



**Issaquah School District #411
Board Minutes – January 15, 2026**

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High School Track team, and 9) \$6,000 has been donated by the Patriot Football Foundation to the Liberty High School Football team, as presented.

7. Approved the minutes for the December 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and the December 11, 2025 special board meeting – executive session, as presented;
8. Approved the Certificated Employee Resignations/Retirements/Non-Renewals (2025-26), as presented; *
9. Approved the Certificated Leaves of Absence (2026-27), as presented; *
10. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/ Employee Agreements; *
11. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2025-26), as presented; *
12. Approved the Classified Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2025-26), as presented; *

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

Establishment of the Regular Agenda – 6:13 p.m.

No Changes

Report out on the Regional Town Hall and 2026 Legislative Conference – 6:13 p.m.

Members of the Board attended the Regional Town Hall on January 7, 2026 in Bellevue, WA and the 2026 Legislative Conference on January 9 and 10, 2026 in Seattle, WA. The Board summarized the highlights of the two events.

Work Study Recap – 6:30

The Board provided a recap of the work study that was held prior to the Board Meeting to discuss OE-14 and Results 2 Academics.

Works in Progress – 6:37 p.m.

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

Career Technical Educational Update – 6:53 p.m.

Lisa Neighbours, Director of CTE and Secondary STEM, presented on the current state and future plans for Career and Technical Education (CTE).

2026 Levy Update - 7:09 p.m.

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operation and Mark Sherwood, Executive Director of Communications presented the 2026 Levy Update regarding the three levy propositions currently on the February 10, 2026 ballot.



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Monitoring Report for Operation Expectation 14 Instructional Program (OE-14) – 7:19 p.m.
Director Mullings moved the Board accept the monitoring report for OE-14 Instructional Program, as presented. Director Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Student advisory vote: 2 yes, 2 no, 3 abstain

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

Public Comment:

- Molly Petersen, Skyline
- Gwen Lloyd, Skyline
- Courtney Bede, Skyline
- Meghan Woffinden-Luey, Skyline

Legislative Matters – 8:23 p.m.

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

Day on the Hill – Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Announcements and Correspondence – 8:24 p.m.

This is a standing opportunity for the Board to share announcements and correspondence. Please note that correspondence related to specific students and staff are not listed, in alignment with our district regulation on student privacy and civility.

The Board reported the following correspondence since the last meeting:

- A. Eggink Re: Art education
- Student Re: YoungArts Award
- K. Dupuy Re: Wall Street Journal article
- K. Flynn Re: Maywood Middle School

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

- S. Hajnosz Re: Cell phone policy
- P. Charbonneau Re: Newcastle City Council engagement
- B. de Michele Re: MindSpark nonprofit organization

Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:24 p.m.

The Board also reviewed and identified topics for future board meeting agendas as well scheduled special meetings and work sessions.



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- Issaquah City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. President Taylor would like to ask for a Board Member to provide public comment at this meeting. Director Gallinger agreed to attend at 7:00 PM.
- Listening sessions with students regarding homework and grading. High school staff will set dates with 2 board members to attend each panel. Scheduling should optimize for the highest participation for students and staff.
- PTSA and ISF engagements – 4:00 PM start for each meeting on a board meeting night. Perhaps the 2nd March meeting and April meeting.
- City engagements – Plan to have a full engagement with the City of Issaquah and a full engagement with the City of Sammamish. President Taylor will reach out to the Cities of Newcastle, Renton, and Bellevue.
- PTSA Council general membership meetings (2 board members per meeting)
January 29 – Directors Coyne and Anderson
February 26 – Directors Gallinger and Taylor
March 26 – Director Gallinger
April 23 – Director Anderson
May 28 – Directors Taylor and Coyne
- ISF Board meeting (back-up for President Taylor)
March 24 – Director Mullings will attend. Director Gallinger is a back-up in case Director Mullings cannot attend.
- Board Retreat Agenda Planning
- Director Gallinger asked for consensus and no formal board action regarding pursuing an RFP for a board member coach. There was consensus from the board.

Adjournment - 8:57 p.m.