

**Irvine Unified School District  
Irvine, California**

**Minutes of Joint Meeting  
Board of Education and City Council  
March 5, 1996**

**Call to Order**

The Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and City Council was called to order by President Hadley at 5:35 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

None

**IUSD Staff:**

Dennis M. Smith, Superintendent

Donna Wilkerson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

**Other IUSD Staff:**

Bob Barnhart, Bob Bruce, Don Chadd, Karen Klinek, Sue Long, Corinne Loskot, Jerry Rayl, Paul Reed, Mark Reider, Gail Richards, Diana Schmelzer, Sally Snyder, Dean Waldfogel

**Oral Communication**

Linda Grau, 24 Morning Dove, shared her perceptions of the Future of Government School Education.

**Adopt Agenda**

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

**Items for Discussion**

**Review and Discussion of Safe Campus Report**

Dennis Smith provided an overview of the Operation Safe Campus report and expressed appreciation for the work of the police and staff representatives involved in the development of recommendations for maintaining safe campuses. Chief Brobeck commented on the proactive nature of the report and introduced Commander Blalock and Paul Mills who answered questions regarding the action plan.

Mills and Blalock stressed the importance of continued dialog between the City and school district, the need for a safety net in dealing with habitual student truancy, the importance of training school district staff in handling potentially volatile situations, and the importance of the establishment of a School Attendance and Review board (SARB), and staff member (Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor) who can work consistently with students who are truant and coordinate the SARB.

Both the Board of Education and City Council agreed that the funding of a Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor should be a joint opportunity. Representatives from the City and school district will be involved in the selection of this staff member who will work under the school district umbrella.

Staff was directed to obtain information on the legality of mandatory transfer of students from one school to another, without expulsion proceedings. Then, on the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board formally endorsed the Safe Campus Report and recommendations. The City Council, in a separate motion, also formally endorsed the Safe Campus Report and recommendations.

## **Planning and Standards**

The Board and Council had a discussion on future development of Irvine, highlighting issues such as the growing population, and the impact of future development on both the City and the school district.

Board and Council Members also discussed the importance of examining policy issues revolving around community density, safety, and joint use agreements, to be certain that development is part of the overall plan, and serves the interests of the members of the Irvine Community.

Board and Council Members also discussed differing perceptions on existing homes -- some seeing balance in the amount of homes vs. apartments, with others expressing the desire for more home ownership. All agreed that it was important to ensure that The Irvine Company continued the balance, particularly in light of the potential impact of the upcoming base closure.

Dennis Smith noted the Board will be discussing the proposed development, South of the 405, on March 19.

## **Cellular Towers and Related Issues**

With deregulation of Cellular companies, there may be many requests for the placement of cellular towers. Member Burnham shared his concern and desire to have a master plan of how to manage the likely increase of requests, maximizing the economic benefit, while protecting the aesthetics in the community. Both staffs were directed to look at ways to regulate the placement of towers so that they do not become a community eye-sore.

## **Discussion of Irvine's Twenty-Fifth Birthday Celebration**

Council Member Werner raised this item and shared the importance of making a big deal out of the occasion of Irvine's twenty-fifth birthday. Current discussions have centered around having the celebration in conjunction with the Harvest Festival. Given how much has been accomplished over the first twenty-five years, both the Council and school district agreed that this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was jointly adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Mary Ellen Hadley      Dennis M. Smith

President                      Superintendent