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Executive Session: Personnel, Bargaining and Negotiation Matters RCW 42.30.140

The Issaquah School Board meeting was called to order in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center at 5:30 p.m. on September 9, 2009 and immediately moved to executive session per RCW 42.30.140 with the following members present: President Brian Deagle, Directors Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Brian Deagle called the September 9, 2009 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session at 7:12 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With Mr. Deagle were board members Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Sara Niegowski led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

- Heather Gillette, Issaquah PTSA Council President for the 2009-10 school year, shared the goals of the Council for the coming year. Ms. Woldseth encouraged the Board to work with the PTSA to schedule some type of regional joint meetings as well.

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Weaver moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Action was taken on consent agenda items as noted.

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 September 9, 2009, 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 277269 through 277972 in the total amount of \$2,306,087.50; Capital Projects vouchers 277413 through 277993 in the total amount of \$7,881,009.56; ASB Fund vouchers 277432 through 278023 in the total amount of \$115,928.72; Payroll vouchers 163209 through 163381 in the total amount of \$1,945,247.34; TVF Vouchers 277442 through 277442 in the total amount of \$588,736.62; and an electronic transfer in the total amount of \$7,225,503.84.
2. Accepted \$9,000.00 to be used toward the Newcastle Elementary Science program.
3. Approved the Gifted/Highly Capable Students Program grant.
4. Approved Elementary 15 Change Order #2 from Babbit Neuman Construction Company in the amount of \$31,156.47 plus \$2,959.86 WSST for a total of \$34,116.33.
5. Approved the Skyline High School Expansion and Alteration Change Order #12 from Lydig Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$795,322.00 plus \$75,555.59 WSST for a total of \$870,877.59.
6. Approved the minutes of the August 26, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
7. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2009-10 school year.*
8. Approved the certificated leaves of absence without pay for the 2009-10 school year as presented.*
9. Approved the certificated employee resignations/retirements as presented.*

10. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
11. Approved classified new employees as presented.*
12. Approved classified employee leaves of absence as presented.*
13. 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=157&KEY=ESig56VE>

Welcome to the 2009-10 School Year

The administration provided an update on enrollment and summarized the 2009-2010 school year opening at the districts schools and facilities.

Draft E-3 Citizenship Monitoring Process – Interpretations/Evidence

At the August 26th board meeting work/study session, the board and administration discussed the interpretation for monitoring End 2 *Citizenship*. At this meeting the board and administration discussed the types of evidence needed to support compliance with the interpretation of the End.

The board expressed confidence that citizenship is being taught through direct and indirect means in various classroom work and opportunities for students, but expressed frustration along with the administration on how to *prove* that students are “getting it.”

The value of various data, assessments, statistics, trend analyses, GPA comparisons, and surveys was discussed. The Board agreed that while no “perfect” evidence has yet been identified, the district would continue to seek better measurements for future use and the administration’s proposed evidentiary material would suffice at this time. However, a “wish list” of desirable future evidentiary material will also be prepared.

The Board also noted:

- Awareness of value added must be kept in mind as evidence is sought—cost involved in producing evidence in terms of staff, time, and resources.
- Monitoring can be used to identify in the future where resources need to be focused or added as well as to validate program.
- Achieving graduation is not adequate evidentiary material alone.
- The Board is satisfied that the District’s course work and graduation requirements are aligned with state EALRs, GLEs, and Board Ends.
- When a student doesn’t graduate, more specific information is needed on *why* that happened in order to determine where resources and focus need to be applied. Some kind of analysis of students who don’t pass a given subject would be valuable.
- The limitations of metrics need to be acknowledged.

The administration will move ahead to prepare the monitoring report for E-3 for presentation at the October 7th board meeting.

Monitoring Report: EL-7 Emergency Superintendent Succession

Ms. Woldseth moved, and Mr. Magendanz seconded, that the Board accept the annual internal monitoring report for EL-7 Emergency Superintendent Succession as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Guiding Principles for Interpretation and Evidentiary Support

Ms. Fletcher moved the Board approve the Guiding Principles for Interpretation and Evidentiary Support as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Woldseth and carried unanimously.

Board Resignation

Ms. Weaver moved the board accept the resignation of Connie Fletcher from the Issaquah School Board effective September 10, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fletcher and carried unanimously. Very best wishes and appreciation for her 16 years of service dedicated to students in the Issaquah School District were extended to Ms. Fletcher.

The board agreed, since local school boards have 90 days to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the conclusion of a term, it would be in the best interest of the community to let the electorate fill the position in the November election.

Construction Projects Update

Steve Crawford provided an update on the current construction projects in the District. Updates are available on the District website at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects/projects/default.aspx>

Legislative Matters

Mr. Magendanz provided a summary of ed-related legislative activity, including noting that the K-12 Funding Formula Technical Working Group is now at work, go to www.ofm.wa.gov/k12funding to follow the activity.

Announcements and Correspondence

President Deagle acknowledged correspondence to the Board received from: M. Balkman, A. Holderness, T. McAden, B. Nelsen, and M. Nickels regarding President Obama's speech to students; M. Mahoney's message regarding lunch/recess times, and C. Mahosky regarding the new missing-assignment process at PCFC.

Ms. Woldseth noted she received an invitation to speak at the Cougar Ridge PTSA meeting on October 5th and is looking forward to doing so.

Calendar and Future Agenda Topics

Ms. Fletcher noted that she has been representing the School Board and local youth at Issaquah Friends of Youth and as a member of the Eastside Youth and Services Forum Board. She urged the school board to consider continued representation with those agencies.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Ms. Fletcher declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the September 23, 2009 board meeting.