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President Jan Woldseth called the June 27, 2007 meeting of the Issaquah School Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Board immediately moved to executive session on bargaining as posted on the agenda.

Break 6:55  
Back to order 7:08

President Woldseth called the June 27, 2007 regular meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order at 7:08 p.m. noting the preceding executive session. In addition to President Woldseth, present were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler, and Superintendent Janet Barry.

Janet Barry led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Minutes

Ms. Weaver moved approval of the June 13, 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously. President Woldseth noted that, in the future, once board minutes have been approved, the minutes will be corrected to reflect changes and posted on the web as official.

### Establishment of Regular Agenda

Superintendent Barry suggested some modifications to the regular agenda in order to accommodate those present to participate. The board agreed to change the order of items so that the Elementary Math adoption and Skyline High School Design presentation move to items 1 and 2 respectively.

### Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Deagle requested item #3 on the consent agenda, Maple Hills Easement, be moved to the regular agenda in order to ask a question prior to action being taken. Because Steve Crawford, Director of Capital Projects, was not in attendance at the meeting, this item was postponed to the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Gallagher responded to a question Jan Woldseth presented on a gift/donation to Liberty High.

Ms. Fletcher moved consent agenda be approved as amended. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Action, as noted, was taken on consent agenda items.

1. Accepted four gifts: 1) \$4,450.00 for additional support of the VOICE Mentor program; 2) \$3,600.00 to purchase Activote Devices for Grand Ridge Elementary; 3) \$3,000.00 to purchase new wrestling uniforms for Pine Lake Middle School; and 4) \$13,200.00 for the basketball program at Liberty High.
2. Approved award of the Dairy Products Bid #471 to Liberty Distributing for the 2007-08 school year.
3. Approved annual renewal of the WIAA membership for all Issaquah School District high schools and middle schools for the 2007-08 school year.
4. Approved certificated resignations as presented.\*
5. Approved non-continuing, provisional and continuing contracts as presented for the 2007-08 school year.\*
6. Approved leaves of absence without pay for the 2007-08 school year as presented.\*

7. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.\*
8. Approved new classified employees as presented.\*
9. Approved classified resignations/retirements/terminations 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/ViewEvent.aspx?ID=77&KEY=15XhW4U1>

### **Public**

- Karen Foremski – asked the board to investigate differences among district middle schools in terms of elective offerings and PE waivers. Written statement provided.
- Holly Whiting, IHS drama staff member and Issaquah Performing Arts Center (IPAC) member, spoke for Barbara de Michele and other members of the Committee regarding the inclusion of a Performing Arts Center in the IHS remodel. Written statement provided. As a high school music teacher, Ms. Whiting added her support to this request. The Board agreed to add a discussion on this topic at a future board meeting. Mike Winkler requested study documentation supporting the recommendation for an 800-seat PAC and related costs; Connie wants to know what other facility needs would be needed and costs

### **Elementary Mathematics Adoption**

Dr. Lynn Brogan summarized the process used to reach this evening's recommendation for board action on the IMSC recommended math curriculum. She noted that two pieces of input have been received since the June 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting when the recommendation was presented to the Board for first reading. Audience input was invited, but no further public input was given. Jan Woldseth shared input from Dr. Rasmussen on what teachers in the Franklin Pierce School District like about the Everyday Math curriculum.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the Board approve the following basic materials: *Everyday Mathematics Program, grades K-5*. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion which, following comments from Board members, carried unanimously.

### **Skyline High School Design Process**

Mike Archer, District construction coordinator, introduced Rick Huxley, principal, Bassetti Architects, for the Skyline High School remodel project. A review of the design to date was provided. Mr. Huxley, Mr. Archer and Mr. Gallagher responded to Board questions. Dr. Barry noted this will come back to the Board with design and cost information to the Board for approval in August.

### **Issaquah High School Design Process**

Royce Nourigat, District construction coordinator introduced Butch Reifert and David Mount of Mahlum Architects, for the Issaquah High School remodel project. Like the Skyline project, this remodel is in the schematic design phase and a summary of the development of the design phase to date was provided. The architects and staff, including Issaquah High Principal Paula Phelps, responded to questions.

There was significant discussion regarding the critical time for a decision on the request from the IPAC that an 800-seat Performing Arts Center (instead of the 600-seat in these initial design plans) be incorporated: When must that decision be made in order not to negatively impact this design phase and overall construction timeline? IPAC needs the Board's decision before they can move forward with plans for fundraising to provide for the 200-seat expansion. *Note: Under Calendar later on this agenda, the Board agreed to focus the discussion at the July 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting on this topic.*

9:02 p.m. Short break

9:12 p.m. Back to order

**Return to public input (two people were missed during earlier public input time)**

- Judy Brewer – no longer present
- Marianne Kersten – spoke to the competitiveness for college entrance and identified areas that differ between Issaquah and neighboring districts in terms of grading and other graduation requirements.

**E-2: Academics and Foundations – High School Course Equivalency Process**

The administration presented a report on a current study of the District's equivalency courses (formerly known as cross-crediting), and the development of a process to identify new courses meeting state requirements for this distinction (as required by state law). This study will continue in 2007-08 and changes will be effective in 2008 for students graduating in 2012.

Frequent updates throughout 2007-08, and presentation to board for policy adoption is anticipated by next spring.

**Board Budget for 2007-08**

The Board requested an opportunity to talk about the line items in the Board's budget in order to 1) understand what's specifically included in this budget, and 2) consider any direction to the administration for changes in the budget. The budget will be presented to the Board for first reading on August 8 and for action on August 22 for the 2007-08 school year.

The Board will study line items in the Board budget as part of the retreat with new superintendent, Steve Rasmussen, in July or August.

**ENDS for Student Achievement**

President Woldseth briefly summarized the board's work/study session on May 30<sup>th</sup> on ENDS priorities for defining student achievement in the District.

**Policy Updates – Second Reading – GP-1, GP-2, GP-5, GP-6**

Mr. Winkler moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, that the Board adopt Policies GP-1, GP-2, GP-5 and GP-6 as discussed and modified at the May 23, 2007 regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent Transition Update**

President Woldseth noted that Dr. Steve Rasmussen will assume the position of Superintendent of the District on July 1.

**Maple Hills Easement (pulled from consent agenda)**

Maple Hills easement will be postponed to the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Legislative Matters**

It was noted that the Issaquah Schools Foundation has made a contribution toward the simple majority campaign.

**Works in Progress**

Superintendent Barry provided updates on various activities/events taking place district-wide.

**Announcements and Correspondence**

Ms. Woldseth presented a request from the Issaquah Schools Foundation asking that the board president serve as an ex-officio member on the ISF Board, in addition to the superintendent's role as an ex-officio member. The Board agreed.

**Calendar**

- The board agreed to hold a work/study with the Issaquah Schools Foundation before the July 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to discuss mutual goals and ways to partner effectively.
- The regular meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> will focus on the request from IPAC to expand the performing arts center at IHS, plus minimal 'housekeeping' items.
- Mr. Deagle requested more realistic time allocations for agenda items, and agenda planning, to lessen postponing/rescheduling topics due to lengthy agendas.
- Mr. Winkler requested an evaluation of the budget for the IHS remodel to see if capacity is there for the District to fund the expansion of the PAC, rather than relying on fund raising by the IPAC to do so.

**Future Agenda Topics**

- See above for 7/11 meeting agenda
- Set date for retreat with Board/Superintendent – need more dates to consider – none suggested work for all board members
- Jan asked board members to check their calendars for Aug. 14/15

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Approved as presented at the August 8, 2007 board meeting.