

Irvine Unified School District

Irvine, California

Board of Education Minutes of Regular Meeting March 18, 2003

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Kuwabara at 5:33 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Steven Choi, Debbie Coven, Sharon Wallin, Sue Kuwabara

Members Absent:

Carolyn McInerney (excused)

Special Education Study Session

Nancy Melgares, Director of Special Education, reported on the budget reduction process conducted during the 2002-03 school year, including a fiscal evaluation of IUSD special education programs conducted by Paul Goldfinger, School Services of California. Melgares reviewed the areas of analysis included in the report, as well as District response to specific recommendations. The Board also discussed the status of IDEA funding and Superintendent Waldfoegel reported that a meeting had been scheduled with U.S. Representative Christopher Cox to discuss special education funding.

The Board expressed appreciation to Nancy Melgares and the Special Education staff for their effective implementation of reductions with minimal impact to the quality of the program.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President Kuwabara reconvened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and reported on the Special Education Study Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Student Member Howard and was followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of Northwood H.S. teacher Craig Huff, and in appreciation of the men and women of the military and their families.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Steven Choi, Debbie Coven, Sharon Wallin, Sue Kuwabara

Members Absent:

Carolyn McInerney (excused)

Student Members Present:

Mairin Charles, Allison Howard, Nathan Jacobs, Annie Pestolesi

Student Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Dean Waldfogel, Superintendent
Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources
Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer
Don Chadd, Asst. Superintendent, Facilities, Operations and Planning
Leah Laule, Asst. Superintendent, Education Services
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Anne Caenn, Mary Cliff, Janelle Cranch, Dennis Gibbs, Lloyd Linton, Kris Moore

Video Production Services:

Mike McIntyre, Teleios Services

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Items Removed from Consent Calendars for discussion and separate action:

Item 10a, *Resolution No. 02-03-07: Authorization to Execute Quitclaim Deeds for Easement at UHS*

Item 10b, *Resolution No. 02-03-07: Authorization of Signatures on Electronically Printed Checks*

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Member Coven, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2003, as presented.

Special Presentation

Irvine Public Schools Foundation Donation

Chief Executive Officer Tim Shaw expressed appreciation to the Board and staff for their support and for the positive working relationship that has been established. He also thanked the IPSF Board for their dedication and volunteerism. Board Chair Kathy Cichelli recognized some of the major donors to the Foundation and presented a check for \$1 million in support of Art, Science and Music as part of the Foundation's 2002-03 funding commitment.

Oral Communication

Superintendent Waldfogel announced the elimination of the athletics budget cut from the Budget Cut List, based on a \$35,000 savings achieved through the implementation of cost-neutral invoicing, with no increase in the athletic transportation fee.

Speaking to the topic of athletic budget cuts:

Rich Kredel, 14 Bayside 92614

Kurt Kosbab, 28 New Meadow 92614

Anna Berger, 21 Foxboro 92614

Dr. Rebecca Newman, 36 Butler Street 92612, addressed the Board regarding high school boundary changes and the relocation of Vista Verde School.

Roland Boucher, 11 Deerspring 92604, expressed opposition to the Recreation Improvement & Maintenance District and encouraged the District to pursue legislative action relative to funding inequities.

Sharon Deering, 3662 Baylor 92614, expressed a desire for increased parental input prior to the implementation of high school boundary changes.

Mitchell Robins, 46 Festivo 92606, addressed the Board regarding the sibling rule and closed enrollment at Plaza Vista.

Brent Godfrey, 4092 Manzanita 92604, spoke in support of expanded student representation on the Board of Education.

Sherri Sisson, 3565 Fenn St. 92614, expressed concern about the relocation of Vista Verde School, as recommended by the School Configuration Committee, and the need for increased parent representation relative to high school boundary changes.

Michael Haggin, 17 Ashbrook Place 92604, commented on financial stringencies and the need to increase the resources available to District leadership.

Student Board Member Reports

Student Members Jacobs, Charles, Howard and Pestolesi reported on school activities.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Waldfogel advised that the District would carefully monitor the Homeland Security Advisory and make decisions accordingly regarding field trips and other district events.

In response to a recent letter to the editor in the L.A. Times, Waldfogel provided clarification regarding County Fund 694, reporting that this fund was established during the County bankruptcy and was closed with no funds remaining over one year ago.

He completed his report with the announcement of district awards and recognitions.

Announcements and Acknowledgments

Members Coven, Choi, Wallin, and Kuwabara reported on school visits, conference attendance, and meeting participation.

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Choi, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0 (Student Members Charles, Howard, Jacobs, and Pestolesi voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the 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. Contract for Special Education Related Services Authorized payment for special education related services in an amount not to exceed \$8,400.00.
3. **Purchase Order Detail Report**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated March 10, 2003.
4. **Check Register Report**
Ratified issuance of check numbers as listed representing Board authorized purchase orders, invoices and contracts:
 - District 75, Irvine Unified School District - Numbers 00056616 through 00057076
 - District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00002035 through 00002048
 - District 41, Irvine Child Care Project - Numbers 00001643 through 00001653
 - Revolving Cash - Numbers 23642 through 23696
5. **Contract Services Action Report**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Approved and/or ratified the Contract Services Action Report 2002-03/12 as submitted.
6. **Food Services Department – Student Meal Price Adjustments for 2003-2004**
Authorized the increases of breakfast from \$1.25 to \$1.50; elementary lunch from \$2.00 to \$2.25; middle and high school lunch from \$2.25 to \$2.50; effective when the year round schools resume in July 2003.
7. **Notice of Completion: University High School Re-roof**
Authorized the Assistant Superintendent, Facilities, Operations and Planning to accept the re-roof at University High School of Building 200, Building 300, and Boys and Girls Locker Rooms Building as complete and authorized filing of a Notice of Completion with the Office of the County Recorder.
8. **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 2002-03/12 as submitted for Employment and Separations.
9. **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 2002-03/11 as submitted for Employment, Retirements and Leave of Absence.
10. **Gifts**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Accepted gifts to the District as submitted.
11. **Field Trips, Tours and Excursions**
Approved the following field trips funded by donations:
 - 1) College Park 5th grade classes to Dana Point, California on March 24, 2003 for \$3,528.00;
 - 2) UHS Symphony to Columbus, Ohio, March 26-29, 2003 for \$2,000.00;
 - 3) WHS Encore vocal music group to Las Vegas, Nevada, April 11-13, 2003 for \$4,000.00;
 - 4) WHS Science Oceans Bowl Team to La Jolla, California, April 25-28, 2003 at no cost to participants;
 - 5) Vista Verde 7th and 8th grade classes to Catalina Island, California, May 12-14, 2003 for \$16,000.00;

