

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Irvine, California

Regular Meeting
January 17, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Burnham at 6:30 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Hank Adler, Mary Ellen Hadley, Mike Regele, Margie Wakeham, Tom Burnham

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss Potential Litigation. Counsel was present to update the Board on the status of the County's bankruptcy proceedings. No action was taken.

RECONVENE MEETING

President Burnham reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m., reported on Closed Session discussion with counsel regarding the County's bankruptcy proceedings, and action taken during the final Closed Session on January 3 -- Expulsion of a student (Student No.931822) from the Irvine Unified School District, for possession of a fire arm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mike Regele and was followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Hank Adler, Mary Ellen Hadley, Mike Regele, Margie Wakeham, Tom Burnham

Members Absent:

None

Student Members Present:

Shayne Globerson, Luke Fenchel, Todd Marcus

Student Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Dean Waldfogel, Interim Superintendent and
Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction
Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Personnel Services
Paul Reed, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Donna Wilkerson, Superintendent's Executive Assistant

Other Staff:

Tom Alessi, Maureen Allen, Vicki Artiano, Mary Bentley, Natalye Black, Don Chadd, Mary Cliff, Sharon DeNisi, Steve Garretson, Patricia Goheen, Dan Graham, Colleen Green, Ken Horner, Bev Huff, Lisa Kadam, Ar Karnick, Karen Klinek, Beverly Khalil-White Leah Laule, Corinne Loskot, Sherry McLaughlin, Michelle Mortimer, Kurt Nelson, Laura Otis, Mari Perini, Jerry Rayl, Claire Readey, Barbara Regosin, Sylvia Rosenzweig, Gayle Rothman, Dan Schmenk, Sally Snyder, Mark Sontag, Stan Steele, Marilyn Tabor, Dorothy Terman, Roberta Vitols

Student Technicians:

Jon Finen, Jay Kamdar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the December 6, 1994 Regular and Organizational Meeting as corrected (Member Wakeham, PTA Liaison, Mike Regele Alternate); the Minutes of December 12, 1994 Special Meeting as presented; and the Minutes of December 19, 1994 Special Meeting as presented.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Grant Award by Walter Cuevas, Vice President and General Manager, Medtronic Heart Valve Company

Walter Cuevas, Vice President and General Manager, Medtronic Heart Valve Company, Irvine, presented Dorothy Terman with a check/grant award in the amount of \$20,175.00 for "Stimulating Science Through StarLab" laboratory. Terman expressed appreciation on behalf of the science department.

ADOPT AGENDA

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board adopted the agenda, as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Member Wakeham mentioned her attendance, along with Dean Waldfogel, at a recent PTA Council Meeting, during which the O.C. bankruptcy was discussed. Wakeham thanked PTA members for their suggestions and willingness to assist during this crisis.

Wakeham also shared the Irvine World News ad, sponsored by PTA and ITA, requesting supplies for student use. Wakeham commended all involved for their commitment to support the children in this district.

Member Hadley announced the date of the Excellence in Teaching Banquet -- May 11, 1995.

Hadley also discussed her attendance at last week's CAC meeting and the parents' willingness to assist in seeking solutions during this financial crisis.

Hadley also received a poster of suggestions from Room 2, El Toro Marine School, Mrs. Greene's 5th and 6th grade students, and thanked them for their concern and input to the Board.

There will be a meeting for school board members to gather information about the County bankruptcy, Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m., Orange County Department of Education. Hadley encouraged Board members to attend.

In closing, Hadley discussed the reorganization and re-activation of the Legislative Action Network to assist in a District-wide letter writing campaign, taking a support position for schools receiving 100 cents on the dollar from the County.

President Burnham announced the Astounding Inventions of the Future being held on Saturday, January 21. The judging and awards presentation will occur between 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Burnham also announced that the City Council is in session, so those wishing to watch the Board meeting will be able to do so on Wednesday evening, 7 p.m., channel 37.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dean Waldfogel discussed the continued ill-defined nature of the size of the County's financial problem and the resulting impact to IUSD. As a result of the uncertainties, staff is preparing a variety of expenditure reduction scenarios, and is hopeful that by the time of the Open Forums there will be more information to share with the community.

Waldfogel also discussed plans to have surveys available at school sites next week to obtain parent input on potential areas for reduction.

