

School Board Briefing/Proposed Action Report

Informational (no action required by Board) Action Report (Board will be required to take action)



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I. TITLE

Approval of the naming of the Ingraham High School Basketball Court in honor of Mr. Walt Milroy.

For Introduction: December 7, 2016
For Action: January 4, 2017

II. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY

This Board Action Report details the recommendation from Principal Martin Floe that the Ingraham High School Basketball Court be named in honor of Mr. Walt Milroy, former Ingraham High School men's basketball coach.

III. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE

Fiscal impact to this action will be approximately \$400.00 for the painting of the new court name. The plaque will be paid for by donations and the painting to be paid for by Ingraham Alumni.

The revenue source for this motion is donation.

Expenditure: One-time Annual Other Source

IV. POLICY IMPLICATION

This Board Action Report adheres to Board Policy No. 6970, Naming of School District Buildings and Board Procedure No. 6970BP, Naming of School District Buildings Procedure. (*see attachment below*)

V. RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the School Board approve the naming of the Ingraham High School Basketball Court the "Walt Milroy Court."

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This motion was discussed at the Board Operations Committee meeting on November 17, 2016. The Committee reviewed the motion and moved it forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval.

VII. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Walt Milroy is a Seattle native. He grew up as a three-sport athlete for Roosevelt High School. He was a particularly talented baseball player and went on to play for the University of Washington. Walt started his teaching and coaching career at Queen Anne High School. But when Ingraham opened in 1959, he jumped at the chance to coach basketball for the Rams. He instituted a 2-2-1 full court press that blockaded the rest of the Metro League. In just three seasons, he had Ingraham in the State Championships. In 1969, the year they won it all, his defense-focused team went 23-0, scoring a high of 115 points at a time when games were only 32 minutes long.

In his 21 years at Ingraham, Walt compiled a 278-159 record; for nearly twenty years that made him the city's all-time winningest basketball coach. He accomplished this while playing all members of his team and focusing on the execution of defense. Walt retired in 1980, but was coaxed out of retirement and asked to run the summer program and serve as volunteer assistant coach for Lakeside. Walt is a legend at Ingraham High School and few who saw the Rams play in the 1960's and 70's will forget the excitement and winning style of the Rams.

The naming of the Ingraham HS Basketball Court was recommended and nominated by the public.

VIII. STATEMENT OF ISSUE

This proposed action has come out of the community through the Ingraham High School community and is now coming to the Board as proscribed by Board policy.

IX. ALTERNATIVES

The alternative action is to not name the Basketball Court in honor of Mr. Walt Milroy. The Basketball Court is not presently named.

X. RESEARCH AND DATA SOURCES / BENCHMARKS

N/A.


XI. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Principal Martin Floe met with building leadership team, staff, students, alumni and community residents to discuss this naming opportunity. Letters of support are attached.

Upon approval of this motion, a plaque and painting of the name on the Ingraham HS Basketball Court (paid for with private donations), will occur immediately and at a home game during the basketball season, which ends the third week of February.

XII. ATTACHMENTS

- Board Procedure [6970 BP, Naming of School District Buildings Procedure](#)
- Letter from Principal Martin Floe, Ingraham High School


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Introduction


The School Board does not favor changing the names of existing School District buildings or portions of buildings. However, occasionally a change in the name of a school building or a portion of a building may be appropriate. Also, from time to time it may be necessary to name a new building or name a portion of a building. Before any name change and any naming of a new building or portion of a building is finalized, school and community input shall be sought.

Procedure

1. Initial Naming of a Building
 - a. The opportunity to name a new building comes about as a result of new construction. Replacing an existing building, either at the same or a new site, is not considered new construction for the purpose of this procedure. (See paragraph 5 below).
 - b. Names of new buildings should be selected based upon: (i) geographical location or local community name; or (ii) distinguished individuals who have served the local community, state, or nation, whether in education or other fields.
 - c. Whenever the opportunity to initially name a building is presented, the Superintendent will request the principal or appropriate District administrator to meet with community residents and other interested individuals to discuss the naming opportunity. If a name is proposed centrally, the school community will be asked to review the proposed new name. Otherwise, the school community will be asked to recommend a name or names.
 - d. The principal or appropriate administrator should prepare a written report summarizing school and community recommendations for the proposed new name. The report should be submitted to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall then make a recommendation to the Board.
 - e. The Board will accept or reject the proposed name(s).

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- f. When a name is approved, the Superintendent shall send a notification of the name to the appropriate offices, locations, and persons.
2. Initial Naming of a Portion of School Building
 - a. Portions of a school include rooms, auditoriums, gymnasiums, athletic fields, libraries, and the like.
 - b. The opportunity to name a portion of a building or name a portion of a new building could come about for a number of reasons, including new construction or in recognition of a gift or other funding opportunity.
 - c. The name of a portion of a building should be selected based upon: (i) geographical location or local community name; or (ii) distinguished individuals who have served the local community, state, or nation, whether in education or other fields.
 - d. In the case of naming in recognition of a gift, the name could also be that of an individual donor or member of the donor's family. Corporate names of rooms and portions of buildings will not be allowed. Nothing in this policy shall preclude the placement of an appropriately-sized plaque, name plate, or donor wall in a room or other portion of a school in recognition of a corporate gift, provided no advertising, as opposed to recognition, is involved. Plaques, name plates, and donor walls are governed by Board Policy No. 6115.
 - e. Whenever the opportunity to name a portion of a building is presented, the Superintendent will request the principal to meet with staff, students, alumni, and community residents to discuss the naming opportunity. If the school has a site council, it shall be included in such meetings. If a name is proposed centrally, the school community will be asked to review the proposed new name.
 - f. The principal should prepare a written report summarizing school and community recommendations for the proposed new name. The


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report should be submitted to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall then make a recommendation to the Board.

- g. The Board will accept or reject the proposed name change.
 - h. If the change is approved, the Superintendent sends a notification of the change to the appropriate offices, locations, and persons.
3. School Building Name Change

Since a proposal to change a school building name could originate from many sources, the following steps should be taken:

- a. The person(s) proposing the name change should present the proposal to the Superintendent.
- b. If the Superintendent decides the school name change should be considered, he or she will request the principal meet with staff, parents, students, alumni, and community residents to discuss the proposed change. If the school has a site council, it shall be included in such meetings. The principal should prepare a written report summarizing school and community support of and/or opposition to the proposed change. This report should be submitted to the Superintendent.
- c. If the building is named after a local person, a good faith effort must be demonstrated to contact and seek input from the relatives of that person (e.g., Internet search, legal ads, phone book, daily newspaper) before the name change is approved.
- d. If the Superintendent approves of the name change, the proposed change will be submitted to the Board.
- e. The Board will accept or reject the proposed name change.
- f. If the change is approved, the Superintendent sends a notification of the change to the appropriate offices, locations, and persons.

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4. Changing the Name of a Portion of a Building

The procedure for changing the name of a portion of a building shall be the same as for changing the name of the building itself.

5. Replacement Buildings

When a building is torn down and replaced, either at the same location or a new location, it should retain the same name unless the procedure for school building name change is followed.

6. Program Names

Naming and changing the name of programs shall be within the authority of the Superintendent.

Adopted: February 2012
Revised: April 2015
Cross Reference: Policy Nos. 6970; 6115
Related Superintendent Procedure:
Previous Policies:
Legal References:
Management Resources: