

Board Work/Study Session
November 28, 2007

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Issaquah School Board President Jan Woldseth called the November 28, 2007 special meeting for a work/study and executive session – negotiations (per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g)) to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With Ms. Woldseth were board members Brian Deagle, Connie Fletcher, Suzanne Weaver, Mike Winkler and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen along with members of the administrative team.

Superintendent Rasmussen explained that this initial meeting represents the first step in the data collection phase of a comprehensive boundary review. The material being presented is from the preliminary data collection work done by the administrative technical team providing support to the BRC. The Boundary Review Committee will be headed by Craig Christensen, Executive Director of Operations and its first meeting is tentative scheduled for January 30, 2008.

Following introductory remarks by Dr. Rasmussen, Ron Thiele used district maps showing various attendance boundary options for elementary schools, including identification of a preferred option to build E-15, and close Clark Elementary as a K-5 building. It was emphasized that no decision about boundary lines will be made until the BRC has done its work, including many opportunities for public input. However, the tech team felt it would irresponsible not to share what has emerged through their data collection process, and appears to be the most program and cost effective resolution to student housing needs in the district for the next several years.

Throughout the work/study, Mr. Thiele and members of the administrative team responded to questions from the board. Audience input was invited via written comment forms provided. All comments received will be shared with the Board.

Dr. Rasmussen noted that a community meeting in early December had been considered, but it is now believed that more/better data will be available in January and that would be a more productive time to have such a meeting. The board agreed.

Audience members were reminded to leave input in the basket provided, and were assured that all input would be shared with the Board.

President Woldseth declared the work/study session closed and the board moved into a special meeting for the purpose of executive session (Negotiations – per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g)). Ms. Woldseth noted the executive session will last approximately 30 minutes and no action will follow.

8:30 break to executive session

9:15 back to open and immediate adjournment.