

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
January 25, 1999

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Regele at 5:40 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Jeanne Flint, Karen Preston, Mike Regele

Members Absent:

Steven Choi (Member Choi joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.)

Margie Wakeham (Member Wakeham joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.)

Staff:

Patricia Clark White, Superintendent

Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources

Paul Reed, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services (joined Closed Session)

Dean Waldfoegel, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Lynn Bogart, Bev Huff, Dorothy Terman

Standards and Assessment Workshop

Dean Waldfoegel presented an overview of standards-based accountability, emphasizing Irvine's focus on both content standards (what students should know and be able to do in the core content areas) and lifelong learning standards (thinking and reasoning), and reviewed the change in focus to improving one's personal best. Bev Huff reiterated the importance of a clear definition of the two types of standards: 1) content or lifelong learning standards (as defined above), and 2) performance standards (descriptions of acceptable evidence, student work).

In response to the State mandate that each District adopt standards that are "as rigorous or more rigorous" than the State standards adopted in 1997 for Language Arts and Mathematics, Dean introduced Lynn Bogart and Dorothy Terman, Curriculum Coordinators, to report on the current status of the District's efforts in those areas.

Lynn Bogart reviewed the development of the Standards Alignment committees and outlined the rigorous process used to analyze and compare State standards with existing District standards in Language Arts. Lynn advised that the comparison indicated a close alignment already exists and further highlighted specific examples of Irvine's added emphasis and specificity in key areas.

Dorothy Terman reviewed the development process for Irvine's K-7 and 8-12 Proposed Math Standards, reporting that all State mathematics standards have been incorporated and enhanced by emphasizing conceptual understanding, problem-solving and application, in addition to computational and procedural skills. She indicated there will be significant changes to our present math curriculum due to the number, nature and grade level placement of the State Mathematics Standards, and discussed the challenges ahead in implementing the standards for all students.

Bev Huff reviewed the important benefits of the lifelong learning standards (including thinking, reasoning and information literacy) developed by IUSD, and provided an overview of the District's program effectiveness criteria.

Dean expressed his appreciation to Lynn, Dorothy and Bev for their outstanding curricular leadership.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations. No action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Michael B. Regele Patricia Clark White

President Superintendent