



**Issaquah School District #411**  
**Board Minutes – January 11, 2024**

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**Work Study – 5:00 p.m.**

The Board met for a work session on Ends 2 Academics and Foundations. Board President Harlan Gallinger, Directors Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, Sydne Mullings and A.J. Taylor along with Superintendent Tow-Yick, student representatives Siddarth Bassri, Dishitaa Jain, Naomi Wu and other members of the ISD administration were present. The session ended at 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:07 p.m.**

Board President Harlan Gallinger called the January 11, 2024 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the Administration Service Center at 6:07 p.m. Present along with Dr. Gallinger were Board Directors Sydne Mullings, Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, A.J. Taylor, Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick, Student Representatives Havah Alcorn and Mia Richardson 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.*

**Public Comment – 6:08 p.m.**

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| • Aisha Shafique        | Re: Curriculum             |
| • Faiza, Tasneem, Zaara | Re: Curriculum             |
| • Nada Alwarid          | Re: Previous Board Meeting |
| • Sarah Duke            | Re: Martin Luther King     |
| • Vered Mizrani         | Re: Antisemitism           |
| • Jason Massman         | Re: Antisemitism           |
| • Kara Moslovitz        | Re: Antisemitism           |
| • Holly Wax             | Re: Antisemitism           |
| • Noor Badran           | Re: Curriculum             |
| • Amir Awad             | Re: Curriculum             |
| • Ella Hassan           | Re: Curriculum             |
| • Belal Riyad           | Re: Curriculum             |
| • Ari Schapiro          | Re: Antisemitism           |

**Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:40 p.m.**

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

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

1. Presented for information only the Budget Status Reports for September and October, 2023, as presented;
2. Approved for payment General vouchers 435813 through 436904 in the total amount of \$ 5,235,331.73; Capital Projects vouchers 4436393 through 4436917 in the total amount of \$348,674.19; ASB vouchers 436407 through 436918 in the total amount of \$409,049.37; Payroll 191536 through 191606 in the total amount of \$3,803,995.13; Electronic Transfer – Payroll in the total amount of \$ 20,720,290.49; Electronic Transfer – Dept of Rev. in the total amount of \$ 4,917.82; Electronic Transfer - GF AP in the total amount of \$19,926.57; Electronic Transfer – ASB AP in the total amount of \$ 1,115.50
3. Adopted Resolution No. 1215 authorizing the Interlocal Agreement with Pacific NW College to provide Educational services to eligible students, as presented;
4. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$5,500 has been donated to Liberty High



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- School, 2) \$15,000 has been donated by the Family of Eric W. Burnett, 3) \$17,666.20 has been donated by the Issaquah Middle School PTSA, as presented;
5. Approved the minutes for the December 6, 2023, regular board meeting, as presented;
  6. Approved the Certificated Employee Leaves of Absence (2023-24), as presented; \*
  7. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Employment Agreements, as presented; \*
  8. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2023-2024), as presented; \*
  9. 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 – 6:41 p.m.**

No Changes

**Report out on the Work Study – 6:43 p.m.**

Prior to the Board Meeting the Board conducted a work study relating to Ends 2: Academics and Foundations. President Gallinger invited the Student Representatives to share related to the topic. Each Director also shared on the work study topic.

**Works in Progress – 7:06 p.m.**

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

**Bond Planning Update – 7:14 p.m.**

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations and Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects updated the Board with a bond planning discussion.

**2024-25 Budget Development Guidelines Input – 7:21 p.m.**

**Board Director Marnie Maraldo moved the Board adopt the 2024-25 District Budget Development Guidelines.**

Board Director Sydne Mullings seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board along with ISD Administrators held a discussion about the Budget Development Guidelines for the 2024-25 school year.

**Board Director Marnie Maraldo moved the Board amend the previously passed motion for Bullet Number 3 to read “Overall growth in student learning toward state and federal national learning targets, as well as growth for each of the disaggregated groups. This includes students working above standard.” as written in the previously adopted 2024-25 District Budget Development Guidelines.**

Board Director Sydne Mullings seconded the amended motion previously passed and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public input**

- None

**High School Graduation Discussion – 7:42 p.m.**



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**Board Director Marnie Maraldo moved the Board adopt the graduation requirements for the class of 2028 at Echo Glen, Gibson Ek, Issaquah, Liberty and Skyline high schools, as presented.**

Board Director Sydne Mullings seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Sherri Kokx presented the graduation requirements for the class of 2028. The Board held a discussion along with ISD Administrators pertaining to the graduation requirements.

**Public Input**

- Natalie Sheehan            Re: World History credit
- Gwen Loyd                 Re: World History credit
- Deb Walters                Re: Change in credit

**Board Director Marnie Maraldo moved the Board amend the previously passed motion to be the graduation requirements for the class of 2028 at Echo Glen, Gibson Ek, Issaquah, Liberty and Skyline high schools to include 3 years of mathematics for grades 9 - 12.**

Board Director Sydne Mullings seconded the amended motion previously passed motion and the motion passed unanimously

**Legislative Matters – 9:03 p.m.**

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

**Announcements and Correspondence – 9:06 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:

- Alex Waldbaum                            Re: Public Comment
- Kevin Mallaji                              Re: Staff Communication
- Owen Comer                                Re: Maywood Middle School
- Dylan Bateman                             Re: Maywood Middle School
- Evelyn Montes                              Re: Maywood Middle School
- Dena Kernish                                Re: Public Comment / 12/6 Board Meeting
- Eric Hasson                                 Re: Antisemitism
- Michelle Whitehead                        Re: Public Comment
- Nada Alwarid                                Re: Public Comment
- Zoey Little                                  Re: Maywood Middle School
- John MacDuff                                Re: Freezing point of water
- Stephanie Wright                            Re: Early Learning updates
- Teralee Spencer                             Re: I H S Theater Department
- Brecken Behrens                            Re: Maywood Middle School
- Sabeena Ismailova                         Re: Maywood Middle School
- Ivy Chesser                                 Re: Antisemitism
- Michelle Whitehead                        Re: HIB Training
- Aisha Shafique                             Re: Antisemitism
- Jason Baxter                                 Re: Transportation

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



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**Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 9:07 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:

**2024 City of Issaquah Council Meetings Dates – Board President-ISD Leadership (Location TBD):**

- February 9, 2024 - 11 a.m. - Noon
- May 15, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**2024 Issaquah PTSA General Membership Meeting Dates:**

- Jan. 18, 2024\* - Director Gallinger
- Feb. 15, 2024\* - Director Taylor
- March 12, 2024\* - Director Coyne
- April 18, 2024\*
- May 16, 2024\*
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*\*LOCATION & TIME: Administration Building – 10:00 a.m. - Noon*

**2024 PTSA Leadership Meeting Dates:**

- Jan. 4, 2024\*
- Feb 8, 2024\*
- March 7, 2024\* - Director Taylor
- May 2, 2024\*

*\*Location & Time: Administration Building – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

**Superintendent Evaluation/Executive Sessions:**

- May 21, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
- June 4, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
- June 17, 2024 - TBD

**Student Improvement Plans (SIP) –**

- November 13, 2024 – Secondary Schools (MS & HS)– 1p.m. - 4p.m.
- ~~November 20, 2024~~ – Elementary Schools (16) – 1p.m. - 4p.m.
  - This date conflicts with WSSDA Fall 2024 Conference in Spokane. Additional dates will be proposed due to this conflict.

**Adjournment: 9:12 p.m.**