



Board Briefs

Highlights from this week's Board of Education meeting

Departing IPSF chair discusses foundation's direction

Jan Kerchner, who is transitioning out of her role as chair of the Irvine Public Schools Foundation, thanked the IUSD Board of Education for its support and said IPSF will be working on a strategic plan over the next six months.

In the meantime, she said, a foundation gala on Sept. 10 will honor outstanding IUSD graduates, and deadlines are coming up for IPSF's 7th annual Dream Stakes Home Raffle. Tickets must be purchased before July 9 to qualify for the latest early-bird prize, which is a year's worth of rent at The Park at Irvine Spectrum Center. The deadline for the grand prize – a home, or \$500,000 in cash – is July 30.

Tickets are \$150 each, and proceeds will benefit IUSD schools. For more information, visit www.ipsf.net.

Irvine Unified Council PTA gears up for new fiscal year

Steffanie Early, president of the Irvine Unified Council PTA, said incoming officers participated in a training session on June 9 in anticipation of the new fiscal year that begins July 1. Early also recognized the work of IUSD's grad night committees, which organized celebrations for this year's seniors.

Board votes to adopt and submit IUSD's 2010-11 budget

The Board voted unanimously to adopt IUSD's budget for 2010-11 and, in the same motion, directed staff to forward all appropriate documents to the Orange County Department of Education.

The final spending plan approved Tuesday outlines approximately \$200.6 million worth of expenditures – both restricted and unrestricted – against \$196.8 million worth of total revenue. The difference will be offset by onetime carryover funds, said Lisa Howell, assistant superintendent of Business Services.

As a result of the state budget crisis, IUSD was forced to make a number of reductions and adjustments in March to bridge a fiscal gap of approximately \$20 million. While the district will submit a balanced budget for 2010-11, IUSD continues to project significant shortfalls for the two subsequent years and will therefore be required to explore additional savings and revenue enhancement strategies.

Irvine and other school districts in California are required to annually submit their budgets on or before June 30. The state shares this deadline for its budget adoption, but the Legislature rarely meets it, forcing educators to make important financial decisions based on the governor's proposals from January and May. Once the state officially adopts its spending plan, which some believe

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More highlights from the June 29 Board of Education meeting

might not happen until after the November election, IUSD will have 45 days to make necessary adjustments.

Board reauthorizes Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District

Following a public hearing, the Board adopted a resolution that allows the district to continue levying assessments within IUSD's Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District (RIMD).

The RIMD assessments, which were approved by property owners in 2003, bring in additional revenue to help the district pay for the installation and upkeep of publicly used recreation facilities, including playgrounds, basketball courts, tracks and tennis courts.

Coming Up...

Regular Meetings: *Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in the Board Room (7 p.m.)*
Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010 in the Board Room (7 p.m.)

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