

**Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 21, 1996**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hadley at 6:35 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Hank Adler, Margie Wakeham, Mary Ellen Hadley

Members Absent:

Tom Burnham, Mike Regele

(Member Burnham joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m., and Member Regele joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.)

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:35 p.m., to discuss a student discipline issue and personnel evaluation. The following action was taken:

Student Discipline Issue

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Adler and carried, the Board expelled a student (student no. 440235) from the Irvine Unified School District, and immediately suspended the expulsion order, placing the student under strict probationary conditions for one year from the date of the incident.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President Hadley reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m., and reported on the discussion held and student discipline action taken during Closed Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Hank Adler 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

Student Members Present:

John Darbani, Rachel Newhouse, Manuel Schwab

Student Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Dennis M. Smith, Superintendent

Paul Reed, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources

Dean Waldfoegel, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

Donna Wilkerson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Pam Adams, Vicki Artiano, Don Babitz, Sherry Becker, Robyn Beeson, Rick Blazer, Lynn Bogart, Annette Bono, Irene Brady, John Brady, Kathy Calkins, Don Chadd, Mary Chiaverini, Kathleen Cooke, Jeanene Cutforth, Debbie Douma, Colleen Eames, Moe Farsheed, Nancy Fertig, Julia Forhane, Kathy Fredriksen, Steve Garretson, Dennis Gibbs, Pat Gibson, Dan Graham, Robin Gray, Jacquelyn Harris, Kathy Hancock, Jeff Herdman, Mary Hessler, Karol Hicks, Dana Holder, Bev Huff, Al Kaufman, Joan Killingsworth, Laurie Kraus, Leah Laule, Mary Lenz, Tim Marsh, Paul Mills, Pat Mulhaupt, Marilyn Paull, Heather Phillips, Lynne Ruedy, Donna Teichmueller, Dorothy Terman, Toni Wilson, Jen Wood

Video Technicians:

Jon Finen, Ken Bishop

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the April 24, 1996 Closed Session Meeting, and the May 7, 1996 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Oral Communication

Ray Quigley, 3 Mirador, shared his concerns about The Irvine Company "trailer" questions added to the Irvine Unified School District survey.

Special Presentation

The Coastline ROP Educational Role in the Irvine Schools

Paul Snyder, Superintendent of the Coastline ROP (Regional Occupational Program) provided an overview of their continuous improvement efforts and commitment to assisting all students with career pathways. The Coastline ROP has moved away from being a "vocational" training program, to promoting career options that are regional, and have relevancy and rigor. Snyder asked that all IUSD students be encouraged to take advantage of the unique career opportunities offered through the Coastline ROP.

PTA Volunteer Recognition

Sherry Slunka introduced the Presidents of each school's PTA and shared their significant contribution of love and time. Slunka, with those presidents present for the meeting, presented the Board with the parents' gift of 282,309 hours for the 1995-96 school year, saying that this investment of time and dedication was a representation of the parent-school partnership that benefits the students of the Irvine community. In addition, Slunka extended congratulations to College Park for being selected the District PTA's Outstanding Unit and Program. In closing, Slunka presented the "Unsung Hero" Award to Heather Bell for her tireless community service and mentorship of booster volunteers.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

MOVE Item 11f, Contract Services Report, to ITEMS OF BUSINESS, Item 13g

MOVE Item 11i, Submission of Project Success . . ., to ITEMS OF BUSINESS, Item 13h

MOVE Item 11j, Submission of the JTPA 8% School-to-Career Opportunities Grant Proposal, to ITEMS OF BUSINESS, Item 13i

MOVE Item 11o, Award of Contract for Refuse Collection and Disposal Services, to ITEMS OF BUSINESS, Item 13j

Announcements and Acknowledgments

Member Wakeham thanked the Irvine Exchange Club for a "stupendous" Excellence in Teaching Banquet. Wakeham specifically acknowledged the work of Tom Wall, and thanked staff members Steve Garretson, Leah Laule, and Stan Steele for their part in making the event a tremendous success and tribute to teachers.

Wakeham also expressed appreciation to The Irvine Company for the 1996 Spectrum Awards. The accomplishments of the outstanding students from each of the participating districts, including the six award recipients from IUSD, were remarkable and deserving of special recognition.

