



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;
 8. Approved the minutes for the August 22, 2024, regular board meeting, and August 2024 Board Retreat as presented;
 9. Approved the Certificated Employee Contracts (2024-25), as presented; *
 10. Approved the Certificated Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2023-24), as presented; *
 11. Approved the Certificated Employee Leaves of Absence (2024-25), as presented*
 12. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Employment Agreements, as presented; *
 13. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2024-2025), as presented; *
 14. 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
- IM PTSA Board Re: Student Safety

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

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.