

Executive Session

5:02 p.m. The Board went into an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 related to collective bargaining. ISD administrators were in attendance. Executive Sessions are not open to the public and no action was taken. The session was extended and ended at ended at 6:15 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:20 p.m.

In light of Governor Inslee's extension of the Open Public Meeting Act wavier, the board meeting was held remotely via Zoom. Board President Suzanne Weaver called the January 14, 2021 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session at 6:20 p.m. Present along with Ms. Weaver were Board Directors Harlan Gallinger, Marnie Maraldo, Anne Moore, Sydne Mullings, Superintendent Ron Thiele and ISD Administrators.

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.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Student Input – 6:21p.m.

Forrest Williams, Senior at Skyline High School
Rishi Hazra, Sophomore at Skyline High School

Public Input – 6:30 p.m.

January is School Board Recognition Month by proclamation from Governor Jay Inslee. Superintendent Thiele thanked the Board for all of their hard work, dedication and the many hours they volunteer for the Issaquah School District.

Public speakers

- Nate Perea Re: Communication
- M. Weed Re: Equity and tech equipment
- Christie Santodomingo Re: Equity and tech equipment
- Cayley Byrne Re: Equity
- Mari Steven Re: Communication, Equity
- Anthony Jackson Re: Equity and tech equipment
- Jamie Street Re: Equity and tech equipment

Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:57 p.m.

Ms. Maraldo moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda items are as follows:

1. Approved the Middle School #6 Change Order #5 from Cornerstone General Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$578,477.06 plus \$57,847.71 WSST for a total of \$636,324.77, as presented;
2. Approved for payment General vouchers 411525 through 411968 in the total amount of \$4,723,920.56; Capital Projects vouchers 411656 through 411987 in the total amount of \$5,253,270.69; ASB vouchers 411682 through 411991 in the total amount of \$35,710.99; Payroll vouchers 188383 through 188452 in the total amount of \$3,228,220.29; Electronic Transfer – Payroll in the total amount of

- \$19,794,438.48; Electronic Transfer – Dept of Rev in the total amount of \$7,257.61; Electronic Transfer – GF AP in the total amount of \$14,733.47
3. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$92,000 to be used for enrichment programs district-wide, 2) \$5,294.14 has been donated to enhance learning for students and staff at Grand Ridge Elementary School, as presented;
 4. Approved the minutes for the December 4 special board meeting, December 9 regular board meeting and the January 6 special meeting executive session, as presented;
 5. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Employment Agreements, as presented;*
 6. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2020-2021), as presented;*
 7. Approved the Classified Employee Resignations/ Retirements/Terminations (2020-2021), as presented;*

*personnel listings are available by clicking on the appropriate item on the [electronic agenda](#) for this meeting.

Establishment of the Agenda – 6:58 p.m.

The School Year Calendar discussion moved to item number three, just after the discussion on the Liberty High School schedule.

Update on Reopening Schools to In-Person Hybrid Learning – 6:58 p.m.

Superintendent Thiele gave an update on the Impact of COVID-19 as it pertains to the 2020-21 school year operations.

Public Input

Katherine Hawkin
Kimberly Brown
Abbey Adams
Tiffany Adams
Jessica Ferranti
Melia Wilkinson
Marina Subbaiah
Katelyn Shriber

Ms. Maraldo moved the board amend the agenda to allow for possible board action on reopening schools to hybrid learning. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Board discussion occurred prior to the following motion.

Motion and Amended Motion to return students to in-person learning in light of the COVID-19 pandemic

Motion

Ms. Moore moved the Issaquah School District, in recognition of the December 16th Washington State Department of Health K-12 education framework, target the return of K-1 to in-person hybrid on February 4th and 2nd – 3rd on February 25th with remaining grades as soon as possible thereafter, assuming the Covid-19 hospitalizations trends are flat or decreasing. As access is increased to Covid-19 vaccines the Board expects additional educational opportunities to be

provided to all K-12 students. Ms. Maraldo seconded the motion and amended the motion as follows:

Amended motion

Ms. Maraldo moved the Issaquah School District, in recognition of the December 16th Washington State Department of Health K-12 education framework, target the return of Kindergarten – 1st grade to in-person hybrid on February 4th and 2nd – 3rd grade on February 25th, assuming trends in cases and hospitalizations are flat or decreasing. Additional grades will be added as soon as possible according to the framework. As access is increased to Covid-19 vaccines, the Board expects additional in-person educational opportunities to be provided to all K-12 students. Ms. Moore seconded the amended motion and the amended motion passed as presented.

Liberty High School Schedule – 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Mullings moved the Board accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to modify the Liberty High School schedule for the second semester, 2020-2021 school year, as presented. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Thiele presented the rationale for seeking to modify the Liberty High School’s second semester schedule. Ms. Maraldo was very happy to hear this motion and was pleased to vote yes!

2021-22 School Year Calendar – 8:36 p.m.

Ms. Moore moved the Board approve the School Year Calendar for 2021-22 school year, as presented. Ms. Maraldo seconded the motion Ms. Moore and Ms. Weaver voted yes, Dr. Gallinger, Ms. Mullings and Ms. Maraldo voted no, and the motion failed.

Public Input

Ruth Walker
Kimberly Brown
Derona Burkholder
Lori Garth Green
Amy Turi
Laura Gaffney
Kim Clarke

Monitoring Report E- 2 Academics and Foundations Part 2 – 9:30 p.m.

Ms. Moore moved the Board accept the monitoring report for Ends-2 Part 2, Academics and Foundations, as presented. Ms. Maraldo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Thiele along with other members of the ISD Administration presented the E-2 Part 2 monitoring report. After a discussion period, the Board accepted the monitoring report.

Capital Projects Update - postponed

Legislative Matters

Dr. Gallinger brought forward items regarding legislation as it pertains to education.

Works in Progress

Superintendent Thiele gave a brief report on current events in the ISD.

Announcements and Correspondence

This is a standing opportunity for the Board to share announcements and correspondence.

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

- R. Hutchings Re: Audubon Park HOA – Boundary review concerns
- B. Sullivan Re: COVID testing protocol, reopening considerations
- K. Brown Re: Metrics for return to in-person learning
- H. Luedke Re: LHS Schedule change
- P. Winskill Re: Considerations on in-person learning
- N. Perea Re: Mead School District presentation on re-opening
- R. Kim Re: Boundary review
- N. Masciocchi Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Blackburn Re: Influence the Choice meeting reminder
- P. Visser Re: Return to in-person learning
- L. Flores Re: Metrics for return to in-person learning
- D. Hall Re: Copyright issue
- J. Subbaiah Re: Offering vaccine assistance
- B. Kraupie Re: Health and safety of Food Service employees
- J. Mahlstedt Re: Return to in-person learning
- R. Mahlstedt Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Gillis Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Vergeat Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Gillis Re: Return to in-person learning
- E. Homs Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Angell Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Hunt Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Byus Re: Return to in-person learning
- F. Wilcox Re: Wait until safe to return to in-person learning
- J. McGuire Brown Re: Return to in-person learning
- N. Lantzy Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Doyle Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Mutter Re: Wait until teachers are vaccinated before returning in-person
- A. Browne Re: Return to in-person learning
- T. Jones Re: Environmental toxins in our community
- S. Sadaf Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Muncy Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Vergeat Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Segesta Re: Return to in-person learning
- B. Spann Re: Return to in-person learning
- C. Grabowski Re: Return to in-person learning

- J. Harrington Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Hammingh Re: Return to in-person learning
- N. Lantzy Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Shriber Re: Return to in-person learning
- C. Hawken Re: Return to in-person learning
- J & H Coblentz Re: Return to in-person learning
- G. Morman Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Wengreen Re: Return to in-person learning
- D. Goldberg Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Gaines Re: Return to in-person learning
- T & D Perea Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Hutchison Re: Return to in-person learning
- C. Hawken Re: Return to in-person learning
- T. Marshall Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Chun Re: Return to in-person learning
- D. Maloney Re: Return to in-person learning
- D. Rataezyk Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Subbaiah Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Iyer Re: Concerns about student learning
- A. Miklautsch Re: Return to in-person learning
- N. Lantzy Re: Return to in-person learning
- N. Masciocchi Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Brown Re: Return to in-person learning
- C. Eldridge Re: Zoom/Teams Student Protest
- K. Sanford Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Brown Re: Requesting copy of MOU with the IEA
- E. Chun Re: Return to in-person learning
- H. Brandt Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Bischof Re: Return to in-person learning
- D. Spiers Re: Return to in-person learning
- B & K Campbell Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Polt Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Stonebraker Re: 2021-22 School Year Calendar
- J. Mahlstedde Re: COVID-19 Vaccine will be available soon
- K. Byus Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Gannon Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Bell Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Werner Re: Return to in-person learning
- H. Briscoe Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Hayes Re: Return to in-person learning
- T. Johnson Re: Return to in-person learning
- C. McDonald Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Burris Re: Return to in-person learning
- N. Doyle Re: Pause on return to in-person learning
- D. Dawson Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Miller Re: Return to in-person learning

