

Work/Study Session

President Brian Deagle called the Issaquah School District Board meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in work/study session in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. Present were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. The work/study provided a “test run” of the monitoring report for End 2: Academics and Foundations. The Board and administration reviewed the drafted monitoring report, an executive summary of E-2 2.4, and dialoged on how the material meets the needs of the board.

The discussion will continue within the regular meeting agenda.

7:08 short break to realign tables in the Board Room

7:19 back to order

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Brian Deagle called the January 14, 2009 regular school board meeting back to order at 7:19 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center noting the preceding work/study session. Also in attendance were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Ron Thiele led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Skyline students Emily Alexander, Carlie Ross, Chris Helgeson, engaging classroom activities and how technology is being used for classroom work.

Public Input

- Ms. Woldseth was thanked for service as Board President for the past two years by the presentation of a gavel from Mr. Deagle; and for her total of four years as Board President by Superintendent Rasmussen by the presentation of an engraved biscuit jar.
- Stephanie Vigley – Cougar Ridge Elementary PTA President – in recognition of School Board Appreciation month, noted that a donation in the Board’s name had been given by the Cougar Ridge PTA to the Issaquah Schools Foundation.
- Sharon Kline – bus driver and current chair of the ISD Labor Coalition. Read excerpts from a letter the Coalition sent to community leaders/education supporters expressing the Coalitions concerns regarding district negotiations.
- Nancy Campi, PTSA Council co-president – Also expressed appreciation to the Board members for their work on behalf of Issaquah students, and urged continued strong work by the Board with legislators regarding ed funding reform.

Establishment of Regular Agenda

There were no changes to the meeting agenda, but President Deagle clarified that agenda item #3 Summary of Pre Board Meeting Activity will also include continuing the discussion begun in the work/study session on the E-2 monitoring process.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Woldseth moved and Ms. Fletcher seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The board took action as noted on consent agenda items.

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 January 14, 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 267880 through 268939 in the total amount of \$2,155,589.20; Capital Projects vouchers 268152 through 268952 in the total amount of \$3,563,122.79; ASB Fund vouchers 268165 through 268976 in the total amount of \$298,978.23; Payroll vouchers 161224 through 161403 in the total amount of \$2,167,184.36; Transportation Vehicle Fund voucher 268593 through 268593 in the total amount of \$230,129.00; and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$7,530,980.57.
2. Accepted three gifts: 1) \$10,600.00 to pay for a professional instructor to teach drama to the K through 4th grade students at Cascade Ridge Elementary; 2) \$12,414.01 for the purchase and installation of seven ActivBoards for the classrooms at Endeavour Elementary; 3) \$6,837.40 for the purchase and installation of outdoor picnic tables for lunches and projects located in the courtyard at Sunny Hills Elementary.
3. Approved the minutes of the December 10, 2008 regular meeting as presented.
4. Approved the minutes of the December 15, 2008 special board meeting to take action on a real estate purchase as presented.
5. Approved certificated employee leaves of absence without pay for the 2008-09 school year as presented.*
6. Approved certificated employee non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
7. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
8. Approved classified new employees 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=136&KEY=080k760L>

Compassionate Schools Conference Report

Board member Connie Fletcher, Maple Hills principal Monique Bean, and staff members April Stevens and Adora Callas, recently attended the Compassionate Schools Conference. They shared elements from the conference and stressed how important the compassionate school model is to any students' success. For Issaquah School District, the scheduled opening in 2010 of Passage Point, transitional housing program of the YWCA, presents the potential for adding 50+ students to the Maple Hills population who may have particular needs that would be best met through the Compassionate Schools model. The team emphasized that this is not an issue only for Maple Hills, or for these students, but the model enriches and helps all student populations.

Construction Projects Update

Steve Crawford provided a construction update on projects at Issaquah High, Skyline High, E-15, Maywood Middle School, Briarwood Elementary, and the A-pod replacement project at May Valley.

Summary of Pre Board Meeting Activity

1. At 5:30 the Board thanked members of the Boundary Review Committee for the excellent work done on the recent comprehensive boundary study and subsequent recommendations.
2. At 6:00 the Board began in work/study session a discussion around Ends monitoring, specifically E-2 Academics and Foundations. Because the discussion wasn't completed during the work/study, the discussion continued at this time. It was agreed that the next meeting, January 28th, will be a focused agenda on the single discussion topic of E-2 monitoring. There will be a consent agenda, and standard opening to allow for student and public input.

Legislative Matters

Ms. Fletcher reported on legislative information, including:

- Final report from Ed Funding Joint Task Force, noting the report is now available on the OSPI web site.
- Eastside Chambers legislative breakfast
- Current legislative session is beginning – early fears are for budget cuts resulting from this year’s session.
- The Coalition feels it’s important to push hard for a new definition of basic education
- The WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference is coming up in February
- Ms. Fletcher is attending the Federal Relations Network Conference, February 1-3.
- PTSA in Olympia day is Feb 27th
- It was suggested that a work/study on the Ed Task Force recommendations may be valuable. There was no final decision, but board members were asked to read it carefully.

Works in Progress

Dr. Rasmussen reported on works in progress district-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence – None

Future Agenda Topics

- January 28th regular meeting will be focused on interpreting Ends 2: Academics and Foundations. The meeting will take place “in the round” with minimal other agenda items.

Calendar – No further discussion on calendar items

Executive Session

10:15 p.m. the board moved into executive session, as scheduled, RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a) It is anticipated the executive session will last approximately 15 minutes with no action to follow.

10:40 p.m. the board returned to open session and immediately adjourned.