

Work/Study

President Jan Woldseth called the August 13, 2008 board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With Ms. Woldseth were board members Connie Fletcher, Brian Deagle, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Mr. Winkler arrived at 6:30 p.m.

The focus for discussion centered around very preliminary WASL data and anticipated findings. It is expected that official WASL/AYP information will be available on August 28th.

The administration explained the complexity in compiling WASL data, and how “cells” are used to measure student achievement – district-wide, there are over 2000 cells assessed. Of particular concern are changes made by the State in assessing cells at the middle school level – this concern is state-wide, not unique to the Issaquah School District.

Superintendent Rasmussen emphasized that this issue around cell assessment is going to change through legislation at the national level; however, until it is changed it’s going to be with us and that will probably be for at least another two years

The Board took a short break before moving back into the regular meeting agenda.

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 Woldseth called the Issaquah School District Board meeting back to order in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center at 7:08 p.m. on August 13, 2008, noting the preceding work/study session. Also in attendance were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Ron Thiele led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation – None

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Weaver moved, and Mr. Winkler seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Action was taken 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 August 13, 2008, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and described as: 1) General Fund vouchers 262410 through 263300 in the total amount of \$2,098,706.39; Capital Projects vouchers 262713 through 263320 in the total amount of \$1,605,132.18; ASB Fund vouchers 262713 through 263324 in the total amount of \$132,266.20; Payroll vouchers 159980 through 160236 in the total amount of \$2,027,102.38; an electronic transfer in the amount of \$7,486,591.10; and Transportation Vehicle Fund vouchers 262781 through 263161 in the total amount of \$273,638.08.
2. Acknowledged receipt of the June 2008 Budget Status Report.

3. Declared surplus those textbooks and library books identified as obsolete and consolidated at May Valley Service Center, as requested by the Administration.
4. Approved the minutes of the July 9, 2008 regular meeting as presented.
5. Adopted **Resolution 938** naming Brian Hunt, Director of Maintenance as the designated person to administer and monitor the District's asbestos management.
6. Approved certificated employee resignations/retirements (2007-08) as presented.*
7. Approved certificated employee resignations (2008-09) as presented.*
8. Approved certificated employee leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.*
9. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
10. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
11. Approved new classified employees as presented.*
12. 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=117&KEY=ieoyodp5>

2008-09 Budget: First reading and Public Hearing

As required by law, the administration presented a draft of the 2008-09 budget for the Board's first reading and a public hearing. CFO Jake Kuper presented the document and reviewed it with the Board. Mr. Kuper responded to Board questions

Following the Board discussion, President Woldseth declared the public hearing open at 7:52 p.m. There was no public input and the hearing was declared closed at 7:53 p.m.

Action on the budget is scheduled for the August 27, 2008 regular Board meeting.

Board Budget Review

At the Board's request, the administration presented a brief summary and responded to questions regarding "Activity 11" in the budget, also known as "the Board's budget." The State accounting manual mandates certain expenditures be placed under Activity 11, such as election expenses, district-wide legal fees, audit expense and others. The Board's budget is relatively "flat" from year to year and is primarily built on mandated allocations and anticipated expense needs to address Board travel, professional development or other needs based on prior year's expenditures. Presented for information only – no action required.

Director District Vacancy

Ms. Weaver and Mr. Deagle presented some preliminary questions for use in the process for filling the anticipated vacancy in Director District #4 (Mr. Winkler has indicated he intends to resign from the Board effective in September). Once the resignation is formally accepted by the Board the process will move forward.

Legislative Matters

Superintendent Rasmussen noted that Core 24 (graduation requirements to be effective in 2016) received State Board approval to move it along; however, implementation is contingent upon legislative funding.

Ms. Fletcher reported that she has had conversations with legislators over the summer and it appears that progress is being made toward by-partisan consensus on this issue.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen reported on various activities and events taking place District-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence

- Ms. Woldseth noted that the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) has provided material on the various workshops and training sessions they can provide to local school boards, particularly a "Data Dashboards" concept—the administration will look into scope and cost.
- The annual WSSDA Conference will be held in Spokane, November 19-22.

Future Agenda Topics

- Soft skills

Calendar

- The administration will look into scheduling a joint meeting with the Renton City Council (annual information meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest).
- Ms. Fletcher moved, and Mr. Winkler seconded, that the Board have a special meeting for the purpose of a board/administration retreat on Thursday, August 14, 2008 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.