

Irvine Unified School District

Irvine, California

***Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 22, 2002***

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Choi at 5:46 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Sue Kuwabara, Carolyn McInerney, Karen Preston, Margie Wakeham, Steven Choi

Members Absent:

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:48 p.m.

Conference With Labor Negotiator - ITA

The Board discussed labor negotiations. No action was taken.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President Choi reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members Present:

Sue Kuwabara, Carolyn McInerney, Karen Preston, Margie Wakeham, Steven Choi

Members Absent:

None

Student Members Present:

Mike Choi, Tiffany Gates, Lauren Micek, Shelby Pollard

Student Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Patricia Clark White, Superintendent

Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources

Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer

Dean Waldfogel, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Bob Avzaradel, Robin Beacham, Melinda Brooks, Anne Caenn, Mary Cliff,

Janelle Cranch, Lisa Friedberg, Dennis Gibbs, Pat Gibson, Val Henry, Laura Holly,

Bev Huff, Leah Laule, Stan Machesky, Kris Moore, Jean Mylen, Tammie Parham,

Rick Seibert, Mark Sontag, Stan Steele, Brad VanPatten

Video Production Services:

Mike McIntyre, Teleios Services

Oral Communication

CSEA President Janelle Cranch expressed support for the Board, acknowledging the difficult budget reduction decisions they would have to make, and reiterated that the current fiscal crisis was the direct result of state and federal underfunding of mandated programs and three failed Parcel Tax campaigns.

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wakeham and carried 5-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as amended:

MOVE Item 9i, *Gifts* to Item 12c

REVISE Item 9j, *Conference Attendance*

Student Board Members' Report

Student Members Choi, Gates, Micek and Pollard reported on school activities.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent White reported on current district activities, awards and recognitions, and provided a legislative update.

Announcements and Acknowledgments

Members Preston and Choi reported on school visits, conference attendance, and meeting participation.

President Choi presented IPSF President Jerry Amante with \$1, donated by Los Naranjos student Wesley Creighton.

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Wakeham and carried 5-0 (Student Members Choi and Micek voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the amended Consent Calendar:

1. Payment for Nonpublic School/Agency Services for Special Education Students

Approved the individual pupil service contract(s) for disabled student(s) negotiated between the Irvine Unified School District and State Certified Nonpublic Schools/Agencies.

2. Contracts for Special Education Related Services

Authorized payment for special education related services in an amount not to exceed \$3,285.00.

3. Purchase Order Detail Report

Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated January 14, 2002.

4. Check Register Report

Ratified issuance of check numbers as listed, representing Board authorized purchase orders, invoices and contracts:

District 44, Community Facilities District 86-1 - Numbers 00001697 through 00001699

District 75, Irvine Unified School District - Numbers 00042631 through 000042845

Community Facilities District No. 86-1, Bank of New York Western Trust Co.,

Bond Series 97, 98, 99 - Numbers 01685865 through 01685875

Revolving Cash - Numbers 22086 through 22096

5. Contract Services Action Report

Approved the Contract Services Action Report 2001-02/09 as submitted.

6. Consulting Services for AB 2926 School Facilities Fee Justification Study

Authorized the Assistant Superintendent, Facilities, Operations and Planning to enter into a contract with David Taussig and Associates, Inc. to provide the necessary documentation to justify the levy of School Facilities Fee on both residential and commercial/industrial development within the Irvine Unified School District for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.

7. Classified Personnel Action Report

(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Approved and/or ratified the Classified Personnel Action Report 2001-02/09 as submitted for Employment, Separation, Retirement, Resignations and Leave of Absence.

8. Certificated Personnel Action Report

(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Approved and/or ratified the Certificated Personnel Action Report 2001-02/10 as submitted for Employment.

9. Conference Attendance

Approved out-of-state conference attendance for staff, as follows:

- 1) Bill Bryant to Kansas City, Kansas, March 13-16, 2002, for \$170.00 (registration only);
- 2) Bob Bernal to Las Vegas, Nevada, May 10-12, 2002 for \$90.00 (registration only).

10. Field Trips, Tours and Excursions

Approved the field trip for Turtle Rock APAAS 5th graders to Pasadena, California on March 14, 2002 for \$1,260.00 (funded by donations).

Consent Calendar Resolution

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Preston and carried 5-0 (Student Members Choi and Micek voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-20 Eliminating Positions and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service Due to Lack of Funds

Passed and adopted Resolution No. 01-02-20 Eliminating Positions and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service due to Lack of Funds, thereby authorizing the Superintendent or her designee to identify the individuals within this classification for layoff and to proceed with the reduction in force process.

