# Irvine Unified School District

Irvine, California

# Board of Education Minutes of Special Meeting March 8, 2004

#### Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Acting President Wallin at 6:34 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

#### Roll Call

### Members Present:

Steven Choi, Debbie Coven, Sue Kuwabara, Sharon Wallin

#### Members Absent:

Carolyn McInerney (Member McInerney joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

#### Staff:

Dean Waldfogel, Superintendent Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer Leah Laule, Asst. Superintendent, Education Services Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

#### Other Staff:

Janelle Cranch, Lisa Howell, Judy Mueller

### **Budget Study Session**

#### **Three Year Budget Projections**

Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros and Fiscal Services Director Lisa Howell reviewed three year budget projections including revenue and expense assumptions, and discussed the impacts of various state budgeting mechanisms and pending legislation affecting the revenue limit. Dr. Medeiros reported that budget projections for the next three years meet the state mandate of a 3% reserve due in part to the \$8 million of cuts made over the past two years.

The Board discussed the steady encroachment increase in Special Education, Special Education Transportation, and Home-to-School Transportation and expressed interest in a review of fee structures.

#### **Finance Committee Mission / Role**

Finance Committee members present: Karen Blakeley Janelle Cranch Ken Horner Barbara Petro Sherry Slunka David Vered

Member Slunka provided an historical perspective of the Finance Committee which was formed in response to the 1994 Orange County Bankruptcy. She stated the committee's desire for more definitive direction than what is currently delineated in the Mission Statement, assuming the Board supports continuation of the committee.

The Board expressed appreciation to the members for their work and discussed the value of the committee relative to oversight, expertise and communication. A possible reduction in the number of meeting dates was also discussed, as well as the possibility of systemizing those areas which need to be analyzed on an annual basis.

It was agreed that a sub-committee of two Board Members (McInerney and Wallin) and two Finance Committee members (Slunka and Vered) would meet with Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros to develop a mechanism to determine topics for the committee's review.

## Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney President Dean Waldfogel Superintendent