



**Issaquah School District #411
Board Minutes – March 26, 2026**

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:05 p.m.

Board President A.J. Taylor called the March 26, 2026, meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the ISD Administration Center at 6:05 p.m. Present along with Director Taylor were Board Directors Natalie Anderson, Matt Coyne, Harlan Gallinger, and Sydne Mullings, Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick 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 – 6:05 p.m.

Graduating representatives from Gibson Ek, Issaquah, Liberty and Skyline High Schools and ACT invited the Board to their graduation ceremonies.

ACT: Mason Shelton

Gibson Ek High School: Austin Frisbie

Issaquah High School: Megan Chapman

Liberty High School: Marlee La Madrid

Skyline High School: Hannah Oommen

Public Comment:

- Jay Sternoff, City of Issaquah Re: New high school
- Dave Osmer, City of Issaquah Re: New high school
- Mary Deraitus Re: New high school

Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:21 p.m.

Board Director Mullings moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. Director Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda items are as follows:

1. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$8,649.13 has been donated by the Sunny Hills Elementary PTA to Sunny Hills Elementary, as presented;
2. Approved the minutes for the for the March 11, 2026 regular board meeting, March 11, 2026 special board meeting – work study, and the March 11, 2026 special board meeting – executive session, and the March 23, 2026 special board meeting – work study / retreat, as presented.
3. Approved the Certificated Employee Resignations/Retirements/Non-Renewals (2025-26), as presented; *
4. Approved the Certificated Leaves of Absence (2025-26), as presented; *
5. Approved the Certificated Leaves of Absence (2026-27), as presented; *
6. Approved the Supplemental Contracts / Employee Agreements; *
7. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2025-26), as presented; *
8. Approved the Classified Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2025-26), as presented; *



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Establishment of the Regular Agenda – 6:22 p.m.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Work Study Recap- 6:22 p.m.

The Board provided an update on the work study that was held before the Board Meeting to discuss the School Board Student Representative program (GC-12).

Digital Promise League of Innovative School Spring 2026 Convening Recap – 6:26 p.m.

The district was a co-host for the Digital Promise League of Innovative School Spring Convening event from March 16 - 18, 2026. The Board and Administration recapped the convening.

Works in Progress – 6:37 p.m.

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

Bond Refunding – 6:43 p.m.

The Administration provided details on the Bond Refunding process. The Board had a first read of the three resolutions at the March 11, 2026 regular board meeting.

Director Mullings moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 1261 adopting a system of registration of bonds and obligations of the District, as presented. Director Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Director Mullings moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 1262 authorizing the District to request a Certificate of Eligibility from the State Treasurer pursuant to chapter 39.98 RCW and the rules adopted thereunder by the State Finance Committee for participation in the state school bond guarantee program, as presented. Director Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Director Mullings moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 1263 providing for the issuance and sale of refunding bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$252,000,000 and delegating to the Superintendent and/or Chief of Finance and Operations of the District the authority to determine the structure of the bonds, approve the interest rates, maturity dates and principal maturities for the bonds, as presented. Director Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

- None



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2026-27 Budget Update – 7:03 p.m.

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations and Moriah Banasick, Executive Director of Finance and Budget shared a brief update on the 2026-27 budget.

Capital Projects Update – 7:20 p.m.

Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations, and Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects, updated the Board on Capital Projects.

Monitoring Report for Results 3 Civic Engagement (R-3) – 7:37 p.m.

Director Mullings moved the Board accept the monitoring report for Results 3 Civic Engagement (R-3), as presented. Director Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

- None

Student advisory vote – 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

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

Strategic Plan Update- Priority Area 1 Student Well-Being and Priority Area 2 Academic Opportunities – 8:10 p.m.

The Administration updated the Board on the Strategic Plan – Priority Area 1 Student Well-Being and Priority Area 2 Academic Opportunities.

Legislative Update – 8:43 p.m.

Director Anderson did not have items regarding legislation as it pertains to education to report out.

Announcements and Correspondence – 8:44 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:

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| • H. Murphy-Raines | Re: New high school |
| • W. Noel | Re: Levy and bond campaigns |
| • W. Brunkhorst | Re: School building projects |
| • R. Imhoff | Re: New high school |
| • J. Pluta | Re: New high school |
| • K. McKorkle | Re: New high school |
| • S. Vandell | Re: New high school |

