

MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members

Lauren Brooks, Board Member

Jeff Kim, Board Clerk

Katie McEwen, Board President

Connie Stone, Board Member

Cyril Yu, Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McEwen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:02 p.m.

a. Student Discipline Issue(s) (1 case) [Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918(c)]

The Board discussed one student discipline matter.

b. Public Employee(s) Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation [Government Code Section 54957]

The Board met with staff to discuss public employee discipline/dismissal/release/resignation.

c. Public Employee Performance Evaluation [Government Code Section 54957]

The Board met with the Interim Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents to discuss and finalize the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives for 2024-25.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

President McEwen reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE / ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member McEwen, and was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Portola Springs Elementary 3rd grader Lia Tabrizian and South Lake Middle School 8th grader Jonathan "Jonny" Kazemi.

Members Present:

Lauren Brooks

Jeff Kim

Katie McEwen

Connie Stone

Cyril Yu

Student Members Present:

Ishaan Gaikwad, Irvine High School
Sophie Ke, Woodbridge High School
Kobi Tran, Portola High School
Chloe Tsai, University High School
Zaira Ulmer, Northwood High School

Staff Present:

Cassie Parham, Interim Superintendent of Schools
John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Eamonn O'Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Brienne Ford, Assistant Superintendent, Information Technology
Raiana Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION

Minutes:

President McEwen reported on the discussion in Closed Session including the motion by Member Brooks and second by Member Stone, carried 5-0 with Members Brooks, Kim, McEwen, Stone and Yu voting to approve the Mandatory Leave of Absence pursuant to Education Code section 44940 for certificated employee No. 21358.

7. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

a. Case No. 04H-2425

Approve the staff recommendation to expel Case No. 04H-2425 and to suspend and shorten the expulsion, permitting the student to voluntarily transfer from Irvine High School to ACCESS for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Student will have the opportunity to reenroll in the Irvine Unified School District for the start of the 2025-2026 school year, with a behavior contract in place, specific school to be determined.

Motion made by: Connie Stone

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the following meeting(s), as presented:

November 19, 2024 - Special Meeting

Motion made by: Cyril Yu

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

9. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt agenda, as presented.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

10. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

a. Irvine Unified Council PTA

Minutes:

Amy Liao, Irvine Unified Council Parent Teachers Association Legislative Advocacy Chair, provided an overview of the Student Advocacy Program, which involved the participation of 31 students from high schools. The students participated in a six-week program to learn about advocacy, public education, civic engagement, and the importance of finding their voice, culminating in a advocacy trip to Sacramento, where they received valuable information from various presenters and advocated for their platforms with their elected officials.

Amy extended her thanks to the District staff and Board members, all of whom attended the trip this year. She then introduced some of the students who participated in the program, who shared their personal experiences with the program and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity.

Emma Suh, Portola High School
Anne Liu, University High School
Rachel Nguyentu, Woodbridge High School
Louise Macatula, Northwood High School
Ishaan Gaikwad, Irvine High School

Following the comments provided by the students, a video showcase of the trip to Sacramento was shared.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

Sharon Berezovsky addressed the Board regarding the Kindergarten program.

Suraj Shah addressed the Board regarding civic engagement and speech and debate programs.

12. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Minutes:

Student Board Members Ishaan Gaikwad, Sophie Ke, Kobi Tran, Chloe Tsai, and Zaira Ulmer reported on school activities.

13. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Interim Superintendent Parham shared that Bonita Canyon, Eastshore, and Portola Springs elementary schools and Plaza Vista School have been named 2025 California Distinguished Schools. The 21st Century Career Conference recently took place at UCI, where over 400 middle school students learned about different careers from industry professionals.

Additionally, nearly 30 IUSD students secured top honors at the recent Orange County Science and Engineering Fair and will now advance to the California Science and Engineering Fair to compete with students from across the state. The recent high school music festivals displayed the musical talent of our students and provided them an opportunity to play alongside their peers from other high schools in the District. Many of these students will also be participating in the upcoming Honors Concert on April 17. In closing, she showcased the upcoming Abilities Awareness Event on April 23 at Cadence Park School. This year's theme is "Allyship in Action," celebrating the unique and diverse abilities of our student community. She also recognized the IUSD Communications Team, which received an Award of Excellence for its "Connect with IUSD" Campaign from the California School Public Relations Association.

14. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Minutes:

Board members Brooks, Kim, McEwen, Stone, and Yu provided updates on their school visits, conference attendance, other responsibilities, and participation in various meetings and activities.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 16.a. - 21.a. with the exception of Item No. 21.b. Accept Donations, pulled by Member Kim for separate approval.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

16. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business Services

- a. Check Register Report
- b. Contract Services Action Report 2024-25/10
- c. Purchase Order Detail Report
- d. Liability Lawsuit Settlement Agreement (#03-2022)
- e. Transportation Bus Pass Fee Increase

17. CONSENT CALENDAR - Education Services

- a. Field Trips and Excursions
- b. Participation in Outdoor Education Science Camps for the 2025-26 School Year
- c. Quarterly Report on Complaints Pursuant to Ed. Code 35186(d)
- d. Quality Start OC Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Participation Agreement 2024-25
- e. Appointment of California Interscholastic Federation Representative 2025-26
- f. Career Technical Education Advisory Committee: Appointment of Committee Members
- g. Secondary Education Settlement Agreement

18. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resources

- a. Certificated Personnel Action Report 2024-25/10
- b. Classified Personnel Action Report 2024-25/10

19. CONSENT CALENDAR - Information Technology

- a. Exercise Option to Extend the Education Technology Joint Powers Authority (Ed Tech JPA) Master Contract for the Purchase of a Nutrition Management System
- b. Authorize an Extension in the Utilization of California Network and Telecommunications (CALNET) Contract for the Purchase of Voice and Data Services - Verizon
- c. Amend Master Contract for the Purchase of an Electronic Document Routing Solution

20. CONSENT CALENDAR - Special Education

- a. Special Education Settlement Agreement(s)
- b. Special Education Reimbursement(s)
- c. Special Education Master Contract(s) 2024-25

21. CONSENT CALENDAR - Superintendent's Office

- a. Conference Attendance
- b. Accept Donations

22. CONSENT CALENDAR RESOLUTIONS - Roll Call

Approve Consent Calendar Resolution Item Nos. 22.a. – 22.d.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

- a. Resolution No. 24-25-30: Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees
- b. Resolution No. 24-25-31: Proclaiming May 5-9, 2025 "Teacher Appreciation Week"
- c. Resolution No. 24-25-32: Proclaiming May 18-24, 2025 "Classified School Employee Week"
- d. Resolution No. 24-25-33: Designate the Observance of Lincoln's Day Holiday on November 25, 2026 and Approve the 2026-27 Instructional Calendar

23. FACILITIES CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Facilities Consent Calendar Item Nos. 23.a. – 23.i. with the exception of Item No. 23.b. Architectural Design Services for Measure E Series 4 - New Performing Arts Center at University High School, pulled by Member Yu for separate approval.

Motion made by: Connie Stone

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

- a. Annual Renewal/Award Contracts for Bid No. 24/25-01FA Theater & Black Box Equipment and Related Supplies
- b. Architectural Design Services for Measure E Series 4 – New Performing Arts Center at University High School
- c. Authorization for the Lease and Placement of Six (6) Leased Relocatable Classroom Buildings – Portola High School
- d. Authorization for the Lease and Placement of Two (2) Leased Relocatable Classroom Buildings – Legacy Education Center
- e. Authorization for the Purchase of Two (2) Shade Structures at Canyon View Elementary School
- f. Authorization for the Relocation of Four (4) Relocatable Classroom Buildings – Stonegate Elementary School
- g. Authorization for the Relocation of Six (6) Relocatable Classroom Buildings – Beacon Park School
- h. Receive Bids/Award Contracts – Stonegate and Oak Creek Elementary Schools Classroom Villa 2024
- i. Change Order Request for the Eastwood Elementary School Villa Classroom Expansion 2024

24. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Item No. 21.b. Accept Donations.

Minutes:

Member Kim extended his and the Board's thanks to the Pacific Life Foundation for their donation to Woodbridge High School.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

Approve Item No. 23.b. Architectural Design Services for Measure E Series 4 - New Performing Arts Center at University High School.

Minutes:

Member Yu extended his appreciation for the effort by staff in working to locate the Performing Arts Center at University High School in a location which preserves the existing theater for other educational purposes and suggested incorporating DHH capturing into the

facility design given the DHH program housed at the school.

Motion made by: Cyril Yu

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

25. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Proposed Additions to the Secondary Course of Study: Grades 7-12 for the 2025-26 School Year

Approve the proposed additions to the Secondary Course of Study, Grades 7-12 for the 2025-26 school year.

Minutes:

Superintendent Parham introduced the annual Proposed Additions to Secondary Course of Study item, highlighting a new Careers in Education course at Northwood High School, which may be the first of its kind. Greg Guy, who developed and will teach the course, provided an overview. The course is a two-semester pathway that articulates with community colleges and the Cal State system, providing an introductory approach with planned field trips and opportunities to shadow professionals in various educational careers, not just teaching roles. Beacon Park Principal Kris Linville then highlighted the new Musical Theater course.

Motion made by: Cyril Yu

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

b. First Reading - Proposed Board Policy 9240: Board Training

Approve for second reading and adoption, proposed Board Policy 9240: Board Training.

Minutes:

The Board waived the second reading and approved the proposed Board Policy 9240: Board Training.

Motion made by: Cyril Yu

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

26. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

27. CLOSED SESSION (AS NECESSARY)

Minutes:

None.

28. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes