

Irvine Unified School District

Irvine, California

Board of Education Minutes of Special Meeting January 9, 2003

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Choi at 5:03 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Carolyn McInerney and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Steven Choi, Debbie Coven, Carolyn McInerney, Sharon Wallin, Sue Kuwabara

Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Dean Waldfogel, Superintendent
Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources
Don Chadd, Asst. Superintendent, Facilities, Operations and Planning
Leah Laule, Asst. Superintendent, Education Services
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Sharon Adele, Janelle Cranch, Erica Hoegh, Lisa Howell, Bev Huff, Paul Mills,
Kris Moore, Tammie Parham, Laurie Serich-Lundquist, Mark Sontag, Stan Steele,
Melodee Zamudio

Oral Communication

None

Items of Business

Impact of State Budget Crisis on IUSD (*Oral Report*)

Superintendent Waldfogel reviewed the Governor's current budget proposal and the impacts to Irvine, as well as steps already taken to address the proposed mid-year cuts.

The Board discussed legislative relief efforts including lowering the parcel tax threshold to 55%, allowing a district-wide average of 20 to meet class size reduction requirements, increased funding flexibility, deferral or elimination of programs, and continued support for equalization (included in the Governor's proposal).

Local Funding Alternatives

Report from Local Funding Alternatives Committee

Member McInerney reported on the work of the Local Funding Alternatives Committee, established per Board direction to explore possible alternative funding possibilities. The committee identified two options for consideration:

1) Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District

David Taussig & Associates, Inc., was commissioned to provide assessment engineering services to the District in association with the formation and administration of a Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District (RIMD), paid for by donations from the Irvine Public Schools Foundation and The Irvine Company. The Engineering Study is near completion and will be provided to the Board when received. Estimated net revenue: \$1.5 to \$2 million.

The committee's recommendation was to defer this option until completion of a parcel tax feasibility study.

2) Parcel Tax

The committee's recommendation was to pursue a parcel tax feasibility study. Estimated net revenue: \$4 million (@ \$200/parcel)

Member McInerney reported on the cost of the election (estimated at \$100,000) which would be paid by the District. All campaign costs (estimated at \$50,000) to be funded by outside donations.

The Board discussed timing of the election (proposed for June 3, 2003), the need to continue to explore all revenue enhancement options, and the lack of more specific information from the State.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 4-1 (Member Choi voting "No"), the Board directed staff to pursue a parcel tax feasibility study.

Superintendent Waldfogel advised staff would move forward to select a campaign consultant and requested the Board to submit suggested questions.

Member Wallin suggested establishing a Parcel Tax Roundtable comprised of people who have worked on previous campaigns.

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Choi and carried 4-1 (Member Coven voting "No"), the Board directed staff to send a letter to the Irvine City Council and the Irvine Ranch Water District Board of Directors requesting a joint meeting to discuss common budget issues and possible opportunities for mutual support and partnerships.

Member Wallin advised plans were underway to schedule an Education Summit, to provide an opportunity for discussion for all interested stakeholders.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.

Conference with Labor Negotiator (All Employee Groups)

The Board discussed labor negotiations. No action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Sue Kuwabara
President

Dean Waldfogel
Superintendent