Waldfogel, in closing, mentioned the recently released Governor's Budget proposal and turned the presentation over to Paul Reed who shared the implications of the Governor's budget for IUSD.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Student Members Fenchel, Globerson, and Marcus reported on school activities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On the motion of Member Regele, seconded by Member Wakeham and carried (Student Members Fenchel, Globerson, and Marcus voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar:

1. Acceptance of Gifts

Accepted the following gifts to the District (value assessed by donor):

FOR USE AT ALDERWOOD BASICS PLUS SCHOOL

Donation: a computer system
Value: \$1,400.00
Donors: Robert and Gilda Rinkel
14832 Elm Avenue
Irvine, CA 92714

FOR USE AT CULVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: paperback books
Value: \$30.00
Donor: Patty Faust
6 San Gallo, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$50.00
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Heusdens
18 Thunder Trail, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: 42 - 3" vinyl binders
Value: \$100.00
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Heusdens
18 Thunder Trail, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: an encyclopedia set
Value: \$100.00
Donor: Elaine Mitchell
3661 Fenn Street, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: an IBM computer and Panasonic printer
Value: \$400.00
Donor: Elaine Mitchell
3661 Fenn Street, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: art supplies
Value: \$100.00
Donor: Susan P. Phillips
3700 Parkview Lane, #34-B, Irvine, CA 92715

FOR USE AT EASTSHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: \$16.00 for artifact exchange
Donor: Lon Adams
23 Whistling Isle, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: seven tee shirts
Value: \$75.00
Donor: O'Neil Sportswear
13 Watney, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$200 for a set of encyclopedias
Donor: Dorothy Zettler, c/o Regents Point
19191 Harvard, Apt. #132-134
Irvine, CA 92715

FOR USE BY IRVINE HOME SCHOOL PROGRAM

Donation: 6-station Novell Network complete with Network cabling, Network hub, letter quality wide carriage Epson printer, and Everex file server

Value: \$3,600.00

Donor: Mr. Gregory Zapanta, Jr., Controller
Eastside Orthopedic Associates
880 S. Atlantic Blvd., Suite 205
Monterey Park, CA 91754

FOR USE AT MEADOW PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: 1977-1991 collection of *National Geographic* magazines with cases

Value: \$200.00

Donor: Dave Barros
13722 McMains, Garden Grove, CA 92644

Donation: 1983, 19" Mitsubishi color television with remote control

Value: \$250.00

Donors: Bob and Debbie Cannon
81 Foxhollow, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: an IBM PC256 computer with color monitor and NEC printer

Value: \$250.00

Donor: Josh Ozcaker, c/o Ultra Design
4667 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 400
Newport Beach, CA 92660

FOR USE AT RANCHO SAN JOAQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: computer equipment

Value: \$500.00

Donor: Janet Cardillo
66 West Yale Loop, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$25.00 certificate to Lucky's market

Donor: Monica LePort, Executive Director
Monarch HealthCare 25950 Acero, Suite 200, Mission Viejo, CA 92691

FOR USE AT SANTIAGO HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: an Apple Macintosh IIsi computer and 14" color monitor

Value: \$1,700.00

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cypress
21 Recodo, Irvine, CA 92720

Donation: computer components and accessories for the Montessori program

Value: \$1,133.24

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yatchak
6348 Sierra Elena Road, Irvine, CA 92715

FOR USE AT SOUTH LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: a Quaser color video camera and VCR for media center

Value: \$400.00

Donor: Gail Champion
12 Cottonwood, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$30.00
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Giraud
9 Silverbreeze, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: 20 cases of paper
Value: \$728.00
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Tom La Venture
Pacific Graphics, Inc.
18011 Sky Park Circle, #D, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$50.00
Donors: Michael and Sharon Miller
20 Morning Breeze, Irvine, CA 92715

FOR USE AT SPRINGBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: \$200.00 to repair computer
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gray
22701 Rockford Drive, Lake Forest, CA 92630

Donation: \$500.00
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Howie
7 Woodflower, Irvine, CA 92714

FOR USE AT TURTLE ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: an IBM computer
Value: \$300.00
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith
18722 Paseo Cortez, Irvine, CA 92715

