

At 6 p.m. the Board attended the presentation of the Kateri D. Brow Big Ideas and Classroom Enrichment grant awards by the Issaquah Schools Foundation in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. These grants provide funding for creative and exciting enhanced experiences for Issaquah School District students. For a complete listing of the awards, please visit the Issaquah Schools Foundation web site at <http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org/>.

Because the awards presentation concluded earlier than anticipated, the Board announced they would move into executive session at 6:30 instead of at the conclusion of the regular meeting agenda to discuss personnel, bargaining and legal matters, per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a); 42.30.110 (i).

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.

The April 22, 2009 regular meeting of the Issaquah School Board was called to order at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center by Board President Brian Deagle. With Mr. Deagle were board members Connie Fletcher, Chad Magendanz, Suzanne Weaver, Jan Woldseth and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Student Courtney Lester led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Students Bobby Johnson and Courtney Lester were the student representatives at this meeting.

Public Input

- Students from each graduating class invited the Board to attend graduation ceremonies and asked that a board representative be selected to accept each class. Tiger Mountain Community High School ceremonies will be held at Tiger Mountain CHS on June 11th, all others will be held on June 9th at SafeCo Field.
 - Ms. Fletcher will accept the Liberty High Class of 2009
 - Ms. Weaver will accept the Skyline High Class of 2009
 - Mr. Deagle will accept the Issaquah High Class of 2009
 - Mr. Magendanz will accept the Tiger Mountain High Class of 2009
- Mike Bates – resident in the Liberty High area, expressed concern about construction work being done by out-of-area contractors and sub-contractors.
- _____ Christensen – also expressed concern about construction work being done by out-of-area contractors and sub-contractors.
- Steve Kirby – representing his trade union – spoke to the bid law, establishing criteria and need for careful vetting of workers to assure safety for all.

Establishment of Regular Agenda

Superintendent Rasmussen noted that an additional calendar item would need to be discussed under Calendar: the Board has been invited to meet with the Newcastle City Council.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Fletcher seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Board action was taken as noted on the 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 April 22, 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 271092 through 272775 in the total amount of \$2,982,971.29; Capital Projects 271377 through 272785 in the total amount of \$3,056,520.69; ASB Fund 271394 through 272785 in the total amount of \$541,645.42; Payroll 161951 through 162199 in the total amount of \$2,074,348.57; and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$7,753,860.01.
2. Accepted two gifts: (1) \$64,843.81 in district-wide grant awards for the 2009-10 school year; and (2) \$15,960.87 for ActivBoards at Cascade Ridge Elementary.
3. Declared surplus all obsolete computer equipment located at May Valley Service Center as presented by the administration and authorized the administration to conduct a sale of these items.
4. Acknowledged receipt of the February 2009 Budget Status Report.
5. Approved submission of the Capital Facilities Plan – Draft to King county School Technical Review Committee as presented.
6. Approved the Skyline High School Expansion and Alteration Change Order #6 from Lydig Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$64,694.00 plus \$6,145.93 WSST for a total of \$70,839.93.
7. Adopted Resolution 946 acknowledging that the Issaquah School District No. 411 does certify that the Elementary #15 site will not create or aggravate racial imbalance as defined in WAC 180-26-025.
8. Approved the Educational Specifications for Elementary #15 in the pattern used to build Newcastle Elementary and Grand Ridge Elementary Schools.
9. Approved the minutes of the March 25, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
10. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2008-09 school year.*
11. Approved certificated employee resignations/retirements as presented.*
12. Approved certificated employee leaves of absence without pay for the 2009-10 school year as presented.*
13. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
14. Approved new classified employees as presented.*
15. Approved classified employee resignations/retirements/terminations as presented.*
16. Approved the agreement reached with the Public, Professional and Office-Clerical Employees and Drivers, Local #763, September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

*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=147&KEY=68bv3Uv6>.

Bond Sale Approval

Ms. Weaver moved, and Ms. Fletcher seconded, that the Board accept the offer from Seattle-Northwest Securities and adopt Resolution No. 945 providing for the issuance and sale of \$30,000,000 of general obligation bonds. Following the presentation and discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Jake Kuper, district CFOO, and Trevor Carlson and Cynthia Weed from Seattle-Northwest Securities, and Bob Yeasting of Yeasting & Associates (Municipal Advisors) presented details to the Board regarding the recent sale of bonds and responded to board questions.

Mr. Yeasting, as independent financial advisor, recommend the offer from Seattle-Northwest Securities be accepted.

Cynthia Weed noted that all bonds have been sold, and reminded board members that while this was a great investment opportunity for others, as members of the board, they are not able to purchase these bonds!

7:27 p.m. Short break to sign forms related to the bond sale
7:38 p.m. back to order

I-728 Funding Plan and PUBLIC HEARING

7:39 President Deagle declared the public hearing open for the I-728 plan as required by law.

