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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The May 9, 2007 meeting of the Issaquah School Board was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Jan Woldseth. Board members present, in addition to Ms. Woldseth, were Connie Fletcher, Brian Deagle, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler, and Superintendent Janet Barry. The Board was in executive session on negotiations and real estate between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Mark Prussing, Seattle NW Securities, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Ms. Weaver moved, and Mr. Deagle seconded, that the minutes of the April 23, 2007 special joint meeting with the Sammamish City Council be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Weaver moved the minutes of the April 25, 2007 regular board meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winkler and carried unanimously.

Establish Regular Agenda

Superintendent Barry presented one walk-on topic to add to the regular agenda: Superintendent's Budget Direction 2007-08. This is presented for board information only, with no action required. The Board agreed to add it as new item #5. There were no other changes to the agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Fletcher moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deagle and carried unanimously. Action was taken on the following consent agenda items as noted.

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 May 9, 2007, the Board, by a majority vote, approved for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and further described as General Fund vouchers 244413 through 244947 in the total amount of \$609,200.07; Capital Projects vouchers 244637 through 244955 in the total amount of \$88,150.41; ASB Fund vouchers 244648 through 245009 in the total amount of \$269,685.57; Payroll warrants 155151 through 155435 in the total amount of \$2,070,928.50, and an electronic transfer in the amount of \$6,669,794.19.
2. Accepted five gifts: 1) \$8,272.27 to purchase new football helmets, accessories, a repair kit and parts for the football program at Issaquah High; \$13,425.81 to purchase new playground equipment for Grand Ridge; 3) \$4,500.00 to sponsor "Book Author" visits for the students at Challenger; 4) a donation of tennis rackets, nets, and foam balls for distribution to six elementary schools for an after-school tennis program valued at over \$2,000; and 5) a variety of outdoor musical instructions valued at over \$8,000 for Sunset Elementary.
3. Approved Resolution 924 renewing the District's NEVAC Interdistrict Agreement as presented.
4. Accepted the internal annual monitoring report for EL-2 Treatment of People as presented (and discussed at the April 25th board meeting).

5. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2006-07 school year*.
6. Approved certified employee resignations for 2006-07 as presented*.
7. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2007-08 school year*.
8. Approved certificated leave(s) of absence without pay for the 2007-08 school year as presented*.
9. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented*.
10. Approved classified new employees for 2006-07 as presented*.
11. Approved classified employee leaves of absence for 2007-08 as presented*.
12. Approved classified employee resignations/retirements/terminations for 2006-07 as presented*.

* personnel listings are available by clicking on the appropriate item on the electronic agenda for this meeting at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/events/Default.aspx?ID=68>.

Student representative, Megan Sak, provided a brief summary of events taking place at high schools throughout the district. She also expressed concern about budgetary shortfalls being experienced at high schools due to excessive transportation costs and possible impact to athletic/activity programs as a result. Mike Gallagher, Exec. Director for high school programs noted that the administration is working with the high schools to identify/implement options to address this concern and like contingencies.

Public Input

- Representatives from each District high school invited Board members to attend their graduation ceremonies on June 18th at SafeCo Field, and asked the Board to identify a representative to accept each graduating class:
 - Connie Fletcher will accept the Liberty High graduating class @ 2 p.m.
 - Suzanne Weaver will accept the Skyline High graduating class @ 5 p.m.
 - Mike Winkler will accept the Issaquah High graduating class @ 8 p.m.
 - Jan Woldseth will accept the Tiger Mountain Community High School graduating class – this graduation ceremony will take place on June 21st at 6 p.m. at TMCHS.
- Terry Ano, on behalf of several parents from Endeavour elementary thanked the Board for action taken on behalf of the 5th grade Merlin Program at Endeavour Elementary.
- Chris Gillette, Skyline junior, presented a request to the Board for changes in graduation requirements in the area of physical education, occupational education, and cross credits/waiving. The administration briefly outlined current processes in place or being developed to address acknowledged needs in this area in order to maximize opportunities for students. The Board requested a more in-depth conversation on this subject.

