the following agenda topics.

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 June 11, 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 259671 through 260874 in the total amount of \$1,371,059.31; Capital Projects vouchers 259977 through 260891 in the total amount of \$1,340,370.43; ASB Fund vouchers 259994 through 260975 in the total amount of \$346,592.65; Payroll vouchers 158690 through 158918 in the total amount of \$2,045,514.66; an electronic transfer in the amount of \$7,258,613.50; and Transportation Vehicle Fund voucher 260976 through 260976 in the total amount of \$357,300.30.
2. Approved district and building level one-page Continuous Improvement Plan summaries.
3. Approved the minutes of the May 28, 2008 regular board meeting as presented.
4. Approved the minutes of the May 27, 2008 special joint meeting with the Newcastle City Council as presented.
5. Approved certificated employee resignations/retirements (2007-08) as presented.*
6. Approved certificated employee leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.*

7. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
8. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
9. Approved new classified employees as presented.*
10. 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=112&KEY=jfu31R8T>

Bond Sale

Executive Director Jake Kuper introduced Seattle NW Securities representative Trevor Carlson, independent financial advisor Bob Yeasting, and Deanna Gregory bond counsel from K&L Gates all in attendance to provide the necessary information for the Board to take action to sell the third installment of bonds approved by voters in February 2006.

Ms. Fletcher moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded that the Board accept the offer from Seattle Northwest Securities and adopt Resolution No. 934, providing for the issuance and sale of \$60,000,000 of general obligation bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

7:47 p.m. The Board took a short break to sign the resolution

7:48 p.m. Back to Order

Superintendent's Contract

President Woldseth summarized that board has met in executive session to evaluate the superintendent, as is required by law on an annual basis. Ms. Woldseth noted the parameters for the evaluation as based on monitoring reports produced throughout the year on compliance with the Board established policies. Ms. Weaver moved the board approve a contract renewal, including a one-year extension, for Superintendent Steve Rasmussen for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, and authorize the Board President to work with legal counsel to develop appropriate contract language. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion, which carried unanimously following individual comments by Board members regarding Superintendent Rasmussen's performance in 2007-08. As directed, President Woldseth noted she will work with legal counsel to update contract language and present the final document back for board approval on the consent agenda at the June 25th regular meeting.

Capital Projects Report

Steve Crawford, Director of Capital Projects, presented an outline of major construction projects taking place over the summer months. Mr. Crawford highlighted Phase 1 work being done at Issaquah High School, Skyline High School, and Issaquah Middle School. It was agreed that communicating the progress made on these projects will be important as interested parents and students follow the construction process. Building newsletters, as well as the District web site, will provide frequent updates.

EL-10 Instructional Program Policy – Revision – First Reading

Superintendent Rasmussen explained his recommendation for revising the existing EL-10 to create a new policy EL-10 titled Structure of Schools. In brief, of all of the elements in the existing EL-10, 3 would remain in the revised EL-10 Structure of Schools; 2 elements would be moved into EL-12 Learning Environment/Treatments of Students, and the remaining elements are duplicated and monitored in other policies. There was some discussion, but no agreement on making changes to the recommendations. The policy will be presented for action at the June 25th board meeting.

EL 12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students

Superintendent Rasmussen noted that the only recommended changes to Policy EL-12 are the inclusion of two items from EL-10 (#10 from page 1 and #3 from page 2 of EL-10). There was brief discussion on clarity, and no changes recommended. The policy will be brought back for Board action at the June 25th board meeting.

Legislative Matters

- Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Weaver reported on attending meetings in Olympia this week – Ed Joint Task Force is coming to the end of its work and is inviting proposals on what ed finance should look like in WA;
- Ms. Weaver attended the State Board of Ed session focused on the proposed “Core 24” requirements.

Works in Progress

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

Announcements and Correspondence – None

Calendar

Board members agreed to make no change to the July meeting at this time.

Future Agenda Topics

Policies EL-10 and EL-12 will be presented for action on June 25th.

President Woldseth noted the Board will return to executive session to deliberate on a student discipline hearing.

9:15 p.m. move to executive session to deliberate student discipline hearing.

10:05 p.m. return to open session and immediate adjournment

These minutes were approved as presented at the June 25, 2008 board meeting.