Member Burnham thanked the Irvine Children's Fund for their sponsorship of another successful year with the Irvine Junior Games. Burnham said that approximately \$80,000 was raised, and will support the Irvine Child Care Project. Burnham closed by saying the Junior Games was a great community event.

President Hadley thanked Member Wakeham for her role in the planning of the Excellence in Teaching Banquet and echoed the sentiment that this year's celebration was wonderful for all who participated.

Hadley also thanked Member Burnham for his time and leadership with the Irvine Child Care Project Board.

Superintendent's Report

Dennis Smith congratulated Nancy Colocino and her staff for obtaining a \$400,000, three year grant for the Healthy Start Proposal for SELF High School.

Smith also provided information on the Governor's most recent proposal pertaining to education, saying that while much needs to be done in terms of the legislative process, the earmarking of funds for reduction in class size, reading materials, books for school libraries, and money towards safety needs, shows the governor is attempting to tackle a much needed agenda.

In closing, Smith discussed the strategic planning survey process. He explained that The Irvine Company, which had funded the survey, added questions to the end of the instrument, intended as a community assessment of Irvine's schools, without the knowledge of the Board or IUSD staff. The Irvine Company staff apologized for their mistake and removed the questions immediately, upon expressions of concerns from the District. Given that the "trailer" questions were concerning community politics, they understood that the questions left the wrong impression with the community. Because the questions were at the very end of the survey, however, Smith expressed confidence that the information to be gleaned from the survey will still be valid for school district purposes, and the survey data will belong exclusively to the Irvine Unified School District.

Student Board Members' Report

Student Members Darbani, Newhouse, and Schwab reported on school activities.

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Burnham, seconded by Member Regele and carried (Student Members Darbani, Newhouse, and Schwab voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the amended Consent Calendar:

1. Acceptance of Gifts

Accepted the following gifts to the district (value assessed by donor):

FOR USE OF DISTRICT'S SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Donation: \$50.00

Donor: CIBA-Corning Diagnostics Corp.

ATTN: Dr. Ronald Schaefer

17395 Daimler St., Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$225.00

Donor: Morton Electronic Materials

ATTN: Mr. Daniel D. Feinberg, Senior Vice President

2631 Michelle Drive, Tustin, CA 92680

FOR USE AT COLLEGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: \$100.00

Donors: Lily Hsiang and Thomas Shang

26 Cambridge, Irvine, CA 92720

Donation: \$100.00

Donor: Joe MacPherson Toyota

44 Auto Center Drive, Tustin, CA 92680

FOR USE AT CULVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: 60 *National Geographic* magazines

Value: \$60.00

Donor: Mrs. Sharon Deering

3662 Baylor, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: two white shelving units, four plastic tubs, and eight rolls of contact paper

Value: \$85.00

Donor: Suzanne Page-Phillips
P.O. Box 9532, Newport Beach, CA 92658

FOR USE AT EASTSHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: \$100.00
Donor: Joe MacPherson Toyota
44 Auto Center Drive, Tustin, CA 92680

FOR USE AT GREENTREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: supplies for science, and many other supplies, including marking pens, puppets, books, hop-scotch games, and candy
Donor: Mrs. Donna Freer
4752 Lindstrom, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: notebooks
Donor: Mrs. Debra Lawson
124 Kazan, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$50.00
Donor: MacPherson Enterprises
ATTN: Joe MacPherson
21 Auto Center Drive, Tustin, CA 92680

FOR USE AT RANCHO SAN JOAQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: ten mouse pads for the computer lab
Value: \$30.00
Donor: Quida Draine, M.D.
58 Canyon Ridge, Irvine, CA 92715

Donation: one Pitney Bowes copy machine, an Okidata laser printer, an Epson printer, and one pair of Swift 7x50 binoculars
Value: \$1,000.00
Donor: Mr. Robert Myers
24 Tidewater, Irvine, CA 92714

FOR USE AT SANTIAGO HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: Paradox Database software program and three boxes of 3.5 diskettes
Value: \$159.99
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGraw
11 Alameda, Irvine, CA 92720

Donation: Epson FX-85 printer
Value: \$150.00
Donor: Mr. Sridhar Iyengar
37 Wintermist, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: AST 386 computer and monitor
Value: \$200.00
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Rex Delong
19 Davis, Irvine, CA 92720

FOR USE AT SIERRA VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: computer equipment, supplies and software
Value: \$1,850.00
Donor: Michael Tague
35 Oakbrook, Coto de Caza, CA 92679

FOR USE AT SOUTH LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: ten Toshiba laptop portable computers for mobile learning laboratory

Value: \$11,000.00

Donor: Toshiba American Electronic Components, Inc.