Bond Sale

Assistant Superintendent Dean Mack, along with representatives from Seattle NW Securities, bond counsel from Preston Gates, and financial advisor Bob Yeasting, responded to questions, and presented appropriate material to the Board with regard to the sale of \$75,000,000 of general obligation bonds from issue approved by the voters on February 7, 2006.

Ms. Fletcher moved the Board accept the offer from Seattle Northwest Securities and adopt Resolution 923, providing for the issuance and sale of \$75,000,000 of general obligation bonds. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weaver and carried unanimously.

Short break to sign resolution. 8:00 p.m.
Back to order: 8:12

ENDS Priorities for Student Learning

Superintendent Barry presented a possible structure for consideration as a means/process to achieve the Board's identified ENDS.

There was considerable discussion. The Board agreed:

- A tool would be useful
- Dr. Rasmussen (superintendent effective 7/1/07) should participate in the discussion
- A 'comprehensive review' of current programs was discussed, but the scope of such a review was not clearly defined: What is a program? What 'stand alone' programs currently exist? Do the Board and administration have the same definition of a 'program'?
- The Board would like to have a work/study session devoted to this material/subject.
- Mike Winkler will not be at the May 23rd board meeting; Jan Woldseth will investigate having such a work/study prior to the June 13th board meeting.
- Ms. Fletcher suggested 'community resources' be factored in the items identified by Dr. Barry in "Cluster B."
- What kind of timeline is reasonable for a comprehensive program review? A review of sample programs?
- Ms. Woldseth said she would work with board members to develop a structure for a work/study session and identify what each board member needs to achieve results from a productive session.

Board Self-Monitoring: GP-1, GP-2, GP-5 and GP-6

Tabled to the May 23rd board meeting.

Superintendent Transition Update

Superintendent Barry summarized planning taking place with Dr. Rasmussen to ensure a smooth transition in leadership: meeting with directors and other staff, including Dr. Rasmussen in administrative hiring decisions, driving tours of the District with various administrators, attending District and community functions, and administrative retreat planning.

Superintendent's Budget Direction – walk on

Superintendent Barry presented the Board with the Superintendent's Direction for 2007-08 Budget Development plan, noting that the plan was developed based on the Board's direction of March 14th. Presented for information only, no action required.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Regarding meeting with legislators to debrief on the past legislative session and plan for the 2008 session, Ms. Fletcher noted that June 13th, incorporated into the regular agenda, would work well. Ms. Fletcher will coordinate that agenda item.

- A brief outline was provided of the portions of WASL legislation recently vetoed by Governor Gregoire.
- June 1 is the deadline for school districts to submit proposals to the WSSDA for the 2008 legislative session. Ms. Fletcher will coordinate a discussion on this topic at the May 23rd board meeting.
- Mr. Winkler noted there will be legislation presented relative to raising real estate and raising the excise tax; he asked that the Board discuss whether to support or not support this legislation.
- Kelly Munn asked the Board to decide if it will support a November ballot measure proposing simple majority for school levies.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Superintendent Barry briefly outlined works in progress District-wide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Woldseth and Ms. Weaver reported they attended the audit exit conference last week and the District 'came through with flying colors!' Over 300 hours of audit research resulted in no findings and compliments were extended to Assistant Superintendent of Finance Dean Mack, and Director of Accounting Jake Kuper.

CALENDAR

- Mr. Winkler moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the schedule of regular board meetings for the 2007-08 school year be adopted as presented. It was noted that while several months show only one regular meeting due to break weeks/holidays, special meetings can and will be added as needed. Motion carried unanimously.
- A candidate information forum will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd from 6 to 7 p.m. The forum will be conducted to answer questions and provide information to anyone interested in filing for school board election. Three positions will be available for election in November, and filing is required during the first week of June at the King County Elections Office. Because board members will be in executive session at that time, the forum will be hosted by former board member(s).
- The annual District Retirement Reception will be held on Monday, June 11th at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Meeting with legislators on May 23rd
- Work/study around prioritization of ENDS – date to be determined

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.