



**Issaquah School District #411**  
**Board Minutes – September 12, 2024**

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**Work Study- 5:00 p.m.**

The Board met for a work session on Student Advisory Vote. President Harlan Gallinger (via phone call), Directors Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, and Sydne Mullings along with Superintendent Tow-Yick and other members of the ISD administration were present. The session ended at 5:55 p.m. Director A.J. Taylor was not present.

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:10 p.m.**

Board Director Sydne Mullings called the September 12, 2024 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the Administration Service Center at 6:10p.m. Present along with Director Mullings were Board Directors Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick and ISD Administrators. Dr. Gallinger joined via Zoom for the beginning of the meeting, then in person. Director Coyne joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m. A.J. Taylor was not present for this meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Director Mullings read the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Land Acknowledgement.

*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 – 6:12 p.m.**

Board Directors Marnie Maraldo and Sydne Mullings introduced the 2024-25 School Board Student Representatives:

- Havah Alcorn, Gibson Ek
- Milo Walsh, Gibson Ek
- Naomi Wu, Issaquah High School
- Ava Datta, Issaquah High School
- Aditi Marehalli, Liberty High School
- Krish Parashar, Liberty High School
- Dishitaa Jain, Skyline High School
- Nila Natarajan, Skyline High School

Other Public Input was given during Board Policy Update below.

**Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:14 p.m.**

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

Director Maraldo seconded the motion and the motion passed Harlan, Marnie and Sydne. The consent agenda items are as follows:

1. Presented for information only the Budget Status Report for June 2024, as presented;
2. Approved for payment General vouchers 441840 through 442327 in the total amount of \$7,960,540.55; Capital Projects vouchers 441910 through 442360 in the total amount of



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- \$2,120,891.42; ASB vouchers 441920 through 442381 in the total amount of \$185,530.74; Payroll vouchers 192154 through 192210 in the total amount of \$3,829,378.66 Electronic Transfer – Payroll in the total amount of \$21,614,172.13; Electronic Transfer – Dept. of Rev in the total amount of \$26,253.06; Electronic Transfer – GF AP in the total amount of \$7,928.17
3. Declared surplus all obsolete equipment, furniture, supplies, uniforms and vehicles which are identified during the 2024-25 school year as requested by the Administration, and authorize the administration to dispose of these items as appropriate and in accordance with State requirements, as presented;
  4. Declared surplus those textbooks and library books which became obsolete during the 2023-24 school year, as requested by the administration, and authorize the administration to dispose of these books as appropriate and in accordance with State requirements, as presented;
  5. Accepted the annual Monitoring Report for Operational Expectation 3 (OE- 3) Personnel Administration, as presented;
  6. Accepted the annual Monitoring Report for Operational Expectation 7 (OE- 7) Superintendent Succession, as presented;  
Adopted Resolution No. 1226 authorizing the Superintendent to enter into and Interlocal Agreement with the University of Washington with regard to educational services, as presented;
  7. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$7,000 has been donated to the Liberty High School Football team by the Patriot Football Foundation, and 2) \$5,957.94 has been donated to Liberty High School Volleyball team by the Liberty High Booster Club, as presented as presented;
  9. Approved the minutes for the August 22, 2024, regular board meeting, and August 2024 Board Retreat as presented;
  10. Approved the Certificated Employee Contracts (2024-25), as presented; \*
  11. Approved the Certificated Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2023-24), as presented; \*
  12. Approved the Certificated Employee Leaves of Absence (2024-25), as presented\*
  13. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Employment Agreements, as presented; \*
  14. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2024-2025), as presented; \*
  15. 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.

**Establishment of the Agenda – 6:15 p.m.**

No Changes

**Board Retreat Review – 6:15 p.m.**

The Board held a retreat on August 26 and 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the ISD Service Center. The Board summarized the report for the public.



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**Topics discussed:**

August 26, Innovation Bond Communications, King County Linkage, and Student Behavior Support.

August 27, Board Policy Updates, Sustainability Equity-Based Budget, and Personal Finance Education.

**Work Study Recap – 6:26 p.m.**

Ms. Mullings recapped the discussion on the desire to have a formal advisory vote by the students when the Board votes on agenda items.