CFO/O Jake Kuper provided a summary of the proposed use of I-728 funds should they be available, and reported on the current status of the funds in the state budget debates in Olympia. Because I-728 funds are categorical, i.e., come with parameters for use and are not guaranteed from year to year, there are specific restrictions on how the funds can be used.

There was no public input offered.

There is no formal board action required at this time; use of the funding, if any, is incorporated into the final district budget document and board action to adopt the budget as a whole will take place in August.

2009-10 Proposed Program/Service and Communication of Certificated Reduction in Force Threshold

Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Woldseth seconded, that the board approve the proposed 2009-10 Program/Service Reductions as presented by the Administration. Following a presentation by the administration and discussion by the Board this motion carried unanimously.

All budget information provided is available at the district website: www.issaquah.wednet.edu.

The administration explained the uncertainties involved in making budget and staffing decisions before a state budget has been adopted, and noted that this reduction plan had to be announced now in order to comply with language in the bargaining agreement with the Issaquah Education Association. According to the contract, the District must, by April 22nd (amended from April 20th by mutual agreement) notify the IEA of the level of seniority required to guarantee a position in the coming school year: IEA member employees with seniority levels of 1 through 902 are guaranteed a position for next year in the Issaquah School District.

The administration reviewed the rationale used to identify proposed service reductions of \$10.5M from the district's current 08-09 operating budget in order to further respond to anticipated decreased revenue from the state.

The administration responded to board questions and provided information on the rationale for establishing the seniority line though #902, and explained how the recall process would be handled. It was noted that the recall would likely take all summer and into September to complete as staff are called back.

It was stressed and emphasized by all speakers that these decisions are extremely difficult and at all times it is remembered that the numbers represent people, colleagues and friends and that the recall process, while complex and lengthy, will be handled with careful sensitivity. It is very difficult, but important to recognize the need to balance employees and financial needs in order to maintain the fiscal stability of the District for the future.

The Board and Administration extended sincere gratitude to staff—both certificated and classified—as everyone will be impacted by the program reductions. The Board also promised to continue working in Olympia toward securing as much funding as possible for our District.

Superintendent Rasmussen expressed appreciation to the IEA leadership and said that the administration would continue to work closely with the IEA throughout this process.

President Deagle invited public input and IEA President Neva Luke addressed the Board. Ms. Luke agreed that this is an extraordinarily difficult time and that the IEA would work closely with the administration to move forward with the recall process. There was no further public input.

Following the vote on the motion, which carried unanimously, there was a short break.

8:45 p.m. Break

8:58 p.m. Back to order

EL-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students

Board action on this monitoring report was tabled at March 25th meeting to allow further refinements to the report, based on board comments. Mr. Magendanz moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the Board accept the monitoring report for EL-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students. Following brief discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Rasmussen presented the updated monitoring report and added an addendum that he proposed also be incorporated into the monitoring report upon the Board's approval. The addendum responds to a request for further information submitted by Ms. Fletcher. Board members took a few minutes to study the addendum before voting on the motion on the floor.

Monitoring Report – EL-2 Treatment of People

Ms. Weaver moved and Mr. Magendanz seconded, that the Board accept the superintendent's internal annual monitoring report for EL-2 Treatment of Students. Following brief discussion the motion carried unanimously.

President Deagle noted that this report was also tabled at the March 25th meeting.

Construction Projects Update

A report on district construction projects was provided by Steve Crawford. These reports are provided for Board information, with no action required. Construction updates are also available on the district website at www.issaquah.wednet.edu.

NSBA Conference Report

Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Woldseth, Ms. Weaver and Mr. Magendanz recently attended the National School Board Association Conference and provided feedback regarding the programs and sessions attended.

Legislative Matters

The Board and administration briefly reported on the status of education legislation, finalization of a state budget, and the likelihood of an extended legislative session.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen presented a brief report on various activities and events District-wide.

Announcements and Correspondence – None

Future Agenda Topics

- The work/study session prior to the May 13th regular meeting will be focused on Board communications.
- Superintendent Rasmussen will update the “parking lot” items for the Board’s consideration.

Calendar

- The Board has been invited to hold a joint meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest with the Newcastle City Council on May 14th. This is currently a conflict for Mr. Deagle, but he urged the Board to accept the invitation; he will attend if he is able to adjust his calendar. Ms. Woldseth moved the Board schedule a joint meeting with the Newcastle City Council on Thursday, May 14, 2009 beginning at 6 p.m. at a location to be determined. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weaver and carried unanimously.
- Mr. Magendanz agreed to serve as the Board’s representative to the Financial Advisory Core Team (FACT).

Adjourn

10:08 p.m. adjourn