

Work/Study Session

February 2010 Levy

President Brian Deagle called the Issaquah School Board to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. The Board moved immediately into work/study session with members of the Cabinet. With President Deagle were board members Suzanne Weaver, Chad Magendanz and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

CFO Jake Kuper outlined the administration's recommendation that the levy amount authorized by the board in June be modified downward. This recommendation is made in recognition of recent reductions in assessed valuation (AV) by King County. Furthermore, the proposed legislation that the District was relying on to propose to the voters an M & O levy with a 28.97% authority appears to be very unlikely to become statute. It is a benefit to the local taxpayer to make this adjustment.

The board and administration discussed the proposed change and how to clearly share the message with the community. The basic message is that, *in general*, a homeowner will pay the same or less over the life of the proposed 3-measure levy package. It was agreed that it is important to be clear that 1) the total dollars paid—not the rate—is the basis for the statement, and 2) this is a “renewal” of an existing levy, not a “replacement.”

Board members concurred with the administrative recommendation.

GP-4E Board Calendar

The board and administration went over a drafted update for GP-4E the board's annual calendar. Having this calendar as comprehensive as possible should help the board and administration manage meetings and responsibilities most effectively. There will be, of course, some modifications as the year progress and unexpected priorities emerge. Discussion on board training and linkage meetings/topics will be deferred until there is a full board (following the November elections).

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 Deagle called the September 23, 2009 Issaquah School Board meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. in Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With President Deagle were directors Chad Magendanz, Jan Woldseth, and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. Mr. Deagle noted that Connie Fletcher officially resigned from the Board effective September 10th and Ms. Woldseth is out of town.

Marnie Maraldo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

- Kimberly Montague – PTSA Council
- Marnie Maraldo – PTSA Council

Ms. Montague and Ms. Maraldo presented a message to the Board on behalf of the PTSA Council that the Council endorses all three measures of the levy being developed for February 2010.

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No changes

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Magendanz moved and Ms. Weaver seconded the consent agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Action as noted was taken on consent agenda items.

1. Approved acceptance of three gifts: 1) \$3,000 to be used by the Cascade Ridge Title I/BEL program; 2) \$12,328.95 to pay for additional Educational Assistant hours at Newcastle Elementary; and 3) \$12,000 to pay for additional Educational Assistant hours at Sunny Hills Elementary.
2. Acknowledged receipt of the July 2009 Budget Status Report.
3. Declared surplus those textbooks and library books that are obsolete, as requested by the administration.
4. Approved **Resolution 957** which authorizes a newly elected board member to attend the annual WSSDA conference.
5. Authorized issuance of the Notice of Award/Notice to Proceed to Commercial Structures for the Base Bid and Alternate #1 for the May Valley Service Center Pod 5 Replacement project for \$1,190,865.00 plus WSST of \$113,132.20 for a total of \$1,303,997.20.
6. Approved the minutes of the September 9, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
7. Approved certificated non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2009-10 school year.*
8. Approved the certificated leave of absence for the 2009-10 school year as presented.*
9. Approved the certificated resignation/retirement as presented.*
10. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
11. Approved the new classified employee as presented.*
12. Approved the 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=160&KEY=uVFtO8xa>

Monitoring Report: EL-8 Communication and Support to the Board

Ms. Weaver moved, and Mr. Magendanz seconded, that the Board accept the annual internal monitoring report for EL- 8 Communication and Support to the Board as presented. Following Superintendent Rasmussen's certification that the District is in compliance with EL-8 with no exceptions and brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Construction Projects Update

Steve Crawford presented an update on construction projects throughout the District.

Summary of Work/Study Session

President Deagle briefly summarized the work/study session held prior to the regular meeting agenda.

- The Board agreed with the Administration's recommendation to scale back the proposed M & O levy amount, recognizing the need to balance the needs of the district, the reality of the local taxpayers, and changes made by King County with regard to assessed valuations. For the majority of taxpayers, there will be a reduction or no change, to their tax rate with passage of the proposed levy in February 2010.
- The board calendar was worked on, modified, and will be carefully maintained as the year progresses.

Legislative Matters

Mr. Magendanz reported that Ms. Fletcher attended her first meeting of the State Board of Education Sept. 17/18—first State Board meeting of this school year. There is good information on the work of the State Board at <http://www.sbe.wa.gov/default.htm>. He also noted several upcoming meetings on educational legislation, funding, PTSA, on-line ed, and candidate forums.

Mr. Magendanz inquired if the Board wishes to take a position in regard to I-1033, a measure dealing with revenue limits and property tax relief. After discussion, the board agreed that 1) the Board currently has a legislative platform in place, 2) acknowledged that the Olympian Coalition, of which the School Board is one member, is going to take a position on the initiative, and 3) asked Mr. Magendanz (the board's legislative representative) and Ms. Weaver (who serves on the Olympian Coalition with Mr. Magendanz as school board representatives) to evaluate the measure in light of the board's current platform to determine if the measure is within or not within the platform's parameters, and act accordingly with regard to support of the measure on the Board's behalf.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Rasmussen provided a brief summary of works in progress throughout the District.

Announcements and Correspondence

President Deagle noted the following correspondence received by the Board:

- Susan Canaga: regarding the CTE Advisory Kick-off dinner meeting on October 6th
- K. Munn: seeking a board position on I-1033 which was referred to Mr. Magendanz to pursue with the Board as a whole
- J. Good: an activity bus stop
- Bob: President Obama's speech earlier this month
- H. Gillette: providing a list of PTSA meetings and events and input on E-3 assessment
- B. Teel: requesting her personal message be forwarded to Ms. Fletcher
- Susan Canaga – More specific information on the CTE Advisory Kick-off dinner on October 6th
- E. Schneider – A request for information from Mr. Magendanz, which was forwarded to him for acknowledgement and response

Kimberly Montegue, Maywood PTA, extended an invitation to the Board to attend any Maywood PTA meetings—the next meetings will be held on January 26th and April 19th.

- Ms. Weaver and Mr. Deagle noted receiving a copy of a message sent to a staff member regarding fund raising and requested follow up on the response provided to the parent.

Calendar and Future Agenda Topics

There was no further calendar discussion; further discussion will be needed following the election in November.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.