**Director Coyne joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.**

**Works in Progress – 6:34 p.m.**

Superintendent Tow-Yick updated the Board on various projects and events around the District as we start the 2024-25 school year.

**Bond Update – 6:38 p.m.**

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations, provided the Board with an update and shared a video presentation featuring students talking about the bond.

Dr. Gallinger had been on Zoom and joined the meeting in person at 6:45 p.m.

**Monitoring Report Operational Expectation 5 (OE-5) (Internal) – 6:45 p.m.**

**Board Director Maraldo moved the Board accept the annual monitoring report Operation Expectation 5 (OE-5) (Internal) Financial Administration, as presented.**

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

Prior to the vote, Superintendent Tow-Yick and CFO Martin Turney presented the monitoring report OE-5 with Board discussion.

No public input.

**Monitoring Report Operational Expectation 8 (OE-8) Communication and Support – 6:51 p.m.**

**Board Director Maraldo moved the Board accept the annual monitoring report Operation Expectation 8 (OE-8) (Internal) Communication and Support, with an exception, as presented.**

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

Prior to the vote, Superintendent presented OE-8 with Board discussion.

No public input.



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**Board Policies Updates First Read – 7:01 p.m.**

The Board reviewed some of their Coherent Governance Policy Updates.

Ms. Mullings read the edit changes in the following Board Policies:

GC12 Student Representative  
OE1 Operational Expectation  
OE2 Treatment of People  
OE3 Personnel Administration  
OE10.1 change  
OE11 Discipline  
OE12 Learning Environment  
OE14 Instructional Program  
OE15 Technology  
R2 Academics  
R3 Civic Engagement

**Public Comment:**

Derona Uzzle  
Gretel von Bargon  
Kristie Bennett  
Spencer Phelan  
Molly Petersen, Board policy updates  
Ami Williams, Board policy updates  
Courtney Bebe, Board policy updates

**Legislative Matters – 8:21 p.m.**

Dr. Gallinger briefly shared about the proposals for the upcoming WSSDA state assembly.

**WSSDA Boards of Distinction Application and Board Self-Assessment – 8:22 p.m.**

The Board discussed this year's parameters and Board Self-Assessment as they prepared for the Annual Washington State School Directors Association Board of Distinction awards.

**Announcements and Correspondence – 8:45 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:

- M. Waller Re: Challenger Elementary
- S. Mundru Re: Advanced Placement Program / Skyline HS
- R. Shea Re: Bus Route
- A. Lam Re: Bond
- C. Hughes Harder Re: Bond
- S. Sridharan Re: ISD email communication
- A. Millen Re: School safety
- K. Kelly Re: Cell phone use



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- C. Hughes Harder                      Re: Grading standards
- K. Rabin                                    Re: Transportation
- J. Harrington                            Re: Grading standards
- K. Bennett                                Re: IB / AP programs
- M. O'Neil                                 Re: IB /AP programs

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

- D. Sovde                                  Re: Skyline High School
- L. Waller                                 Re: Cell phone use
- A. Schapiro                               Re: Antisemitism
- K. Flemer                                 Re: Cub Scouts

SHS Sammamish Tech Fest this Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Issaquah Clothing Bank breakfast will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Influence the Choice will hold the "Hidden in Plain Sight" September 24<sup>th</sup>

**Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:47 p.m.**

- NSBA Annual Conference – April 4-6, 2025, Atlanta, Georgia (Early Registration 8/28/24-12/6/24)
- League of Innovative Schools - Fall Convening 2024 Conference - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2024 – Dr. Gallinger attending
- 2025 WASA WSSDA WASBO Legislative Conference, January 11-12, and Issaquah's "Day on the Hill," January 13, 2025
- ASU+GSV - April 6 - 9, 2025, San Diego, CA
- PTSA Leadership (Once a month, Thursday, 10 am – 11 am)
  - 2024 - Oct. 3, 2024, Nov. 7, 2024, Dec. 5, 2024
  - 2025 - Jan. 9, 2025, Feb. 6, 2025, Mar. 6, 2025, April 3, 2025, May 1, 2025, June 5, 2025

**Adjournment: 8:53 p.m.**