

The Issaquah School Board and representatives from the Associated Student Bodies of the District's four high schools met for an informal dinner and conversation prior to the October 22, 2008 board meeting. President Woldseth called the meeting to order at about 5:45 p.m. with board members Connie Fletcher, Brian Deagle, Suzanne Weaver, Superintendent Rasmussen, several cabinet members and students in attendance. Board members discussed expectations from student representatives who attend and participate in school board meetings and invited student comments regarding activities and programs at their schools.

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 October 22, 2008 regular meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With President Woldseth were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Ms. Woldseth noted the preceding dinner meeting with student representatives.

Jayden Long, Tiger Mountain Community High School, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Tiger Mountain Community High School students Christina Reddy, Jayden Long, and Desiree Segar responded to questions about their school programs and activities.

Public Input

- Sharon Klein – Chair of Labor Coalition and bus driver – re: teamsters and mechanics bargaining
- Brian Gittings – maintenance employee – re: bargaining
- Thomas Brown – maintenance employee – re: bargaining
- Dean Kaufman – transportation mechanic – re: bargaining
- Pat Walker – SEIU President (EAs) – re: bargaining

Establishment of Regular Agenda

No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. Accepted six gifts: 1) \$3,000 in support of the Challenge Day activities at Liberty High; 2) \$4,000 for teacher grants at Issaquah High; 3) \$5,117 for identified programs/resources at Skyline High; 4) \$6,000 to help pay for a Title I (BEL) EA at Briarwood Elementary; 5) \$10,640.58 to purchase six ActivBoards and installation at Endeavour Elementary; 6) \$4,750 for “Science to Go” at Endeavour Elementary.
2. Approved the minutes of the October 7, 2008 regular meeting as presented.
3. Approved the Skyline High School Expansion and Alternation Change Order #1 from Lydig Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$55,606 plus \$5,004.54 WSST for a total of \$60,610.54.
4. Authorized issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award a Contract to Design Air Ltd. For the base bid for Challenger Elementary School – Boiler/Chiller Installation project for \$405,000 plus WSST of \$36,450.00 for a total of \$441,450.00.
5. Approved certificated leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.*

6. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
7. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
8. Approved new classified employees as presented.*
9. 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=131&KEY=m6Fx4G9I>

Monitoring Report: EL-13 Facilities

Ms. Fletcher moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the board approve the annual internal monitoring report for EL-13 Facilities as presented. Following brief review and discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Construction Update

Steve Crawford presented a Capital Projects Update; frequent updates are provided throughout all active construction projects and are also available on line at
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects/construction.aspx>.

Summary of Pre Board Meeting Activity

President Woldseth briefly summarized the informal dinner meeting held with student representatives prior to the beginning of this evening's meeting. Basically, the conversation centered around the roles of board members and students at board meetings.

City of Sammamish Ballot Measures

Superintendent Rasmussen introduced a resolution in support of ballot measures being presented by the City of Sammamish for two propositions related to parks.

Ms. Fletcher moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded, that the Board adopt Resolution 941 declaring support for the proposed City of Sammamish's 2008 Park Bond and Levy: Proposition 1: Park, Recreation and Facilities Bond, and Proposition 2: Levy Lid Lift for Park Programs and Operations. Following the motion, President Woldseth called for board discussion. At the conclusion of the Board's discussion, President Woldseth called for any public input for or against the proposed action. There was no public input. The motion carried unanimously.

City of Bellevue Park Levy

Superintendent Rasmussen introduced a resolution in support of a ballot measure being presented by the City of Bellevue for parks and natural areas.

Ms. Weaver moved the board adopt Resolution 942 declaring support for the proposed City of Bellevue Ballot Measure Proposition 1: Levy for City Parks and Natural Areas. Mr. Deagle seconded the motion. Following the motion, President Woldseth called for board discussion. At the conclusion of the Board's discussion, President Woldseth called for any public input for or against the proposed action. There was no public input. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Appointment Process

President Woldseth outlined the interviews held on Monday, October 20th of the five applicants for the opening Director District #4 due to the resignation of Mike Winkler. The Board discussed options available at this point, and what would be the best next steps in the process to fill that position. All Board members expressed sincere appreciation to the applicants who stepped forward to fill the position and emphasized that the outstanding qualifications of all five applicants made the decision very difficult.

The five community members who submitted applications for the opening were: Steve Ellis, Chad Magendanz, Peggy Moe, Carla Wigen, and Jeff Wood.

Ms. Fletcher moved the Board establish a special meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center in order to continue the board member selection process. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weaver and following further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Following the decision to hold second-level interviews on Tuesday, October 28th, the Board discussed narrowing the field of applicants from five to a lesser number and agreed to narrow the field to two.

The Board re-iterated the difficult in narrowing the field due to the outstanding caliber of applicants, but finally agreed to invite Chad Magendanz and Carla Wigen back for further interviewing.

8:35 p.m. The Board took a short break to thank all of the applicants present for their willingness to apply for this vacancy.

8:48 p.m. Back to order

President Woldseth announced that the board meeting on October 28th would probably take around an hour; Ms. Fletcher and Mr. Deagle will prepare questions, and the Board anticipates taking action to fill the vacancy at the conclusion of the interviews and deliberations.

Legislative Matters

- Ms. Fletcher reminded everyone of the meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd to hear a presentation from Jennifer Priddy, Assistant Superintendent at OSPI on basic ed funding, and from local legislators and members of the Joint Ed Task Force on the task force's funding proposal. This meeting is being advertised widely and the public is encouraged to attend.
- The State Board of Education has met in work /study to discuss measures to be taken with regard to severely struggling school districts. Steps being discussed could include dissolving school boards. The basis identification as "struggling" is WASL scores. Action is scheduled for November and the plan has been posted on the State Board's website.

Works in Progress

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

Announcements and Correspondence – None

Future Agenda Topics

- Future work/study requested regarding the change order process (noted during the discussion on Monitoring Report EL-13).

Calendar

Superintendent Rasmussen suggested a work/study on October 29th to continue discussion on Ends monitoring. The administration will be preparing a spring board for calendaring the monitoring of Ends statements and will show how the elements within the Ends statements do not stand alone, but rather, are all tied together within a system for student achievement.

Ms. Weaver moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded, that the Board establish a special meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center in order to continue the discussion on Ends monitoring. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Deagle requested consideration be given to moving up the starting time for at least some meetings. He acknowledged the difficulty for some members to do so; however, he expressed serious concern for the “sustainability” of the board collectively as well as administrative staff attending as many late night meetings as are needed at this time. He suggested a start time in mid-afternoon, around 3 p.m. and while no immediate decision was requested, he asked for serious consideration for the future.

Executive Session – RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a)

President Woldseth moved the Board to executive session noting the session is anticipated to last appropriate 20 minutes and no action will follow.

9:33 p.m. Executive Session

9:45 p.m. Return to open session and immediate adjournment