



**Issaquah School District #411
Board Minutes – December 6, 2023**

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:02 p.m.

Board Director Sydne Mullings called the December 6, 2023 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the Administration Service Center at 6:02 p.m. Present along with Ms. Mullings were Board Directors Harlan Gallinger, Marnie Maraldo, Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick and ISD Administrators.

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.

Oath of Office – 6:03 p.m.

A King County Election was held on November 7, 2023. Matt Coyne DA #5 and A.J. Taylor DA #1 were elected as new Board Directors, Dr. Harlan Gallinger DA #3 was re-elected to his position as Board Director.

Superintendent Tow-Yick presided over administering the Oath of Office for Matt Coyne DA #5 and A.J. Taylor DA #1, then Dr. Gallinger DA #3 (re-elected).

Once the administering of the oaths concluded, Matt Coyne and A.J. Taylor took their place at the dais, joining the other Board Members for the remainder of the meeting.

Board Reorganization – 6:06 p.m.

In accordance with state law, (RCW 28A.330.010) and consistent with Board Policy (OGP 12), the Board must elect a board president annually or upon seating of new board members. Upon adoption of policy governance, the Board eliminated the position of vice president. The Superintendent will preside over the election process until a board president for the coming year is elected.

Superintendent Tow-Yick declared the nominations for Board President open.

Ms. Maraldo nominated Harlan Gallinger. Superintendent Tow-Yick asked three times if there were any nominations. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken by Superintendent Tow-Yick. Board Director Harland Gallinger, was elected unanimously to be the Board President.

Board Director Gallinger asked the Board for nominations for Legislative Representative. Board Director Maraldo nominated AJ Taylor. Board President Gallinger asked three times if there were any nominations.

There were no other nominations. By roll call vote, all Board of Directors voted yes. Board Director AJ Taylor was elected Legislative Representative.

The Board identified their Student Representative Liaison. Board Director Mullings agreed to fulfill this responsibility.

The Board identified their Directors to organize Leadership Meeting with City elected officials. Board Directors Mullings agreed to this responsibility.

The Board identified the new Director Mentors to be: A.J. Taylor's mentor will be Director Marnie Maraldo and Matt Coyne's mentor will be Sydne Mullings.



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The Board identified Director Matt Coyne as the Representative to the Financial Analysis Core Team (FACT).

The Board identified their Federal Relations Network representative. Director Maraldo agreed to be Board's FRN representative. All Board members were in favor and Director Maraldo will be the Board's FRN representative.

Public Comment – 6:15 p.m.

- Dina Alatorre Re: Staff training
- Ari Shapiro Re: Student information
- Dena Kernish Re: Issaquah School District
- Kara Daoscovitz Re: Antisemitism
- Stacey Delcow Re: Student experiences
- Marion Reader Re: Support for families
- Noreen Awan Re: Support of students
- Shira Delcon Re: Issaquah School District
- Maya Delcon Re: Issaquah School District
- Rehan Shehata Re: Current events
- Mchammod Kadora Re: Current events
- Nimra Sajeeel Re: Liberty High School
- Landon Halverson Re: Student information
- Raquel Koz Re: Issaquah School District
- Annie Dupont Re: Current events
- Michelle Whitehead Re: Grand Ridge
- Mallory Whitehead Re: Grand Ridge
- Wendy Ghiora Re: Student information
- Swen Nater Re: Issaquah School District

Approval of Consent Agenda – 7: 01p.m.

Board Director Marnie moved the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Board Director Matt Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda items are as follows:

1. Presented for information only the Budget Status Report for August 2023, as presented;
2. Approved for payment General vouchers 427161 through 427737 in the total amount of \$ 2,740,863.01; Capital Projects vouchers 427309 through 427745 in the total amount of \$ 92,174.41; ASB vouchers 427321 through 427791 in the total amount of \$346,388.90; Payroll 190422 through 190515 in the total amount of \$ 3,411,688.27; Electronic Transfer – Payroll in the total amount of \$ 24,795,954.44 Electronic Transfer – Dept of Rev. in the total amount of \$ 8,892.83; Electronic Transfer - GF AP in the total amount of \$ 31,765.05; Electronic Transfer – ASB AP in the total amount of \$ 3,548.59
3. Accepted the Monitoring Report Executive Limitation 9 Annual Report to the Public (Communication) (EL-9), as presented;
4. Approved the Multilingual Learner Plan for the 2023-24 school year, as presented;
5. Approved the Carl D. Perkins grant for the 2023-24 school year, as presented;
6. Approved the ISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Plan for the 2023-27