- R. Levijarvi Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Eagle Re: Elementary survey
- C. Masciocchi Re: Return to in-person learning
- N. Masciocchi Re: Return to in-person learning
- D. Jahn Re: Elementary survey
- J. Mahlstede Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Kiefer Re: Return to in-person learning
- N. Lantzy Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. McGuire-Brown Re: Return to in-person learning
- Z. Amdani Re: 2020-21 school year/elementary survey
- K. Mueller Re: Elementary survey
- C. Grabowski Re: 2020-21 school year
- B. Miller Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Subbaiah Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Khumalo Re: Elementary survey
- B. & Whitney Wolford Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Browne Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Stevens Re: Vaccines, wait to reopen
- J. Iyer Re: Vaccines
- J. Menold Re: Return to in-person learning
- H. Neil Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Boone Re: Elementary survey
- C. Wate Re: Return to in-person learning
- D. Edwards Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Neil Re: Return to in-person learning
- R. Vel Re: Elementary survey
- D. Vermeulen Re: Return to in-person learning
- E. Streams Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Mahlstede Re: New CDC Guidelines
- J. Figueiredo Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Gorski Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Brown Re: Return to in-person learning
- C. Grabowski Re: Reopening plan communication idea
- V. Buck Re: Superintendent's letter re unrest in Washington DC
- C. Byrne Re: Superintendent's letter re unrest in Washington DC
- J. Mahlstede Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Jackson Re: Elementary survey
- M. Imler Re: Superintendent's letter re unrest in Washington DC
- P. Bryan Re: Reopening plan
- J. Fortes Re: Return to in-person learning
- Blakely Braniff Rickett Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. James Re: Superintendent's letter re unrest in Washington DC
- C. Little Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Emmel Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Bischof Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Gore Re: Return to in-person learning

- J. Gaines Re: Return to in-person learning
- L. Reischl Re: Return to in-person learning
- E. Klein Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Brower Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Lawler Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Gurr Re: Return to in-person learning
- E. McIntyre Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Neill Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Kot Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Davidson Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. McIntyre Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Cripe Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Muhlestein Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Condiotty Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Burris Re: Return to in-person learning
- E. Quest Re: Return to in-person learning
- D. Maloney Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Minnaar Re: Return to in-person learning
- R. Buchanan Re: Return to in-person learning
- T. Burris Re: Return to in-person learning
- B. Solinsky Re: Return to in-person learning
- L. Kahler Re: LHS Schedule Change
- L. Fretwell Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Steach Re: Congratulations on WSSDA Board of Distinction
- J. Gannon Re: Return to in-person learning
- C. McDonald Re: Return to in-person learning
- T. King Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Burris Re: Return to in-person learning
- J. Elekes Re: Return to in-person learning
- K. Byus Re: Return to in-person learning
- S. Polt Re: Return to in-person learning
- A. Bligh Re: Return to in-person learning
- D. Spiers Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. King Re: Return to in-person learning
- M. Stapelman Re: School year calendar
- D. Spann Re: Return to in-person learning
- H. Neil Re: Return to in-person learning
- R. Sheromani Re: Elementary survey
- N. Masciocchi Re: Return to in-person learning
- L. Kahler Re: LHS schedule change
- S. Carias-Centeno Re: LHS schedule change
- Multiple emails from City of Issaquah regarding meetings

Individual Board Directors have received the following correspondence since the last board meeting:

- M. Marin Re: Looking toward 2021-22 school year
- A. Watts Re: Post Covid Education Reboot
- L. Gilmore Re: Parent Panel at Grand Ridge

Calendar and Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

10:34 p.m.

These minutes were accepted as presented during the January 28, 2021 board meeting.