Issaquah School District #411 UNOFFICIAL
Board Minutes – March 12, 2008

Work/Study Session

President Woldseth called the March 12, 2008 board meeting to order in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center at 6:00 p.m. The Board moved immediately into work/study session. In addition to President Woldseth, board members Connie Fletcher, Brian Deagle, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Rasmussen were in attendance. Mr. Winkler arrived at 6:35 p.m. The purpose of the work/study session is to review GP (Global Governance) policies.

Board members completed review of:

GP-1 Global Governance Commitment
GP-2 Governing Style
GP-3 Board Job Description
GP-5 Chief Governance Officer's Role
GP-6 Board Members' Code of Conduct
GP-9 Cost of Governance – agreed to change the word "mechanisms" to "responsibilities" in #3
GP-10 Process for Addressing Board Member Violations

In order to take action on a contract ratification on the consent agenda, the Board moved into executive session per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a). The session is anticipated to last about 10 minutes and action will be added to the consent agenda of the regular meeting.

6:30 p.m. Moved to exec session
7:00 p.m. Returned to open session and a short break before convening the regular agenda

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 7:10 p.m. President Woldseth called the meeting to order in the board room of the Administration Service Center, noting that the board has been in a work/study session and an executive as noted on the agenda. Board members present with Ms. Woldseth were Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Zach Bunch led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Zach is a member of Scout Troop 445 from the Maywood Middle School area.

Public

- Brian Taylor of the WA State Auditor Office made a presentation commending the District on six consecutive audits without a finding.
- IHS Principal Paula Phelps introduced members of the Issaquah High Robotics Team. The Team recently took first in state at the FIRST robotics competition. It was also celebrated that due to the direct efforts of the IHS team, the WA State Legislature appropriated $150,000 for robotics teams in Washington State.
- New administrative staff were introduced: Jackie Tanner – principal at Cougar Ridge Elementary 7/1/08, Sarah White – principal at Sunny Hills Elementary 7/1/08, and Susan Canaga, Career Technical Ed Director 7/1/08.
- Sharon Klein, expressed appreciation for the successful conclusion of bargaining with the district bus drivers, and as President of the Labor Coalition, urged settlement with the district educational assistants.

Student Representative Input
Student representatives Summer Thompson and Lindsey Grove, Liberty High School students, reported to the Board on activities/events taking place at district high schools.

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda
Superintendent Rasmussen presented two modifications to consent agenda items:
1) Corrected minutes for the January 19, 2008 special meeting; and
2) Walk-on (added agenda item) ratification of the agreement reached with the District bus drivers.

Ms. Fletcher moved and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as modified. Motion carried unanimously.

Boundary Review Committee
The administration provided an update on the initial work of the Boundary Review Committee. The BRC has had two meetings to date, and a schedule of meetings, as well as updated committee information and minutes, is available on the website at http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/boundary08.asp. This site also provides opportunities for community input.

PTSA Co-Presidents Heather Gillett and Nancy Campi reminded the Board of the importance in establishing the cleanest possible feeder patterns – least splits – from elementary to middle to high schools.

High School Construction Projects

Issaquah High Principal Paula Phelps and Skyline Principal Lisa Hechtman explained how plans are being developed at their schools to maintain school life and student learning achievement during the upcoming re-build/remodel construction projects.

IMC Recommended Material Adoption
Dr. Brogan summarized the reasons behind the study and decision to recommend replacement of the mathematics materials used at the middle school level. Mr. Winkler moved the board approve replacement of the current middle school mathematics materials with the following basic materials: *Connected Math Project (CMP).* Mr. Deagle seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9:08 p.m. Break
9:15 p.m. Back to order

Continuous Improvement Plans (CIPs)
The administration and Board discussed the formal action required by WAC for approval of the individual building CIP summary statements. The Board received the summary statements link with the board packet of meeting materials. Action is scheduled for April 23rd.

The Board then considered a variety of means for Board members to become familiar with how the CIP process is accomplished at schools and its tie to the ENDS. Dr. Brogan will provide a conceptual plan for the Board to consider at the March 26th meeting.

Legislative Ed Finance Study
The Board agreed that a sub-committee will work with the administration to respond to the survey questions from Dan Grimm, chair of the Joint Task Force on Basic Education Finance. Based on the discussion, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Weaver will serve as the sub committee and respond to the survey on the board's behalf.

Legislative Matters
Ms. Fletcher agreed to coordinate a debriefing at the May 14th board meeting with district legislators on the 2008 legislative session just concluded.

A very brief summary of some of the action taken at the 2008 legislative session was presented by Ms. Fletcher. Based on an initial study of impact to the district on action/no action taken in the 2008 legislative session, Jake Kuper, Executive Director of Finance, said that he was not expecting any cuts in the budget for 2008-09; however, there may be some negative impact on the 2009-10 budget development process.

Works in Progress
Superintendent Rasmussen very briefly reported on various works in progress district-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence – None

Calendar
Board members agreed to "hold the date" of May 27th for a joint meeting with the Newcastle City Council – formal action will be taken at the March 26th meeting.

Future Agenda Topics – No additional topics discussed

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.