FOR USE AT VISTA VERDE SCHOOL

Donation: computer equipment
Value: \$450.00
Donor: Arthur Sager
5161 Thorn Tree, Irvine, CA 92715

FOR USE AT WOODBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Donation: two Digital T220C computers and keyboards
Value: \$200.00
Donor: Peter Riley, Fluor Corporation
3333 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA 92730

Donation: an Apple IIe computer, Apple monitor, dual disk drive unit, and Imagewriter 1 printer
Value: \$600.00
Donor: Joe Titterude
1302 Cameo, Tustin, CA 92680

2. Excursions/Field Trips

Approved the following excursions/field trips:

Sponsoring School: Irvine High School
Excursion: Marching Band and Pageantry San Francisco Tour
Destination: San Francisco, California
Dates: February 9-12, 1995
Participants: 112 students/12 adults
Cost: \$21,280.00

Sponsoring School: Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
Excursion: Career Day at Universal Studios
Destination: Universal City, California
Date: January 26, 1995
Participants: 120 students/10 adults
Cost: \$2,400.00

Sponsoring School: Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
Excursion: L.A. Museum of Natural History and IMAX Theater
Destination: Los Angeles, California
Date: February 16, 1995
Participants: 90 students/5 adults
Cost: \$1,247.50

3. Personnel Action #94-95/12

Approved the Personnel Action Report #94-95/12 as submitted for CERTIFICATED - Employment - Regular, Substitute, Leave of Absence; CLASSIFIED - Reassignment, Revised Retirement, Termination, Separation.

4. Payment for Related Services for Special Education Students

Approved the individual pupil service contract for the handicapped student(s) negotiated between the Irvine Unified School District and the State certified nonpublic agency.

5. Reimbursement to Parents Resulting from a Due Process Hearing/ Mediation

Authorized payment to parents for attorney fees, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.

6. Acceptance of Emergency Replacement of Cooling Tower at Woodbridge High School

Accepted the emergency replacement of the cooling tower at Woodbridge High School as complete and authorized filing of the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

7. Government Relations Consulting Services for MCAS Tustin Reuse

Authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to enter into a contract with Donald J. Saltarelli Government Relations for government relations consulting services needed for MCAS Tustin school facilities, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.

8. Request for Additional Budgetary Authorization for Legal Services – Parham and Associates

Approved an additional expenditure authorization of \$15,000 for the law firm of Parham and Associates for 1994-95 legal services related to employee/employer relations.

9. Renewal of Agreement for General Counsel - Breon, O'Donnell, Miller, Brown and Dannis

Authorized renewal of the agreement with the law firm of Breon, O'Donnell, Miller, Brown, and Dannis for legal services effective January 1, 1995, and authorized funding in the amount of \$7,000 for 1994-95.

10. Renewal #5 of Contract with UCI to Provide Transportation for IUSD Students to the UCI College of Medicine Child Development Center

Authorized renewal #5 of the Transportation Agreement of September 1, 1989 with the Regents of the University of California to provide transportation for IUSD students to the UCI College of Medicine Child Development Center for the period from July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995, at a cost not exceed \$15,000.

11. Guidance Resources Workshops: Risk and Resiliency Assessment; STAGES; STAR; Anger Management and Resiliency; and Stopping Criticism, Harassment and Threats at Your Site

Authorized payment of expenditures incurred for the Risk and Resiliency Assessment,

STAGES, STAR, Anger Management and Stopping Criticism, Harassment, and Threats at your Site workshops.

12. Submission of Step up to Support Education Grants to Southern California Edison Corporation, 1994-95

Approved the submission of Step Up to Support Education Grants from Culverdale, Los Naranjos, Northwood, and Rancho San Joaquin, to Southern California Edison Corporation, 1994-95.

13. Submission of the Coca-Cola Foundation Grant Proposal for "Science and Literature Integration," 1994-95

Approved the submission of the Coca-Cola Foundation grant proposal for "Science and Literature Integration," 1994-95.

14. Submission of Toshiba America Foundation Education Grant Program, Entitled "Technology/Instruction Integration" 1995

Approved the submission of "Technology/Instruction Integration" proposal to Toshiba America Foundation Education grant program, 1995.

15. Irvine School-to-Career Opportunities Grant Proposal

Approved the submission of the Irvine School-to-Career Opportunities grant proposal to the Orange County Private Industry Council under the provisions of the Job Training Partnership Act.

