

Please note: Because regular Issaquah School Board meetings are recorded and made available in their entirety via podcast at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/podcasts/Default.aspx>, minutes will reflect board action/direction and general topic discussion only.

Work/Study: Linkage with Issaquah Schools Foundation

President Deagle called the February 13, 2013 Issaquah School Board meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center in work/study session with the Issaquah Schools Foundation. In attendance with President Deagle were Directors Anne Moore, Suzanne Weaver, Marnie Maraldo and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen. The work/study, which centered around the Foundation's strategies for the future, goals and the partnership with the District, concluded at 7:10 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Deagle called the February 13, 2013 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session at 7:14 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Service Center. With President Deagle were Directors Anne Moore, Suzanne Weaver, Marnie Maraldo and Superintendent Steve Rasmussen.

Josh Almy led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Input

Jake Barokas, Skyline High School, was the student representatives for this meeting.

Public Input

Kevin Ham – Grand Ridge boundary change process and decision

Establishment of Regular Agenda – No change

Approval of Consent Agenda

Suzanne Weaver moved and Anne Moore seconded, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of February 13, 2013, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and further described as: General Fund vouchers 324684 through 325856 in the total amount of \$2,136,810.52; Capital Projects vouchers 324867 through 325874 in the total amount of \$3,399,578.04; ASB Fund vouchers 324883 through 325927 in the total amount of \$268,870.20; Payroll vouchers 171270 through 171426 in the total amount of \$2,164,355.20; an electronic transfer – Payroll in the total amount of \$8,711,821.41; an electronic transfer – Dept. of Rev in the total amount of \$7,635.42; an electronic transfer – GF AP in the total amount of 212,446.84; an electronic transfer – CPF AP in the total amount of \$395,478.37; and an electronic transfer ASB AP in the total amount of \$114,176.60.
2. Acknowledged receipt of the December, 2012 Budget Status Report.
3. Approved two gifts: 1) \$6,000 in support of supplies or services for enrichment programs at Sunny Hills Elementary, 2) \$11,560.81 in support of the boys' basketball program at Liberty High School, and acknowledged information regarding a memorial picture to be installed at Endeavour Elementary in memory of former teacher JoAnna McCann.
4. Approved the 7th Grade Reader's Workshop Unit novels as recommended.
5. Approved Maywood Middle School Modernization Change Order #12 from M. J. Takisaki, Inc., in the amount of \$66,300.00 plus \$5,701.80 WSST for a total of \$72,001.80.

6. Adopted Resolution 1022 certifying the District's intent to apply for a 2012 Jobs Now Energy Operational Cost Savings Improvement Grant (Round 2) and commitment that the Issaquah School District will comply with all related requirements, laws and regulations.
7. Approved the proposed relocation of easement for storm water at Discovery Elementary School.
8. Approved the minutes of three meetings: January 30, 2013 to review CIPs (Skyline and feeder schools), February 5, 2013 to conduct a special meeting for the purpose of executive session per RCW 42.30.110 (g), and February 6, 2013 to review CIPs (Issaquah High and feeder schools).
9. Approved non-continuing, provisional and/or administrative contracts as presented for the 2012-13 school year.*
10. Approved certificated resignations/retirements as presented.*
11. Approved certificated leaves of absence for 2013-14 as presented.*
12. Approved supplemental contracts/employment agreements as presented.*
13. Approved classified new employees as presented.*
14. Approved classified employee resignations/retirements/terminations.*

*Personnel lists are available by selecting the appropriate item on the electronic agenda for this meeting at: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/board/events/ViewEvent.aspx?ID=354&KEY=r4E5TOus>

Summary of Work/Study Session and CIP Meetings

President Deagle summarized the work/study held with representatives of the Issaquah Schools Foundation Board to talk about goals and other topics of mutual interest. Board members made special note of

- Repeated comments from building principals during the CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) reviews about the enrichment opportunities made possible for students through ISF support
- Support given by ISF to students of all levels of capability
- Support provided by ISF in terms of time given as well as financial support to district students and programs.

With regard to the CIP meetings, the Board expressed how helpful these annual meetings are in providing board members with a more intimate knowledge of how buildings are working to address student needs. President Deagle noted that there is great value in having this opportunity to talk with building administrators about the culture of their buildings, not just focus on numbers and test results—though those, too, are part of the conversation.

Liberty High Sustainability Week

Liberty students James Ricks and Lorrin Johnson explained to the Board how Sustainability Week and “A Celebration of Ideas” will be celebrated at Liberty High on March 18th. The students shared goals for the week and outlined the focus for each day.