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- school year, as presented;
7. Adopted Resolution No.1213 authorizing the removal of old uncollectable receivables dated during the 2022-23 school year, as presented;
 8. Adopted Resolution No. 1214 authorizing the Superintendent to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Bellevue College CHS with regard to educational services, as presented;
 9. Declared surplus all obsolete equipment, furniture, uniforms and vehicles which are identified during the 2022-23 school year and authorize the Administration to conduct sales of these items throughout the year, as presented;
 10. Declared surplus obsolete textbooks and library books which became obsolete during the 2021-22 school year, as requested by the Administration and authorized the Administration to conduct sales of these items, as presented;
 11. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$5,749.39 has been donated to Liberty High School Wrestling program, 2) \$5,000 has been donated to Cougar Ridge Elementary for paraprofessional pay for academic support, and 3) \$26,512.54 has been donated to the Maywood Middle School ASB General Student Body, as presented.
 12. Approved the minutes for the November 9, 2023, regular board meeting, as presented;
 13. Approved the Certificated Employee Contracts (2023-24), as presented; *
 14. Approved the Certificated Employee Leaves of Absence (2023-24), as presented; *
 15. Approved the Certificated Employee Leaves of Absence (2024-25), as presented; *
 16. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Employment Agreements, as presented; *
 17. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2023-2024), as presented; *
 18. Approved the Classified Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2023-2024), as presented; *

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

Establishment of the Agenda – 7:01 p.m.

No Changes

Report out on the WSSDA Annual Conference – 7:02 p.m.

November 16-18, the Board attended the Annual WSSDA Conference in Bellevue, WA. Superintendent Tow-Yick and Student Representatives joined the Board for the conference. The Board, Superintendent Tow-Yick and the Student Representatives gave a report on the conference for the public. The ISD Board once again received a Board of Distinction award!

Works in Progress – 7:13 p.m.

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

Capital Projects and Bond Planning - 7:21 p.m.

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations and Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects review Capital Projects and the Bond. The Board discussed the planning for the upcoming bond.

2024-25 Budget Development Guidelines Input – 7:29 p.m.

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations presented a draft 2024-25 Budget Guidelines for review. The Board had an opportunity to offer feedback. The 2024-25 Budget Guidelines will be presented during the January 11, 2024 board meeting.



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Legislative Matters – 7:53 p.m.

Director Gallinger brought forward items regarding legislation as it pertains to education.

Announcements and Correspondence – 7:55 p.m.

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

The Board reported the following correspondence since the last meeting:

• Jeannie Moskowitz	Re: Walkout
• Elizabeth Yanev	Re: Student Support
• Zach Duitch	Re: Walkout
• David Wax	Re: Care Club
• Renee Kiss	Re: LHS Student Safety
• Tony Harris	Re: Walkout
• Michelle Whitehead	Re: HIB
• Louisa Angel Kiss	Re: Walkout
• Sarah Quint	Re: Anti-Semitism
• Sarah Houpis	Re: Walkout
• Michelle Shleifer	Re: Walkout
• Jennifer Harrington	Re: Walkout
• Sharon Kellerman	Re: Safety
• Lindsay O'Neil	Re: Walkout
• Wendy Dubrow	Re: Walkout
• Lauren Cristalli	Re: Walkout
• David Cristalli	Re: Walkout

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

Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed and identified topics for future board meeting agendas and other special calendar items, as well as schedule special meetings/work sessions:

- Financial Analysis Core Team (FACT) Committee
 - Meets 3 times a year to review and analyze the upcoming budget- December 13, 2023, March 21, 2024 and July 10, 2024 (TBD)
- NSBA Advocacy Institute 2024
 - January 28-30, 2024
 - Washington D.C.
- Board Retreat – March 4-5, 2023
- Bond Committee Meetings

Adjournment: 8:15 pm