16. School-to-Career Transition Through Self Determination Training

Approved the submission of the School-to-Career Transition Through Self Determination Training grant proposal to the Orange County Private Industry Council under the provisions of the Job Training Partnership Act.

17. Checks and Purchase Orders

Approved check numbers 65028-65351 for previously approved purchase orders, contracts and bids, and new purchase orders as submitted per the 1/9/95 listing.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Status of IUSD Response to County of Orange Financial Crisis

Paul Reed provided an update on the County bankruptcy proceedings. Reed also mentioned the County's hiring of a public relations firm that was helping the County with its "share the pain" campaign. Given that the County had not presented the previously promised plan, Reed was unable to provide new information on the financial implications for IUSD.

Speaking to the Topic:

Cindy Wittner, 19551 Sierra Soto
Valerie Henry, 52 Almond Tree Lane

Assurance of Ability to Meet its Multi-Year Financial Commitments (AB 1200, Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991)

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Hadley, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board accepted the Interim Budget Review and, with deep reservations, attached to it a letter requesting that a "Qualified Certification" be designated for the Review given the current unsettled state of District financial affairs in the face of the Orange County bankruptcy.

Open Forum Meetings

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board agreed to conduct concurrent public forums on January 30 and 31, utilizing the three high school sites if available. Each forum will be staffed by Board Members, District Administrators, and Principals, who will provide information and serve as facilitators for public input.

Participants in the community forums will also be asked to complete the district survey regarding program and services. The Board provided further direction to staff to invite survey participation from the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking to the Topic:

Susan Midstokke, 7 Halfmoon

RECESS

President Burnham called a recess at 9 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Budget Advisory Committee

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board agreed to form the Finance Committee to review large budget issues both short and long range, and decided upon the following group composition and scope of responsibilities:

1. The Finance Committee will consist of six members who will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board.
2. Each board member will appoint one committee member (the term of committee service will correspond with the term of office of the Board member making the appointment).
3. ITA, as specified by contract, will hold the sixth seat on the committee
4. IAA and CSEA will each hold one advisory seat to the committee
5. The Finance Committee will review the IUSD budget, audit, O.C. bankruptcy issues, joint ventures, insurance, investment strategy/policy, and other charges as determined by the Board.
6. Meetings will be held a minimum of once a month and will be publicly posted (Brown Act regulations will apply to the group.)

The Board will review the list of interested volunteers and announce the names of appointees during the February 7 Regular Board Meeting.

Speaking to the Topic:

Manuel Gomez, 63 Weepingwood

Investment Strategy

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Wakeham and carried, the Board agreed to have Paul Reed direct the County to invest IUSD funds in U.S. Treasury Bills (short term, 90 days or less), and forwarded the long-term investment strategy item to the newly formed finance committee for their review and recommendations to the Board.

Speaking to the Topic:

Jeff Wagner, 5 Trenton East

Legal Minimums

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

Sue Long provided an overview of the constitutional and statutory legal minimums, as well as contractual obligations, as they relate to the instructional program of the Irvine Unified School District. The Board provided direction to staff to further examine legal minimums to explore budget reduction possibilities and potential impact to staff.

Then, on the motion of Member Regele, seconded by Member Adler and carried, the Board agreed to discuss implications to staffing, as a result of possible reductions, at a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 15, 1995, 6:30 p.m.

Speaking to the Topic:

Gary Kingsbury, 588 Giotto
Gary Bryant, 60 Windjammer

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Use of Facilities Agreement Between the Irvine Unified School District and the City of Irvine

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

Member Adler moved to table this item to the meeting of February 7; the motion carried.

Possible Future Joint Ventures Between the Irvine Unified School District and the City of Irvine

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

Member Adler moved to table this item to the meeting of February 7; the motion carried.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Hugh Hewitt, P.O. Box 5209, thanked Board members for their positive efforts in response to the County's fiscal crisis, and offered any help he could provide.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:55 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's Replacement Process. During that discussion, the Board agreed to contact Jake Abbott and Harry Weinberg of Management Analysis and Planning Associates, to examine the possibilities and costs involved in conducting a search. This item will be agendaized for further discussion and action on February 7.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Tom Burnham Dean Waldfogel

President Interim Superintendent