Superintendent Succession

Board members individually and collectively discussed how to best fill the position of Superintendent of the District upon the retirement of Superintendent Rasmussen (effective July 1, 2013). President Deagle provided background on the process used to select and hire Dr. Rasmussen (national search), and also discussed the option of hiring from within.

Because a current administrator has indicated an interest in the position, the board met and talked with the administrator in executive session regarding his qualifications for the position. This is the board's first discussion regarding how to move forward in filling the position. Mr. Deagle invited each board member to express thoughts how whether to utilize a search process or hire from within, and if so, is there a qualified person already on board. The Board discussed the cost savings to the district in hiring from within, as well as the advantages of finding a person who is already well-versed in the goals, staff, strengths as well as challenges facing the district at this time. The entire conversation is available on the district podcast of this meeting.

At the conclusion of the overall discussion, the Board agreed that the district's current Associate Superintendent, Ron Thiele, was well-qualified, experienced, a respected administrator with 12 years of in-district experience. Superintendent Rasmussen concurred that with Mr. Thiele's leadership the district "won't miss a beat."

Ms. Weaver moved, Ms. Moore seconded, that the Board offer the position of superintendent of the Issaquah School District to Mr. Ron Thiele following the retirement of Superintendent Rasmussen on June 30th and authorize the Board President to enter conversations to negotiate a contract with Mr. Thiele. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thiele took a few moments to accept the offer and to express his appreciation to the board for their confidence in offering him this opportunity.

Budget Parameters and Guidelines for the 2013-14 School Year

Annually the administration brings budget parameters to the board for adoption to provide a framework for development of the coming year's budget. CFO Kuper provided the parameters for the 2013-14 budget development process. Ms. Maraldo moved that the Board adopt the 2013-14 Budget Development Guidelines as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weaver and carried unanimously.

There was some discussion on redundant language that the administration will review and modify in the guidelines for 2014-15.

EL-10 Structure of Schools Monitoring Report

Ms. Weaver moved the board accept the annual internal monitoring report for EL-10 Structure of Schools as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maraldo and following the administrative review and discussion with the board, the motion carried unanimously.

Ends 5 Personal Awareness and Expression – Draft Interpretation and Evidence

As is the Board's practice, upon monitoring Ends policies the discussion begins with a review of the past year's monitoring report and discussion on what new/different/modified data the Board would like to have provided in the current year's report. The Board and Administration discussed the monitoring of Ends 5 Personal Awareness and Expression from last year. Input from the discussion will be incorporated into the monitoring report for presentation to the Board for action on March 13.

High School Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2017

Ms. Moore moved, and Ms. Weaver seconded, the Board adopt the graduation requirements for the Issaquah School District Class of 2017 as presented.

There was discussion around these requirements in terms of sports credit for PE, WAVA, CAA and state/district requirements. The board expressed a desire to change some of the wording with regard to clarification of state and district requirements in the next review.

Following the discussion, the motion carried.

Levy Committee Process and Calendar for the 2014 Levy

The administration initiated conversation with the board for the framework in developing the 2014 levy, including charter and timeline. This Development Committee will work through April/May to develop a recommendation to the Board for consideration and action in June.

Board Representation to Audit Exit Conference

Ms. Maraldo and Ms. Weaver will be Board representatives attending the upcoming audit exit conference in late March/early April.

Legislative Matters

Ms. Maraldo provided a brief update on legislative bills regarding education currently being discussed in Olympia.

Works in Progress

Due to the late hour, Superintendent Rasmussen will provide an update on Works in Progress to the Board via e-mail.

Announcements and Correspondence

Board members acknowledged correspondence and other community contacts:

- P. Sailer Re: providing information regarding services offered in a national superintendent search
- M. Barry Re: Compliment for Sara Niegowski, Dir. Communications
- HYA Executive Search Firm Re: Services they provide in a national superintendent search
- Royce Re: Maple Hills Elementary
- Mr. Deagle and Ms. Weaver talked with Pam Thorsen regarding the Skyline stadium plans.
- Ms. Maraldo met with Eastside Chamber Services

Calendar and Future Agenda Topics

Upcoming calendar events and future agenda topics were identified.

Executive Session: Personnel matters per RCW 42.30.110(g)

The Board moved into executive session at 11:02 p.m. announcing that it was anticipated the session would last approximately 15 minutes and there would be no action to follow.

Adjournment

The executive session concluded at 11:32 p.m. and the meeting returned to open session and immediate adjournment.

These minutes were approved as presented at the March 13, 2013 regular board meeting.