



**Issaquah School District #411
Board Minutes – March 28, 2024**

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Executive Session – 4:00 p.m.

The Issaquah School Board held an Executive Session to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g); discuss with legal counsel current or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); and discuss with legal counsel the legal risks of current or proposed action pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). In addition to the Board, Superintendent Tow-Yick and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Donna Hood were present. Executive Sessions are not open to the public and no board action was taken. This meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m.

Work Study – 5:12 p.m.

The Board met for a work session on Bond Planning. Board President Harlan Gallinger, Directors Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, Sydne Mullings and A.J. Taylor along with Superintendent Tow-Yick and other members of the ISD administration were present. The session ended at 5:58 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:05 p.m.

Board President Harlan Gallinger called the March 28, 2024 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the Administration Service Center at 6:05 p.m. Present along with Dr. Gallinger were Board Directors Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, Sydne Mullings, A.J. Taylor, Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick, Student Representatives Havah Alcorn and Jack O’Connell 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 – 6:06 p.m.

The following Senior Student Representative from all Gibson Ek, Issaquah, Liberty and Skyline High Schools invited the Board to their graduations:

Gibson Ek: Maya Gomez
Issaquah High School: Akshay Vakharia
Liberty High School: Minot Elias
Skyline High School: Haley Butz

- Matthew Fischer (I H S / Junior) Re: Sustainability policy
- Andrew Kim (I H S / Junior) Re: Sustainability policy
- Sophia Sun (SHS / student) Re: Sustainability policy
- Zoey Zering Re: Sustainability policy
- Seena Goul Re: Sustainability policy
- Ann Newcomb (on Zoom) Re: Sustainability policy

Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:28 p.m.

Ms. Marnie Maraldo moved the consent agenda be approved as presented.



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Ms. 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 January 2024, as presented;
2. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$12,000 has been donated to Issaquah High School Football by the Issaquah High School Boosters Club, 2) \$8,604.32 has been donated to Issaquah High School Baseball by the Issaquah High School Boosters Club, 3) \$5,050 has been donated to the Liberty High School NJROTC Program by the Liberty High School Boosters Club, 4) \$5,500 has been donated to Gibson Ek High School by The Big Picture Company, Inc., 5) \$6,562.94 has been donated to Sunny Hills Elementary by the Sunny Hills Elementary PTA, as presented.
3. Approved the minutes for the March 14, 2024, regular board meeting, as presented;
4. Approved the Certificated Employee Contracts (2024-25), as presented; *
5. Approved the Certificated Employee Leaves of Absence (2024-25), as presented; *
6. Approved the Certificated Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (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 – 6:28 p.m.

No Changes

Works in Progress – 6:29 p.m.

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

Bond Planning Update/Work study Recap – 6:39 p.m.

The Board gave a recap of the work study on Bond Planning.

Capital Projects Update – 6:44 p.m.

Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects updated the board with a capital projects update as well as other projects going on around the district.

Online Learning Update – 6:53 pm

The Administration, Dana Bailey, Chief Academic & Student Success Officer, and Stephanie Grayson, Online Learning Coordinator, presented an update on Online Learning.

Middle School Athletics - 7:21 p.m.

The Administration, Jordan Frost, Director of Athletic and AP of PLMS, Mike Deletis, presented a report on Middle School Athletics Task Force.

Monitoring Report Executive Limitation 2 (EL-2) Treatment of People - 7:45 p.m.



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Board Director Maraldo moved the Board accept the monitoring report for EL-2 Treatment of People.

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

Public Comment - None

Legislative Matters – 8:23 p.m.

Director Taylor brought forward items regarding legislation as it pertains to education. Director Coyne noted he attended the 41st District legislative session, where the focus was on childcare and education.

Announcements and Correspondence – 8:24 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:

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| • C. Eldridge | Re: March 14 Board Meeting Public Comment |
| • Issaquah PTSA Council | Re: March 2024 GM Agenda |
| • S. Syms | Re: Issaquah High School Safety and Security |
| • D. Kernish | Re: Professional Development |
| • J. C. | Re: After School Club / Newcastle Elementary |
| • D. Vranesh / E. Brown | Re: Skyline High School |
| • L. Karpenko | Re: 3/14 Board Meeting – Funding Model |
| • S. Harper | Re: Issaquah High School |
| • A. Kot | Re: Issaquah High School |
| • J. Harrington | Re: Issaquah High School |
| • T. Hintz | Re: Issaquah High School |
| • A. Mendiratta | Re: Student Representative Program |
| • A. Turi | Re: Public Comment |
| • D. Bongmba | Re: Cougar Ridge Elementary |

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

Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:25 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.

Board Director Maraldo moved on the following items:

The Board accept the two-day Board Retreat to take place on August 26 and August 27, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as presented.

and

The Board accept the 2024-25 School Improvement Plan (SIP) Meetings to be on November 19, 2024 (Secondary Schools) and December 3, 2024 (Elementary Schools); as presented.



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

Breakfast with the Board -The Board has invited all high school and middle school teachers for breakfast and discussion on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at Skyline High School (Director Gallinger and Taylor will attend)
- *Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- *Wednesday, May 8, 2024

*(*confirmation for other 2 high schools are pending - updates will follow as soon as confirmed)*

The Board has received an invitation to attend a Liberty High School NJROTC visit by Commander Naval Service Training Command - Rear Admiral Craig Mattingly on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Directors Maraldo and Coyne will attend)

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.