

Irvine Unified School District

Irvine, California

Board of Education Minutes of Workshop Session February 11, 1997

Call to Order

The Workshop Session of the Board of Education was called to order by President Wakeham at 7:10 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members

Present: Hank Adler, Jeanne Flint, Karen Preston, Mike Regele, Margie Wakeham

Members

Absent: None

Governance and Management Workshop

The Board reviewed and revised a draft document prepared by the Superintendent and past Board President, Mary Ellen Hadley, outlining the role of the Board of Education and management team in the following areas: Board Responsibilities, Effective Boardmanship, and Effective Governance and Management.

The Board then discussed the following items:

Assessment of Strategic Plan and Board Goal-Setting

The Board discussed the need to establish an annual board goal-setting opportunity, as well as a time to assess progress relative to the Strategic Plan. It was determined that Strategic Plan assessment should be ongoing. One suggestion for achieving that goal was to associate items that come before the Board over the course of the year to the Strategic Plan. Further discussion centered around answering the following questions when setting goals: Where are we? What's coming down the road? What do we want to do next year?

It was agreed that the Superintendent and Member Flint would develop a goal-setting time frame and structure for board consideration.

Board Responsibilities

There was discussion relative to the number of requests for board liaison assignments. The Board agreed to re-evaluate their liaison responsibilities for the 1997-98 school year.

Board Appointed Committees - Structure, Composition, Bylaws

The Board expressed a desire to have all board appointed committees follow the same structure and governance rules, which would include the selection of a chairman and co-chairman.

Curriculum Updates

The Board expressed a desire to stay abreast of current curricular and educational issues. Ideas discussed included small group meetings with appropriate staff members, periodic board updates, attendance at determined curriculum meetings, and formal board presentations.

Requests for Information "Rule 45"

Individual board member requests for information estimated to take longer than 45 minutes need to be agendized as a formal board request.

Requests for Agenda Items

The Board discussed the current district practice allowing items to be agendized by an individual board member. It was determined that since the current practice has been satisfactory, a change to a more formal procedure is not necessary at the present time. Board members wishing to have an item placed on the agenda should contact the Board President and/or the Superintendent. A determination will then be made regarding the amount of time required to prepare the item (see Rule 45 above) and the board meeting date that the item will be placed on the agenda. Further, the Board determined that at this time, the more formal parliamentary procedure of a motion and second being required before discussion would be left to the discretion of the Board President.

The Board directed the Superintendent to make the necessary revisions to the Board Governance and Management Guidelines for future adoption.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Margie Wakeham
President

Dennis M. Smith
Superintendent

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