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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Issaquah School Board President Brian Deagle called the February 5, 2009 special board meeting to order at 7:03 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 Rasmussen. Mr. Deagle noted the meeting was called in order to call to order to discuss educational legislation prior to the Board's attendance at the WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference Feb 8/9

Patrick Murphy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legislative Discussion

Board members discussed House Bill 1410 and Senate Bill 5444 – at this point identical bills addressing implementation of the recommendations of the Washington State Legislature's Basic Education Funding Task Force.

Background on the development of language, bill status, and intent as well as anticipated benefits and shortcomings were discussed, and the importance of a full funding requirement was emphasized by everyone. Board members expressed their individual view of the bill prior to inviting public input.

Materials referenced during the discussion were obtained through the Office of Program Research for the House of Representatives in Olympia and are available at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/cmd/default.aspx?cid=appe> – click on the agenda for the 1/28/09 agenda.

A resolution drafted by Ms. Fletcher was distributed and used as the bases for further discussion. Ms. Weaver moved, and Ms. Woldseth seconded, that the Issaquah School Board adopt Resolution 943. Ms. Weaver read the motion in its entirety. Following considerable discussion and public input, the motion carried as amended unanimously.

The following people addressed the board and provided their thoughts on HB1410/SB5444 (identical bills at this time).

Rebecca Nick, PCFC Spanish teacher; Phyllis Runyon Skyline attendance area; Barbara Galler, IMS teacher; Gary Arthur, IVE teacher; Neva Luke, IEA President; Kim Webster, IVE teacher; Kelly Munn, Skyline attendance area; Leigh Stokes, Skyline attendance area; Anne Moore, Issaquah High attendance area; Ramona Lawrence, Skyline attendance area; Nancy Campi, Issaquah High attendance area and PTSC Council; Paula Weiss, Issaquah Middle School teacher; Gayle Boyd, French/Spanish teacher at Issaquah Middle School; Shannon Henderson, PCFC teacher; Shona Campbell, Issaquah High attendance area and PCFC teacher; Kourtney Smith, Discovery teacher; Carol Woodman, BLMS special ed teacher; Debra Rogers; Clarence Dunn, WEA staff; Kimberly Montague, Maywood attendance area;

As a result of the discussion, the Board agreed to add another “Resolved” to the resolution: Ms. Weaver moved, and Ms. Fletcher seconded that Resolution 943 be amended to add: RESOLVED, that the Issaquah School District Board of Directors will continue to work with the legislature to refine the portions of HB1410 and SB5444 that are not yet fully crafted. The motion to amend carried unanimously.

President Deagle restated the original motion to note the amendment and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.