



Issaquah School District #411
Board Minutes – February 8, 2024

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Work Study – 4:30 p.m.

The Board met for a work session on Board Vision, Ends and Strategic Plan. 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. Board President Harlan Gallinger joined the meeting via Zoom and arrived after the meeting was underway. The session ended at 5:51 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:01 p.m.

Board President Harlan Gallinger called the February 8, 2024 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the Administration Service Center at 6:01 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 Aditi Marehalli and Naomi Wu 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 – 6:02 p.m.

- Jules Loeffler (Zoom)

Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:03 p.m.

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

Ms. 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 November 2023, as presented;
2. Approved for payment General vouchers 436932 through 437457 in the total amount of \$3,093,226.81; Capital Projects vouchers 437037 through 437465 in the total amount of \$200,920.71; ASB vouchers 437043 through 437488 in the total amount of \$352,000.21; Payroll 191607 through 191680 in the total amount of \$3,906,068.48; Electronic Transfer – Payroll in the total amount of \$22,575,082.15; Electronic Transfer – Dept of Rev. in the total amount of \$3,870.21; Electronic Transfer - GF AP in the total amount of \$10,449.13; Electronic Transfer- CPF AP in the total amount of \$961.74; Electronic Transfer – ASB AP in the total amount of \$982.22
3. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$20,000 has been donated to Liberty High School Robotics by the Liberty High Booster Clubs, 2) \$25,734 has been donated to Pine Lake Middle School by the Pine Lake PTSA, 3) \$6,727.35 has been donated to Pine Lake Middle School by the Pine Lake PTSA, as presented;
4. Approved the minutes for the January 25, 2024, regular board meeting, 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; *



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- 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 – 6:05 p.m.

No Changes

Work Study Recap – 6:05 p.m.

Prior to the Board Meeting the Board conducted a work study relating to Board Vision, Ends and Strategic Plan. Board President Harlan Gallinger with 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.

Works in Progress – 6:13 p.m.

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

Bond Planning Update – 6:18 p.m.

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations, Moriah Banasick, Executive Director of Finance and Budget and Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects presented a slide presentation on Bond Planning updates.

Resolution #1216 Bond Refunding – 6:34 p.m.

Board Director Maraldo moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 1216 providing for the issuance and sale of refunding bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$46,000,000 and delegating to the Superintendent and/or Chief of Finance and Operations of the District the authority to determine the structure of the bonds, approve the interest rates, maturing dates and principal maturities for the bonds.

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

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations and Moriah Banasick, Executive Director of Finance and Budget along with a representative from K & L Gates, Cynthia Weed, updated the Board on the 2024 Bond Refunding.

Public Comment

- None

**Monitoring Report Governance Policy Ends 2 - Academics and Foundations (GP-2)
- 6:43 p.m.**

Board Director Maraldo moved the Board accept the monitoring report for E-2 Academics and Foundations.

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

The Board and Administration held a discussion prior to the vote.

Public Comment

- None



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Monitoring Report Executive Limitation 10 – Structure of Schools (EL-10) – 7:25 p.m.
Board Director Maraldo moved the Board accept the monitoring report for EL 10 – Structure of Schools.

Board Director Mullings seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
The Board and Administration held a discussion prior to the vote.

Public Comment

- None

Legislative Matters – 7:45 p.m.

Director Taylor brought forward items regarding legislation as it pertains to education.
The Board along with the Student Reps shared their experiences at the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) conference - Day on the Hill in Olympia in January 2024.

Announcements and Correspondence – 8:15 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:

- R. Iyer Re: Community Well Event
- N. Farkash Re: Meeting with Superintendent
- J. Green Re: Maple Hills Elementary
- R. Lewis Re: ISD Mentor Program
- D. Bongmba Re: Cougar Ridge Elementary
- L. Neighbours Re: Great Careers Expo – February 9, 2024
- A. Sivadasan Re: VOICE Student Mentor Panel
- S. Sinkar Re: Professionals Summit (student passion project)
- M. Whitehead Re: Grand Ridge Elementary
- D. Pinkowski Re: Staff Communication

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

Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:20 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.

The Board discussed scheduling the 2024-25 School Improvement Plans (SIP). Sharing more scheduling details. No Board action was taken.

Adjournment: 8:34 p.m.