

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 2, 1999

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Regele at 6:45 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Steven Choi, Jeanne Flint, Karen Preston, Margie Wakeham, Mike Regele

Members Absent:

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:47 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations. No action was taken.

Astounding Inventions of the Future Display

The Board adjourned to the Astounding Inventions of the Future Display at 7:15 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President Regele reconvened the meeting at 7:40 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 Flint and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Steven Choi, Jeanne Flint, Karen Preston, Margie Wakeham, Mike Regele

Members Absent:

None

Student Members Present:

Shai Kalansky, Paul Rugani, Bud Sant

Student Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Patricia Clark White, Superintendent
Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources
Paul Reed, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Dean Waldfoegel, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Robin Beacham, Lynn Bogart, Mary Cliff, Sharon DeNisi, Dennis Gibbs,
Jim Grove, Al Kaufman, Beverley Khalil-White, Leah Laule, Corinne Loskot,
Paul Mills, Stan Steele, Dorothy Terman

Video Production Services:
Teleios Services (Mike McIntyre)

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Member Flint, seconded by Member Wakeham and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 15, 1998, and the Consent Calendar Meeting of January 12, 1999, as presented.

Special Presentation

Dorothy Terman, Curriculum Coordinator, provided an overview of the "Astounding Inventions of the Future" Contest, held on Saturday, January 23, 1999, at Irvine Valley College for K-8 students from Irvine, Tustin and Laguna Beach school districts. She then introduced the Grand Prize, Division, and Special Awards winners who were in attendance.

Superintendent White added her congratulations to the students, teachers, and families for this very well deserved recognition of their creative efforts.

Oral Communication

Ruth Anderson and Carolyn McInerney, representing the Irvine Public Schools Foundation, announced the upcoming "Celebration of Excellence" Reception to be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Vidovich on February 18, 6:00 p.m., in support of the "Partners in Education Program," which provides resources through contributions and fund-raising to support supplemental programs.

Gail Rothman, President, Irvine Teachers Association, and Rick Seibert, ITA Bargaining Chair, addressed the Board regarding negotiations, outlining the process of today's teacher vote on the District's current offer. Ms. Rothman reiterated the teachers' expectation of proof of the District's commitment to bring teachers to the median.

Kristen Bellisario, 15271 Moulins Circle 92604, addressed the Board the Facilities Use Classification of the Irvine Youth Symphony.

Rodney Ziebol, 9 Marsala 92606, requested consideration of opening Plaza Vista School K-6 rather than K-5 has currently proposed.

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Flint and carried, the Board adopted the agenda, as amended:

MOVE Item 12r, *Field Trips, Tours and Excursions* to ITEMS OF BUSINESS - 15g

Student Board Members' Report

Student Members Kalansky, Rugani and Sant reported on school activities.

Announcements and Acknowledgments

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent White reported on current district activities, awards and recognitions.

School Curriculum Report

Meadow Park Principal Sharon DeNisi, 5th grade teacher and Vision 2020 Coordinator, Karen Lund, and Computer Lab Tech and LAN Administrator Susan Michon provided a report on the school's Vision 2020 Program, which introduces career options and opportunities to K-6 students. The program includes student research and reporting on careers, interviewing professionals and job shadowing. Anson Steward, grade 5, then presented a Powerpoint presentation on the profession of a city planner as an example of the type of report upper grade students present to primary students as part of the primary Career Fair. Anson amazed the audience with his poise, technical expertise and presentation skills.

Member Flint, as Regional Director for the Vision 2020 Program for the Orange Co. Dept. of Education, expressed her appreciation for the recognition of the benefits of this important program.

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Flint and carried (Student Members Kalansky, Rugani and Sant 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. Payment in Accordance With the Terms of a Mediated Agreement

Authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for Case Number SN 1573-98 in accordance with the terms of a State Mediation Agreement.

3. Payment in Accordance With the Terms of a Mediated Agreement

Authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$300 for Case Number SN 1638-98 in accordance with the terms of a negotiated agreement prior to a State Mediation.

4. Agreement to Reimburse Parents for Special Education Related Services

Authorized approval of the Agreement to Reimburse Parents for Special Education Related Services in an amount not to exceed \$20,500.

5. Signature Authorization and Contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill for Primary Language Standardized Testing and Reporting Services, 1999

Approved the signature authorization and contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill for primary language standardized testing and reporting services, 1999.

6. Second Reading and Adoption: Proposed Revision to Board Policy 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program

Approved for second reading and adoption the proposed revision of Board Policy 3553: Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program.

7. Contract for Television Broadcasting and Consulting Services (TOC) 1998-99

Approved the Television Broadcasting and Consulting Services Contract with Coast Community College District for Brywood Elementary School during 1998-99 for a fee not to exceed \$3,000.00.

8. Purchase Orders

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

Approved purchase orders per 1/25/99 listing.

9. Payment of Deficit Reduction Notice - Schools Alliance for Workers' Compensation Excess II Fiscal years 1990-1991 and 1991-1992

Authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to issue payment to the Schools Alliance for Workers' Compensation Excess II (SAWCXII) for deficit reduction in the amount of \$25,248.00 for the Workers' Compensation Program years 1990-1991 and 1991-1992 to be payable from the Insurance Loss Fund.

10. Springbrook Elementary School Playground Renovation Project

Authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to approve the playground renovation project at Springbrook Elementary School to be funded by the Parent Teacher Association.

11. Application to the School Facilities Program for Construction Funds for Canyon View Elementary School

Authorized the filing of SAB 50-04 and related forms necessary for the school facilities program construction funding application for State funding of Canyon View Elementary School construction.

12. MacPherson Enterprises Donations

Accepted December 1998 donations in the amount of \$3,950 from the MacPherson Enterprises "Help Our Schools" campaign.

13. 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 1998-99/12 as submitted for Employment and Leaves of Absence.

14. 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 1998-99/12 as submitted for Employment, Retirement, Separation and Leaves of Absence.

15. Contract Services Action Report

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

Ratified the Contract Services Action Report 1998-99/12 as submitted.

16. Gifts

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

Accepted gifts to the District as submitted.

17. Conference Attendance

Approved and/or ratified the attendance of staff and non-staff at the following events:

- 1) PTA President Jean Voska to the PAL Conflict Management Elementary Training (OCDE) in Costa Mesa, California, January 20 and 21, 1999, for \$120;
- 2) Irvine High School Counselors Carrington, Wolf, Confrey, and High to The College Board Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 21-23, 1999 for \$820 (registration only);
- 3) Paul Reed and Jeanne Flint to NAFIS Spring Conference 1999 in Washington, D.C., March 27-31, 1999 for \$3,073.

Consent Calendar Resolution

On the motion of Member Flint, seconded by Member Wakeham and carried (Student Members Kalansky and Rugani voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 98-99-18: Electing to Participate in the Leroy E. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, Making Findings and Determinations in Regard Thereto and Requesting Eligibility Determination Approval

Adopted Resolution No. 98-99-18, authorizing staff to prepare, certify and file a) Form SAB 50-01, The Enrollment/Certification Projection (ECP); b) Form SAB 50-02, the Existing School Building Capacity (ESBC); and c) Form SAB 50-03, the ED; and submit all necessary forms to the SAB for approval for the application for an eligibility determination.

AYES: Members Choi, Flint, Preston, Wakeham, Regele

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CFD Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Preston and carried (Student Members Kalansky and Rugani voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the CFD Consent Calendar:

Consultant to Provide Additional Services for Enrollment Projections Model

Acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District 86-1, authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to enter into a contract with Innovative System Solutions to provide additional services relative to expanding the existing ten-year projection model to include three (3) future elementary schools, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Items of Business

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

Endorsement of Ethics Event at the Barclay Theater

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Choi and carried, the Board endorsed this ethics-promoting event that celebrates the life and legacy of Amy Biehl sponsored by the Youth Ethics Advocates at Irvine High School.

Consideration of a Resolution to Establish Stable Funding for Science, Technology, and Class Size Reduction (Neighborhood Schools)

As background to consideration of a special parcel levy election in June, Superintendent White reviewed the District's financial status including the contributing factors of underfunded State programs such as Class Size Reduction and Special Education, and State funding designated for specific programs, prohibiting support for local priorities.

Speaking to the topic:

Stuart Venook, 34 Deer Spring, Irvine 92604
Sharon Wallin, 23 Fairdawn, Irvine 92614
Leslie Alden-Crowe, 19431 Sierra Santo, Irvine 92612
Kathy Corbett, 15136 Touraine, Irvine 92604
Jack Appleman, 11 Bragg, Irvine 92620

The Board identified the two options available -- reducing programs or enhancing revenue, and expressed concern relative to the short timeline in preparation for a June election, and the need for public education regarding the district's financial situation to establish essential community support.

Then, on the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Flint and carried, the Board tabled the item.

Recess

President Regele called a recess at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Public Hearing: Charter School Petition From Opportunities for Learning

Dean Waldfoegel reviewed revised legislation and processes (effective 1/1/99) relative to petitions for charter schools, including the requirement for a public hearing to consider the level of support for the petition by teachers employed by the district and parents.

Mr. Jensen, representing Education Management Systems, provided an overview of the charter schools program (Opportunities for Learning) being petitioned by EMS.

President Regele opened the public hearing.

Speaking to the topic:

Leslie Alden-Crowe, 19431 Sierra Santo Rd., Irvine 92612

For the Board's information, no action was taken.

Public Hearing: Charter School Petition From American Charter Schools, Inc.

Dr. Mark Facer reviewed the American Charter Schools, Inc. proposal, a non-profit independent study program for out-of-school youth.

President Regele opened the public hearing.

Speaking to the topic:

None

For the Board's information, no action was taken.

Dean Waldfoegel stated that both programs are similar to the independent study programs currently offered by the District and that there was no interest expressed by Irvine teachers or parents.

Certification of School Site Block Grant Funds

Paul Reed provided a report on the one-time block grant money (\$27 per ADA) as part of the 1998-99 State Budget, to be used for equipment or other one-time expenditure in support of technology, the library, or other school-based programs, as determined by the School Site Council.

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Flint and carried, the Board certified the conformance of purchase plans submitted by School Site Councils for School Site Block Grants and directed staff to report same to the County Department of Education.

Quarterly Financial Report [Government Code § 53646]

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Flint and carried, the Board accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ended December 31, 1998, as presented.

Field Trips, Tours and Excursions

(moved from the Consent Calendar for discussion)

Member Choi requested clarification relative to the 6th grade trip to Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple relative to equitable religious experiences.

Dennis Gibbs reported that the the State adopted 6th grade social science curriculum includes the study of ancient civilizations. As part of that curriculum, students have been provided the opportunity to visit various religious and cultural exhibits.

Member Choi requested that staff reaffirm that students are exposed to a variety of religious and cultural experiences.

On the motion of Member Flint, seconded by Member Preston and carried (Member Choi abstaining), the Board approved the following field trips:

- 1) Turtle Rock 6th Graders to Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple in Hacienda Heights, CA on February 11, 1999 for \$1,150.00;
- 2) Westpark students to the Peacemaker Presentation in Costa Mesa, CA, on February 11, 1999, for \$1,200.00.

Oral Communication

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session at 10:05 p.m. to continue discussion relative to labor negotiations.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Michael B. Regele Patricia Clark White

President Superintendent