- 6) WHS science classes to San Diego, California on May 16, 2003 for \$2,000.00;
- 7) Turtle Rock 3rd grade classes to Laguna Beach, California on May 16, 2003 for \$1,419.00;
- 8) Bonita Canyon 6th grade classes to Irvine, California on June 19, 2003 for \$2,100.00;
- 9) Stone Creek 6th grade classes to Irvine, California on June 19, 2003 for \$1,172.50.

CFD Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Choi and carried 4-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities Districts No. 86-1 and No. 01-1, took the following action on the CFD Consent Calendar:

1. **Change Order No. 1 – Category #13-Specialties – Oak Creek Elementary School Project**
Approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$124.65 to Inland Acoustics, Inc. for Category #13-Specialties at the Oak Creek Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$134,624.65. No change to the completion date.
2. **Change Order No. 1 – Category #12-Painting – Oak Creek Elementary School Project**
Approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,680.00 to Saunders & McMillin, Inc. for Category #12-Painting at the Oak Creek Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$170,680.00. No change to the completion date.
3. **Notice of Completion – Category #12-Painting – Oak Creek Elementary School Project**
Accepted Category #12-Painting at the Oak Creek Elementary School project as complete, subject to completion of the punch list, and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.
4. **Notice of Completion – Category #19-Doors, Frames & Hardware – Oak Creek Elementary School Project**
Accepted Category #19-Doors, Frames & Hardware at the Oak Creek Elementary School project as complete, subject to completion of the punch list, and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.
5. **Civil Engineering Services for the Proposed MCAS Tustin Elementary School Site**
Authorized the Assistant Superintendent of Facilities, Operations and Planning to contract with RHA Engineering, Inc. to prepare a topographic survey as required by the California Department of Education, for a fee of \$8,400.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDARS

Consent Calendar Resolutions

Member Choi requested clarification regarding adjustments to the existing lot line and easements at University H.S.

On the motion of Member Coven, seconded by Member Choi and carried 4-0 (Student Members Charles, Howard, Jacobs, and Pestolesi voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-03-27: Authorization to Execute Quitclaim Deeds for Easement at University High School

Authorized the Assistant Superintendent, Facilities, Operations and Planning to execute the necessary documents to complete the Quitclaim Deed for Easements at University High School.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-03-28: Authorization of Signatures on Electronically Printed Checks

Adopted Resolution No. 02-03-28, Authorization of Signatures on Electronically Printed Checks for Irvine Unified School District, Irvine Child Care and Community Facilities Districts No. 85-1, No. 86-1, and No. 01-1.

AYES: Members Choi, Coven, Wallin, Kuwabara
NOES: None
ABSENT: Member McInerney

Items of Business

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

Class Size Reduction – Kindergarten and Grade 2

Speaking to the topic:

Lita Robinow, 6 Brisbane Way 92612, expressed appreciation to the members of the CSR Fund Raising Committee, school site coordinators and donors, and reported a total of approximately \$350,000 raised in support of class size reduction for grades K and 2. She further reported that plans are underway which will focus on middle and high school needs.

Superintendent Waldfogel advised that based on the pledge amount and a recalculation of the encroachment using the most current information available, staff was recommending removal of any abandonment of class size reduction in grades K, 1 and 2.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Coven and carried 4-0 (Student Members Charles, Howard, Jacobs, and Pestolesi voting "Yes"), the Board, based on the Irvine Public Schools Foundation pledge toward covering the General Fund encroachment for Class Size Reduction in grades Kindergarten and 2, dropped from further consideration the abandonment of Class Size Reduction for grades K, 1 and 2 for the 2003-04 school year.

Second Interim Report of 2002-03 (AB 1200, Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991)

CFO Vern Medeiros reviewed the Second Interim Report, including possible positive impacts of the Recreation Improvement & Maintenance District, Equalization, or a decreased cut in State funding. Superintendent Waldfogel reiterated the need to prepare for the worst, currently being estimated at a need for \$4.5 million in budget cuts.

Speaking to the topic:

Michael Haggin, 17 Ashbrook Place 92604

On the motion of Member Choi, seconded by Member Coven and carried 4-0 (Student Members Charles, Howard, Jacobs, and Pestolesi voting "Yes"), the Board certified the Second Interim Report of 2002-03, as "Positive and based on information presented, that the District is able to meet its multi-year financial obligations."

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Coven and carried 4-0 (Student Members Charles, Howard, Jacobs and Pestolesi voting "Yes") there being no further Board of Education business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Sue Kuwabara
President

Dean Waldfogel
Superintendent