

CITY OF ISSAQUAH

City Council Special Meeting – Joint Meeting with Issaquah School Board

6:00 PM
 March 31, 2025

Holly Street Early Learning
 Center
 565 NW Holly St.
 Issaquah, WA 98027

MINUTES

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

City of Issaquah Mayor & City Council Present: Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, and Council President Lindsey Walsh

Issaquah School Board of Directors Present: Board President Marnie Maraldo, Director Matt Coyne, Director Harlan Gallinger, Director Sydne Mullings, and Director A.J. Taylor

Excused Absence: Councilmember Kelly Jiang

City of Issaquah Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator; Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator; Tisha Gieser, City Clerk, and Minnie Dhaliwal, Community Planning & Development Director

Issaquah School District Staff Present: Heather Tow-Yick, Superintendent; Martin Turney, Chief of Finance and Operations; Dr. Dana Bailey, Chief of Academics and Student Success; Mark Sherwood, Executive Director of Communications; and Tom Mullins, Director of Capital Projects

CALL TO ORDER

Issaquah School District Board President Marnie Maraldo and City of Issaquah Mayor Pauly called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Welcome & Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves.

b) **New High School Site Update**

Superintendent Tow-Yick provided an update on the status of the high school. The School Board is discussing options for the proposed school after the failure of the February 2025 ballot measure, which would have provided needed funding for construction of the school. The School District recently applied for an extension of their permits for the high school based on direction from the School Board.

A question and answer period followed.

c) **City of Issaquah Growth Plans**

Community Planning & Development Director Minnie Dhaliwal provided a presentation on anticipated growth and development in Issaquah. A question and answer period followed.

d) **Issaquah School District Students’ Academic and Well-Being Update**

Chief of Academics and Student Success Dr. Dana Bailey provided a presentation on programs positively impacting the academic success and well-being of Issaquah School District students.

A question and answer period followed.

e) Closing and Next Steps

The group briefly discussed the use of school facilities.

The following next steps were identified:

- City of Issaquah to provide growth projections for the next 2-5 years to help with school district planning
- Issaquah School District to share Board podcast regarding use of facilities

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk