

Work/Study Session

President Deagle called the June 24, 2009 Issaquah School Board meeting to order in work/study session at 6:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With Mr. Deagle were board members Chad Magendanz, Jan Woldseth, Suzanne Weaver, and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Director Connie Fletcher was unable to attend.

The discussion for this work/study session is board communications, focused on e-mail correspondence.

Board members agreed to continue working with the e-mail management guidelines as agreed at the May 13th work/study. There are still issues concerning members with regard to personal convenience and philosophy, as well as clarity of purpose, but all agreed to continue working on getting used to the agreed upon practices and procedures.

E-mails to the Board with questions regarding educational legislation will be directed to Mr. Magendanz for response.

Because our culture is becoming very e-mail oriented there has been a focus on managing that style of communication, but board members also include phone conversations and postal mail as effective means of communication, and will appropriately be included in correspondence reports.

Mr. Deagle reminded that basically e-mail is for receiving input, and the board's work is done in public and publicly communicated at board meetings. A correspondence report will assure the community that the input has been received and read. Other means of gaining input were also discussed such as linkage meetings, coffees, surveys and presence at events in the district and in the community.

6:55 p.m. break to set up for regular 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 Brian Deagle called the June 24, 2009 regular meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 7:12 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center, noting the Board had been in work/study session on communications since 6 p.m. With Mr. Deagle were directors Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Director Connie Fletcher was not present.

Clarence Gunn led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input – None

Everyone who signed up to speak was present to speak on an agenda topic, so input was taken at when the appropriate agenda item was addressed.

Establishment of Regular Agenda

No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Woldseth seconded, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Action was taken as noted on the following consent agenda items.

1. Approved Resolution #951 establishing the District's Network for Innovative Careers (WA-Nic) Interdistrict Agreement as presented.
2. Accepted three gifts: 1) \$3,263.00 to purchase emergency supplies at Beaver Lake Middle School; 2) \$6,256.74 to purchase new helmets for the Issaquah High School football program; 3) \$5,094.46 for the Briarwood Elementary Camp Colman Environmental camp program.

3. Approved the Issaquah High School Change Order #1 from Cornerstone General Contractors in the amount of \$312,926.00 plus \$29,727.97 WSST for a total of \$61,854,599.97 (*\$342,653.97 is the total for CO #1, \$61,854,599.97 is the revised contract total*).
4. Approved the minutes of the June 10, 2009 regular board meeting as presented.
5. Approved the minutes of the June 17, 2009 special board meeting with legislators as presented.
6. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2009-10 school year.*
7. Approved certificated resignations/retirements as presented.*
8. Approved certificated leaves of absence without pay for the 2009-10 school year as presented.*
9. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
10. Approved new classified employees as presented.*
11. Approved classified employee 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=151&KEY=Ed2Y15j6>

Board Communications Plan

Mr. Deagle noted the Board met from 6 to 7 p.m. in work/study session on communications—focused on e-mail management. He summarized that 1) e-mail is a tool to be used to obtain meaningful input from the public—not as a dialog vehicle, and 2) the board would like to expand the means of interaction with the community, has some ideas on how to do so, and will be soliciting ideas from the community as well. This conversation will continue in a work/study session in the near future.

Kelly Munn, Skyline attendance area, emphasized “the communities” desire to be heard on issues.

Budget Update

CFO Jacob Kuper provided a brief update on the budget for 2009-10 and distributed the “Guide to Understanding the 2009-10 Budget.” This guide will be available on line June 25th. The budget, by law, must be adopted by September 1 and will be presented to the Board on August 12th for first reading and a PUBLIC HEARING; action is scheduled for the August 26th meeting.

Prior to the adoption of the board’s parameters for the 2010-11 budget, the board would like to have a conversation around the benefits/risks of reserving funds for potential increases in pension contributions or other potential liabilities.

While student enrollment is monitored all summer long, the next enrollment update will be provided in August.

Superintendent’s Evaluation/Contract

President Deagle noted the board plans to conclude the evaluation process with the superintendent in executive session on July 8th. The board has reviewed materials and wishes to extend the contract, conduct the evaluation meeting with the superintendent, and then conclude contract negotiations at the August 12th meeting. This is agreeable to Superintendent Rasmussen. Ms. Weaver moved, and Ms. Woldseth seconded, that the Board extend the superintendent’s contract to June 30, 2012 and agree to extend the July 1, 2009 due-date for conclusion of contract negotiations to August 12, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Mathematics Adoption

There was considerable discussion around the recent high school mathematics adoption recommendation of the High School Math Adoption Committee. The administration commended the comprehensive work done by the committee and expressed frustration at the “quagmire” created by the State Board and OSPI around the issue of mathematics curriculum. Superintendent Rasmussen announced an adoption delay until sometime during the 2009-10 school year. For complete background and updates on the process, please visit the web site at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/adoption/discovering.aspx>, and to read Superintendent Rasmussen’s message to the Board in its entirety: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/documents/math/09adoptiondelay.pdf>.

When the Board invited public input, Kelly Munn, Skyline attendance area, Anne Moore, IHS attendance area, and Marnie Maraldo, Liberty attendance area, spoke to the importance of a strong and aligned K-12 mathematics curriculum that provides students with the mathematics skills they will need to be successful post high school graduation.

Construction Projects Update

Steve Crawford, Director of Capital Projects, reported on district-wide construction projects.

When public input was invited, Eric W. Rasmussen, John Bonomi, Jr., Kristen Johnson, David Brook, Jermaine Smiley, Monty Anderson, Ron Schultz, and Ashley Saunders presented input to the board basically on the topics of 1) requiring a percentage of workers on district construction jobs be from union apprenticeship programs, and 2) using skilled local laborers from union training programs.

Legislative Matters

Mr. Magendanz presented a brief legislative report.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen summarized various activities and works in progress district wide.

Announcements and Correspondence

The Board will continue to discuss management of correspondence at the July 30, 2009 work/study session.

Future Agenda Items

- Additional work on communications
- Policies to be revised as appropriate to the communications discussion
- Holistic look at math
- 2009-10 budget
- Value in bringing in an outside source to look at policies/contracts?
- Ms. Woldseth moved the Board set July 30, 2009 from 10:30 to 6 p.m. for a special meeting for the purpose work/study at the Administration Building. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weaver and carried unanimously.
- July 8th regular meeting will have an abbreviated agenda to include a consent agenda and an executive session on personnel for the annual evaluation of the superintendent.

Calendar

Nothing additional.

Executive Session

The Board moved to executive session; President Deagle estimated it would last about 10 minutes on personnel issue, and there will be no action to follow.

9:59 p.m. moved to executive session

10:30 p.m. moved back to open session and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Adjournment

10:30 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the July 8, 2009 regular board meeting.