



Issaquah School District #411
Board Minutes – April 25, 2024

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Linkage with the City of Issaquah – 5:00 p.m.

The Board met for a linkage meeting with the members of the City of Issaquah including the Issaquah City Council. Board President Harlan Gallinger, Directors Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, Sydne Mullings and A.J. Taylor along with Superintendent Tow-Yick and other members of the ISD administration were present. The session ended at 5:50 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:06 p.m.

Board President Harlan Gallinger called the April 25, 2024 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the Administration Service Center at 6:06 p.m. Present along with Dr. Gallinger were Board Directors Matt Coyne, Marnie Maraldo, Sydne Mullings, A.J. Taylor, Superintendent Tow-Yick, Student Representatives Siddharth Baasri and Naomi Wu, 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 – 6:07 p.m.

Dr. Melinda Reynvaan, Executive Director of Elementary Education introduced Shaun Cornwall, the new principal of Cougar Ridge Elementary School beginning the 2024-25 school year.

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| • Dave Young | Re: JustServe.org representatives |
| • Andrew Kim | Re: Sustainability Policy |
| • Zoe Dearing | Re: Sustainability Policy |
| • Siena Gould | Re: Sustainability Policy |
| • Matthew Fischer | Re: Sustainability Policy |

Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:20 p.m.

Ms. Maraldo moved the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Ms. Mullings seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda items are as follows:

1. Presented for information only the Budget Status Reports for February 2024, as presented;
2. Approved for payment General vouchers 438223 through 439062 in the total amount of \$7,338,711.54; Capital Projects vouchers 438342 through 439070 in the total amount of \$359,193.15; ASB vouchers 438352 through 439079 in the total amount of \$561,659.59; Payroll 191753 through 191836 in the total amount of \$3,976,443.07; Electronic Transfer – Payroll in the total amount of \$21,016,238.57; Electronic Transfer – Dept of Rev. in the total amount of \$4,579.41; Electronic Transfer - GF AP in the total amount of \$37,083.52; Electronic Transfer- CPF AP in the total amount of \$27.00; Electronic Transfer – ASB AP in the total amount of \$2,267.76
3. Adopted Resolution No. 1218, authorizing the Board to declare an emergency as



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necessary due to flooding at Briarwood, Cedar Trails, Creekside and Newcastle Elementary Schools as a result of subfreezing temperatures January 14-16, 2024, as presented;

4. Approved the following employees be allowed to teach specific classes/subject areas/long term leaves and/or other specific scenarios as approved by the ISD, but whom are also out of endorsement (OOE) in accordance with the Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), as presented;
5. Accepted the 2023-2024 OSPI Asset Preservation Program Ratings Report for the indicated buildings, as presented;
6. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$17,438 has been donated to Gibson Ek High School by the Gibson Ek PTSA, 2) \$12,000 has been donated to the Girls Flag Football program by the Seattle Seahawks, 3) \$7,000 has been donated to Challenger Elementary by Challenger Elementary PTSA, as presented.
7. Approved the minutes for the March 28, 2024, regular board meeting, as presented;
8. Approved the Certificated Employee Contracts (2024-25), as presented; *
9. Approved the Certificated Employee Leaves of Absence (2024-25), as presented; *
10. Approved the Certificated Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2023-24); as presented; *
11. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Spring Co-Curricular Agreements, as presented;*
12. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Employment Agreements, as presented; *
13. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2023-2024), as presented; *
14. Approved the Classified Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2023-2024), as presented; *

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

Establishment of the Agenda – 6:20 p.m.

No Changes

Linkage Recap- 6:20 p.m.

The Board summarized the joint meeting with the members of the City of Issaquah including the Issaquah City Council that took place prior to the Board Meeting.

Works in Progress – 6:27 p.m.

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

Resolution # 1219 – Central Administration Building Property – Easements and Associated Agreement – 6:30 p.m.

Board Director Maraldo moved the Board approve the termination of easements, establishment of new easement and a lot line adjustment related to the potential development of the adjacent property to the Central Administration Building.

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



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The Board heard a presentation from Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects and Denise Stiffarm, Attorney from Pacifica Law firm (attended via Zoom). A discussion was had prior to the vote.

Capital Projects and Bond Planning Update – 6:54 p.m.

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations, Lesha Engels, Executive Director of Communications, Executive Director of Finance and Budget and Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects provided the Board with a bond planning update as well as other projects going on around the district.

Curriculum Adoption Process – 7:18 p.m.

Rich Mellish, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning presented a Curriculum Adoption Update.

Monitoring Report Executive Limitation 12 (EL-12) Learning Environment - 7:28 p.m.

Board Director Maraldo moved the Board accept the monitoring report for EL-12 Learning Environment – as amended.

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

The Board and Administration held a discussion prior to the vote.

Public Comment

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| • Jennifer Cerasoli | Re: Issaquah High School / EL-12 |
| • Mary Ann Knecht | Re: Issaquah High School / EL-12 |
| • Michaela Nelson | Re: Issaquah High School / EL-12 |
| • Jana White | Re: Issaquah High School / EL-12 |
| • Kelsey Early | Re: Issaquah High School / EL-12 |
| • Keri Dean | Re: Issaquah High School / EL-12 |

Legislative Matters – 8:53 p.m.

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

Announcements and Correspondence – 8:55 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:

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| • Mayor Pauly | Re: Sustainability Policy |
| • Q. Hurd | Re: Skyline High School |
| • N. Farkash | Re: Teacher Professional Development |
| • D. Walters | Re: EL 12 Learning Environment |
| • N. Grasteit | Re: Art in Schools |
| • T. Christopher | Re: Creekside Club |
| • A. Lynn | Re: Creekside Club |
| • K. Laco | Re: Creekside Club |
| • K. Toney | Re: Creekside Club |



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| • Z. Woodward | Re: Creekside Club |
| • B. de Michele | Re: Vicki Hoffman Legacy Award |
| • A. Mendiratta | Re: Student Representative Program |
| • K. Mallaji | Re: Staff Communication |
| • KCDA | Re: Board of Directors Nominations |

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

Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:55 p.m.

The Board reviewed and identified topics for future board meeting agendas and other special calendar items, as well as schedule special meetings/work sessions:

- May 15, 2024 / Breakfast with the Board at Liberty High School
- June 17, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (or 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Executive Session

Upcoming Dates:

May 15, 2024 Board Townhall - Location TBD

Adjournment: 8:57 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented during the May 8, 2024 board meeting.