



Issaquah School District #411
Board Minutes – May 7, 2026

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:10 p.m.

Board President A.J. Taylor called the May 7, 2026 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the ISD Administration Center at 6:10 p.m. Present along with Director Taylor, were Board Directors Natalie Anderson, Matt Coyne, Sydne Mullings, Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick and ISD Administrators. Director Harlan Gallinger was not present for this meeting.

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 – 6:11 p.m.

Four new pieces of student art were unveiled and added to the Kateri D. Brow Memorial Student Art Collection:

- Navya Jecku – 4th grade student at Briarwood Elementary, artwork titled “Together We Belong”
- Nathan Kwak – 7th grade student at Pacific Cascade Middle, artwork titled “I belong”
- Mahathi Ravi Shankar – 9th grader at Issaquah High, artwork titled “The Garden Of Belonging”
- Emma Sidell – 11th grade student at Liberty High School, artwork titled “Nature’s Embrace”

Public Comment:

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| • Florence Qiang, Skyline student | Re: Misunderstood Moments |
| • Mahika Aggarwal, BLMS student | Re: Misunderstood Moments |
| • Felicia Qiang, Skyline student | Re: Education on intellectual/developmental disabilities |
| • Ali Marcus, Maple Hills parent | Re: Arts education |
| • Anne Kiemle, Pine Lake teacher | Re: Class size |
| • Samantha Veraya, Maywood teacher | Re: Elementary art |
| • Sarah Armstrong, Skyline feeder parent | Re: Accountability and safety |
| • Marnie Maraldo, Liberty feeder pattern | Re: Healthy Youth Survey |
| • Allison Vukelich, Apollo parent | Re: Teaching through tech |
| • Aimee Eggink, Briarwood parent | Re: Art education |
| • Lisa Cheung, Skyline feeder parent | Re: Art education |



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Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:42 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. Presented for information only the Budget Status Report for February, as presented;
2. Approved for payment General vouchers 453674 through 454156 in the total amount of \$2,902,379.92; Capital Projects vouchers 453674 through 454156 in the total amount of \$412,549.15; ASB vouchers 453674 through 454156 in the total amount of \$501,095.13; Payroll vouchers 193729 through 193797 in the total amount of \$4,884,716.13; Electronic Transfer – Payroll in the total amount of \$22,590,148.06; Electronic Transfer – Dept. of Rev in the total amount of \$9,006.57; Electronic Transfer – GF AP in the total amount of \$17,191.14; Electronic Transfer – ASB AP in the total amount of \$229.85; as presented;
3. Approve the following gifts/donations: 1) \$11,398.04 has been donated by the Liberty High Booster Club to the Liberty High School NJROTC program, 2) Liberty Select Basketball has donated \$8,500 to the Liberty High School Boys Basketball, 3) Endeavour PTSA has donated \$5,586 to Endeavour Elementary, 4) \$8,289.83 has been donated by the Issaquah High School Booster Club to the Issaquah High School Cheer team, 5) \$5,000 has been donated by the Briarwood PTA to Briarwood Elementary, 6) \$5,000 has been donated by the Liberty High Booster Club to the Liberty High School Football team, as presented;
4. Approved the minutes for the for the April 9, 2026 regular board meeting, April 9, 2026 special board meeting – work study, and April 27, 2026 Special Meeting Joint Engagement with City of Issaquah, as presented;
5. Approved the Certificated Employee Contracts (2026-27), as presented; *
6. Approved the Certificated Employee Resignations/Retirements/Non-Renewals (2025-26), as presented; *
7. Approved the Certificated Leaves of Absence (2026-27), as presented; *
8. Approved the Supplemental Contracts / Employee Agreements, as presented; *
9. Approved the Supplemental Contracts / Spring Co-Curricular; *
10. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2025-26), as presented; *
11. 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.



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Establishment of Regular Agenda – 6:43 p.m.

There were no changes to the regular agenda.

School Board Listening Sessions Recap – 6:43 p.m.

Members of the School Board provided an update on the Listening Sessions held with students at the three comprehensive high schools on March 25 and April 22, 2026.

Report Out on City of Issaquah / ISD Joint Engagement – 7:02 p.m.

Members of the School Board and district administrators provided an update on the meeting with the Mayor, City Council Members, and City of Issaquah staff leadership on April 27, 2026.

Report Out on the WSSDA District Area 2 Regional Meeting – 7:07 p.m.

The Issaquah School Board provided an update on the meeting with the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) District Area 2 Regional Meeting on April 29, 2026.

Work Study Recap - 7:13 p.m.

The Board provided an update on the work study that was held before the Board Meeting to discuss New High School updates.

PTSA / ISD Joint Engagement Recap – 7:20 p.m.

The Board and ISD Administrators provided an update on the meeting that was held with the Issaquah PTSA Council leadership prior to tonight's meeting.

Works in Progress – 7:29 p.m.

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

2025-26 Budget Extension – 7:41 p.m.

Director Mullings moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 1264, which increases appropriations for the 2025-26 Debt Service budget, as presented. Director Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



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As required by law, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed budget extension on May 7, 2026. The budget draft was reviewed at that time and the public was invited to comment.

Public Comment:

- None

Strategic Plan Update - Priority Area 5 Organizational Effectiveness – 8:00 p.m.

The Administration provided an update on the Strategic Plan – Priority Area 5 Organizational Effectiveness.

Legislative Update – 8:19 p.m.

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

Announcements and Correspondence – 8:22 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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| • P. Wilging | Re: 2026-27 budget |
| • K. Murray | Re: 2026-27 budget |
| • Student | Re: Invitation to LakeSafe Confluence |
| • Staff | Re: Concerns from a teacher |
| • Staff | Re: Enrollment and budget |
| • A. Vukelich | Re: iReady |
| • D. Sovde | Re: Oil / Gas |
| • M. Hunt | Re: U.S. Army Educator Tour invitation |
| • Staff | Re: Invitation to Nuthtown |
| • Staff | Re: Invitation to CTE Student Showcase |
| • A. Ouyang | Re: School placement |

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

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| • P. Gupta & M. Nagar | Re: Robotics team |
| • A. Marcus | Re: Art program |



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Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:22 p.m.

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

Director Mullings moved the Board adjust the start time for the June 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Director Coyne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 8:23 p.m.

These minutes were approved as presented at the May 28, 2026 board meeting.