



**Issaquah School District #411**  
**Board Minutes – September 26, 2024**

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

Board President Harland Gallinger called the September 26, 2024, 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 President Gallinger were Board Directors Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, Sydne Mullings (via Zoom) and A.J. Taylor, along with 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.*

**Public Comment – 6:03 p.m.**

- Chrissy Richmond Re: Paraprofessionals
- Judy Heasley Re: Paraprofessionals
- Deanna Gaudet Re: Paraprofessionals
- Kara Peligrini Re: Paraprofessionals
- Molly Peterson Re: IB / AP program

**Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:15 p.m.**

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

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

1. Accepted the annual Monitoring Report for Operational Expectation 10 (OE- 10) Structure of Schools, as presented;
2. Approved the Water Damage Repairs Change Order #1 from DM PACIFIC in the amount of \$8,262.00 plus \$842.71 WSST for a total of \$9,104.72, as presented;
3. Approve the following gifts/donations: 1) \$15,000 has been donated to Discovery Elementary by the Discovery Elementary PTSA, and 2) \$7,080.67 has been donated to the Liberty High School Math Club by Academics Are Cool, as presented.
4. Approved minutes for the September 12, 2024, regular board meeting, as presented;
5. Approved the Certificated Employee Contracts (2024-25), as presented; \*
6. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Employment Agreements, as presented; \*
7. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2024-2025), as presented; \*
8. Approved the Classified Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2024-2025), 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 – 6:16 p.m.**

No Changes

**Works in Progress – 6:17 p.m.**

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

**Safety and Security Update – 6:26 p.m.**

Jason Morse, Executive Director of Operations and Dave Montalvo, Director of Safety and Security, gave a presentation on the current status.

**Bond Update – 6:37 p.m.**

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations, provided the Board with a bond update.

**Capital Projects Update – 6:42 p.m.**

Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects, gave an update on active construction projects in the District.

**OE-10 Operation Expectation – First Read – 6:51 p.m.**

The Board conducted a first read of the Coherent Governance Operational Expectation 10 (OE-10) Structure of Schools.

This will be brought back for a second read at a future board meeting.

**Public Input**

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**Coherent Governance Policy Updates – Second Read- 7:05 p.m.**

The Board conducted a second read of the following Board Policies:

- Governance Culture – GC-12 Student Representatives
- Operational Expectation – OE-1 Global Operational Expectation
- Operational Expectation – OE-2 Treatment of People
- Operational Expectation – OE-3 Personnel Administration
- Operational Expectation – OE-11 Discipline
- Operational Expectation – OE-12 Learning Environment
- Operational Expectation – OE-14 Instructional Program
- Operational Expectation – OE-15 Technology
- Results – R-2 Academics
- Results – R-3 Civic Engagement



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Public Input:

- Danielle Vermenlea
- Gretel vonBargen
- Ami Williams
- Stephanie Anderson
- Chelsy Shaffer
- Courtney Bede
- Megan Santos
- Spenser Phelan

**Ms. Maraldo moved the Board schedule GC-12, OE-1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 15, R-2, R-3, to be placed on the consent agenda at the next board meeting on October 10, 2024.**

Mr. Taylor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Legislative Matters – 8:35pm**

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

**Announcements and Correspondence – 8:41 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:

- S. Phelan Re: IB / AP programs
- A. Marehalli Re: Fentanyl awareness
- S. Gillespie Re: IB / AP programs
- O'Vidhya Re: IB / AP programs
- S. Wang Re: IB / AP programs
- G. Von Bargen Re: IB / AP programs
- S. Kearl Re: IB / AP programs
- J. Zeng Re: School lunch break
- J. Olson Re: IB / AP programs
- T. Patel Re: IB / AP programs
- C. Zeng Re: IB / AP programs
- J. Harrington Re: Grading practices
- Y. Wang Re: IB / AP programs
- L. Karpenko Re: Thank you-MLL Support in Algebra 1
- E. Blue Re: IB / AP programs
- S. Jetty Re: IB / AP programs
- S. Mundru Re: IB / AP programs
- TeachersSHS Humanities Dept RE: IB / AP programs



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- J. Smith Re: IB / AP programs
- M. Bell Re: IB / AP programs
- SHS College & Career Ctr Re: IB / AP programs
- S. Varsa Re: IB / AP programs
- J. Tran Re: IB / AP programs
- M. Petersen Re: IB / AP programs
- V. Christensen Re: IB / AP programs
- M. Eldridge Re: IB / AP programs
- H. Chapman Re: IB / AP programs
- E. Chapman Re: IB / AP programs
- C. Burton-Moore Re: Paraprofessional wages
- J. Schmahl Re: IB / AP programs
- M. O'Neil Re: IB / AP programs
- C. Jones Re: IB / AP programs
- D. Vermeulen Re: IB / AP programs
- B. Roberts Re: Student Walkout
- P. Kadasani Re: IB / AP Programs
- R. Heilman Re: IB / AP Programs
- S. Anderson Re: IB / AP Programs
- D. Hixon Re: IB / AP Programs
- W. Giaimo Re: Traffic Issue
- S. Sridharan Re: Skyward
- B. Webster Re: IB / AP Programs
- J. Eisler Re: IB / AP Programs
- A. Seas Re: Proposed New High School
- M. Robin Re: Student Walkout
- J. Heasley Re: Paraprofessional wages
- T. Bandy Re: IB / AP Programs

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

- M. Shupe Re: Paraprofessional wages
- D. Kernish Re: Student Walkout

Ms. Maraldo discussed the email received by the Board from Student Representative Aditi Marehali about her proposed walk-a-thon to promote fentanyl / opioid awareness.



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

The Board also reviewed and identified topics for future board meeting agendas as well scheduled special meetings and work sessions.

Director Taylor suggested a work study on a typical funding model / legislative priorities prior to the beginning of the legislative session.

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