AYES: Members Kuwabara, McInerney, Preston, Wakeham, Choi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CFD Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Preston and carried 5-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No. 86-1, took the following action on the CFD Consent Calendar:

Notice of Completion -- Entry Drive & Misc. Site Improvements -- Northwood High School

Accepted the Entry Drive & Misc. Site Improvements at Northwood High School as complete and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.

Items of Business

(Written reports were included with the agenda and are on file in the District Office.)

Los Naranjos Elementary School Closure

President Choi introduced the item and invited public comment.

Speaking to the topic:

Kimberly Olson, 10 Thunder Run #26E 92614

Mary Helen Frake-Minar, 5 Zinnia 92618

Richard Stewart

Richard Creighton, 5331 Strasbourg 92604

Member McInerney expressed support for maintaining neighborhood schools and articulated her concern about alternative schools pulling enrollment away from neighborhood schools.

The Board discussed rationale for the recommended closure of Los Naranjos including creating a non-viable program due to diminishing enrollment and limited near term growth (confirmed by community survey regarding preschool-age children). The Board further discussed the need to consider closing additional schools in order to meet their primary fiduciary responsibility and to preserve as many of the enriched curricular programs currently being offered as possible.

The Board also expressed support for priority enrollment for Los Naranjos students at any district school, assuming space availability.

On the motion of Member Preston, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-1 (Member McInerney voting "No"), the Board adopted the recommendation to close Los Naranjos Elementary School, including all identified changes in school boundaries and staffing, and approved converting the Los Naranjos facility to a preschool center, effective July 1, 2002.

Final Budget Reductions

President Choi introduced the item and invited public comment.

Speaking to the topic:

Sue Banes, Finance Committee Chairman

Mrs. Banes reported unanimous Finance Committee support for the recommended \$5.2M of budget cuts and for the following motion: The Board needs to consider fundamental changes to the long range delivery of services, including but not limited to, school configuration, site leases and special education services in order to provide quality education without deficit spending.

Anne Caenn, ITA President

Judy Michalek, 5211 Bordeaux 92604

Karin Schnell, 3750 S. Susan St., Santa Ana 92704

Vickie Lynn Bibro, 16 Campanero W 92620

Le Munn, 10 Brillantez 92620

Community Member

Stephen Ruchford, Irvine Valley College

Mike Lennon, 21 Prosa 92620

Ytley Guerrero

Eric Massimino

Ruth Sanchez, 9 Helena 92604

Marilyn Perona

Michael Haggin, 17 Ashbrook 92604

Dianna Troutt, 14 Columbus 92620

Kevin Bossenmeyer, 25 Cedar Ridge 92612

Gary Matsuurh, 12 Porter 92620

Jerry Amante, Irvine Public Schools Foundation

Deputy Superintendent Dean Waldfogel reviewed the Cost Savings Options list.

Following Board discussion, the following action was taken:

On the motion of Member Preston, seconded by Member Choi and carried 5-0, the Board approved Items #1-25 on the Cost Savings Options list (with the exception of Items #3, 12,

23, & 25 which were pulled for further discussion and separate action).

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 4-1 (Member Choi voting "No"), the Board directed staff to convene a task force to review school configuration including small schools, middle school configuration, and utilization of existing schools for future development.

On the motion of Member Choi, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board approved Item #3 (Abandon Class Size Reduction in Grades K and 2) and directed staff to explore the possibility of a waiver to continue Class Size Reduction at Kindergarten.

On the motion of Member Preston, seconded by Member Wakeham and carried 5-0, the Board approved Item #12 (Reduce Athletic Coaching positions).

The Board discussed Item #23 (One Stop Enrollment) and concurred that it be removed from the Cost Savings Options list based on the minimal cost and significant benefits of the program.

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Preston and carried 5-0, the Board approved Item #25 (Reduce Overtime).

Gifts (*removed from Consent Calendar for discussion*)

(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

President Choi publicly acknowledged the \$250 contribution from the Cain Family to College Park, and a \$4,000 anonymous contribution to Woodbridge H.S.

On the motion of Member Choi, seconded by Member Preston and carried 4-0-1 (Member Wakeham absent), the Board accepted gifts to the District as submitted.

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Steven S. Choi
President

Patricia Clark White
Superintendent