



**Issaquah School District #411  
Board Minutes – January 26, 2023**

**UNOFFICIAL**

**Executive Session – 5:00 p.m.**

The Issaquah School Board held an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel about legal risks of current or proposed action pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). In addition to the Board, Superintendent Tow-Yick and legal counsel were present. Director Gallinger joined via Zoom, Director Marnie Maraldo was not present for this Executive Session. The session was extended by 10 minutes and ended at 6:10 p.m.

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:15 p.m.**

Board President Sydne Mullings called the January 26, 2023, meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the Administration Service Center at 6:15 p.m. Present along with Ms. Mullings were Board Directors Anne Moore, Suzanne Weaver, Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick and ISD Administrators. Directors Harlan Gallinger and Marnie Maraldo were not present for this meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

*Please note: Because regular Issaquah School Board meetings are recorded and made available in their entirety, minutes will reflect board action/direction and general topic discussion only.*

**Public Comment – 6:20 p.m.**

Diana Goldberg	Re: IHS Stadium
Eric Shipley	Re: IHS Stadium
Rishi Hazra	Re: Budget reduction concerns
Larry White	Re: Question for a staff member

**Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:30 p.m.**

**Ms. Weaver moved the consent agenda be approved as presented.**

Ms. Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda items are as follows:

1. Approved the minutes for the January 12, 2023 regular board meeting, as presented;
2. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$15,000.00 has been donated to Sunny Hills Elementary, 2) \$8,390.54 has been donated to the Liberty High School Football Program, 3) \$5,000.00 has been donated to Issaquah High School, 4) \$22,500.00 has been donated to Creekside Elementary, 5) \$10,000.00 has been donated to Cascade Ridge Elementary, as presented;
3. Approved the Employee Leaves of Absence (2022-2023), as presented; \*
4. Approved the Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations; as presented \*
5. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2022-2023), as presented; \*
6. Approved the Classified Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2022-2023), as presented; \*

\* personnel listings are available by clicking on the appropriate item on the [archived agenda](#) for this meeting.



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**Establishment of the Agenda – 6:30 p.m.**

No Changes

**Works in Progress – 6:31 p.m.**

Superintendent Tow-Yick updated the Board on events around the District.

**Student Input EL-14 Instruction- 6:33 p.m.**

The student representatives Paige Bryan gave input on EL-14 Instruction. Sofia Kovalenko tried to join via Zoom but was not able to. She will provide her input in writing.

**Demographer Update – 6:39 p.m.**

Demographer Shannon Bingham updated the Board on the district demographics and the outlook of future student enrollment.

**Review of Prior Two Years Budget Reductions – 6:58 p.m.**

Martin Turney, CFO/COO and Moriah Banasick, Exec. Dir. of Finance, presented prior years budget reductions for Board discussion.

**2023-24 Budget Development Guidelines - 7:25 p.m.**

The Board, along with ISD Administrators, held a discussion about the Budget Development Guidelines for the 2023-24 school year. No decision was made during this meeting. It is expected to come back for discussion and possible action on February 9, 2023.

No public comment.

**Monitoring Report Ends 2 Part 2 - 8:07 p.m.**

**Ms. Weaver moved the Board accept the monitoring report for E 2 Part 2 Academics, as presented.** Ms. Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dana Bailey and Mr. Rich Mellish presented the monitoring report followed by Board discussion prior to their vote.

No public comment.

**EL-10 Structure of Schools – 8:33 p.m.**

The Board and Administration reviewed last year's monitoring report and this year's Superintendent interpretation. No board action was taken during this meeting.

No public comment.

**Legislative Matters – 8:43 p.m.**

No discussion during this meeting.



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**Announcements and Correspondence – 8:44 p.m.**

This is a standing opportunity for the Board to share announcements and correspondence.

This list reflects correspondence collectively sent to the Board since the last board meeting:

- K. Page on behalf of Cascade Ridge educators    Re: Current trends
- E. Anthonise    Re: City of Bellevue Zoning
- B. Frey    Re: Creekside power outage/school closure

Individual Board members reported the following correspondence:

- C. Rowe    Re: Inquiry from Seattle Times
- S. Terada    Re: School concern

**Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:44 p.m.**

Board review with no changes during this meeting.

**Adjournment - 8:50 p.m.**