

# **Irvine Unified School District**

Irvine, California

## **Board of Education Minutes of Budget Workshop May 20, 1997**

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### **Call to Order**

The Workshop Session of the Board of Education was called to order by President Wakeham at 6:40 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

#### Staff

Present: Dennis Smith, Superintendent  
Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources  
Paul Reed, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Dean Waldfogel, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction  
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

### **Budget Background**

Paul Reed provided an overview of the preliminary budget and base assumptions. Two scenarios were presented: a base scenario and a base scenario plus *List A*. *List A* represents items to be included in the preliminary budget in order to maintain the quality of services and program to students (recommended by executive staff). *List B* represents items to be included if funds are available after negotiations and the publication budget. Reed also discussed the impact of class size reduction and the ongoing special education encroachment.

Reed reported that the projected State COLA is 2.65% and discussed the impact of Prop 98, as well as the impact of growth and deficit reduction in future years.

Member Flint requested clarification on the process that generated *List A* and expressed her desire to establish board goals and objectives prior to determining budget priorities. Dr. Smith advised that board goals and objectives will now be established in February each year to

address this concern. Staff advised that *List A* was generated from the continual "Unfunded Priorities" list based on input from all facets of the organization.

### ***PTA Council Priority - Health Clerks***

Representatives from the PTA Council advised that the PTA's priority was to increase health clerk time at all schools. It was further reported that some PTA's are currently funding additional health clerk time, resulting in inequity across the district. They expressed their position that this is an issue that affects all students and staff, and is even more critical based on the increasing numbers of students with special needs.

It was further reported that the Irvine Public Schools Foundations has brought this issue forward to the Irvine Health Foundation.

### ***Special Education Encroachment***

Reed reported on the increasing expense of supporting special education and the challenge to identify cost effective ways to service those children.

President Wakeham requested staff to schedule a board workshop on Special Education and discussed some ideas including joining forces with other districts to lobby for increased funding. Member Flint advised she would bring this issue forward to the Orange Co. School Boards Association as well.

Reed advised that the preliminary budget would be presented for approval at the June 3 board meeting.

### ***Adjournment***

The Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Margie Wakeham  
President

Dennis Smith  
Superintendent

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