ATTN: Mr. Darrel Lynn,

Supervisor, Community Relations

9775 Toledo Way, Irvine, CA 92718

FOR USE AT SPRINGBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: \$300.00

Donor: MacPherson Enterprises

ATTN: Mr. Joe MacPherson

23 Auto Center Drive, Tustin, CA 92680

Donation: \$47.46

Donor: United Way/UND

ATTN: Michie Quintanilla

50 California St., Suite 200

San Francisco, CA 94111

FOR USE AT UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: three PC computers and screens

Value: \$300.00

Donor: Mardan Education Center

ATTN: Mr. David Eisenman

1 Osborne, Irvine, CA 92714

FOR USE AT VENADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: four boxes of assorted planning books, wall calendars, business stationery and envelopes, and holiday invitations and labels

Donor: Mrs. Robin Thompson

5151 Walnut Avenue, #18, Irvine, CA 92714

FOR USE AT VISTA VERDE SCHOOL

Donation: one Hewlett Packard printer, one Nu Design color printer, and miscellaneous software

Value: \$900.00

Donor: Mr. Woody Beckman

17641 Birch Tree Lane, Irvine, CA 92715

Donation: computer equipment

Value: \$150.00

Donor: Mr. Patrick Cosgrove

4 Almond Tree Lane, Irvine, CA 92715-2230

2. Conference Attendance

Approved the attendance of staff at the following out-of-state event:

Event: Global Conversations on Language and Literacy

Location: Heidelberg, Germany

Dates: August 11-14, 1996

Attendee: Judi Conroy, University High School English Department Chair

Cost: \$205.00 (registration only)

Budget: 01-5210-112-6120-017 (General Fund)

3. Excursions/Field Trips

Approved the following excursion/field trip:

Sponsoring School: Woodbridge High School
Excursion: Marine Science Class Trip to Sea World
Destination: San Diego, California
Dates: May 30, 1996
Participants: 60 students/2-3 adults
Cost: \$1,600.00

Sponsoring School: Venado Middle School
Excursion: National Junior Honor Society Trip to Disneyland
Destination: Anaheim, California
Dates: June 6, 1996
Participants: 70 students/2 adults
Cost: \$1,995.00

4. Certificated Personnel Action Report

Approved the Personnel Action Report #95-96/20 as submitted for Certificated Employment, Resignation, Leaves of Absence. A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

5. Classified Personnel Action Report

Approved the Personnel Action Report #95-96/20 as submitted for Classified Employment - Regular, Hourly, Substitutes. A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. Payment for Related Services for Special Education Students

Approved the individual pupil service contract for the handicapped student(s) negotiated between the Irvine Unified School District and the State certified nonpublic agencies.

7. Reimbursement to Parent Resulting from an Independent Educational Evaluation

Authorized payment to the parent for an Independent Educational Evaluation and attorney's fees.

8. 1996-97 Consolidated Application, Part I

Approved submission of the District's Consolidated Application, Part I for 1996-97.

9. K-8 School Improvement Program (SIP) Review Cycle

Authorized four-year review cycles for the schools listed.

10. Renewal of Lease Agreement Between ICCP and IUSD La Vista Child Development Center for Use of Six ICCP Portables Purchased Under the City of Irvine Community Block Grant Development Funds

Approved the Agreement between the ICCP and IUSD La Vista Child Development Center for use of the six ICCP portables purchased under the City of Irvine Community Block Grant Development Funds for the 1996-1997 school year.

11. Renewal of Lease Agreement Between ICCP and IUSD Kids Stuff Program for Use of ICCP Portables at Santiago Hills Elementary School

Approved the Agreement between the ICCP and IUSD Kids Stuff Program for use of the ICCP portables at Santiago Hills Elementary School for the 1996-1997 school year.

12. Award of Contract for Uniform Services

Approved award of a 2 year contract for employee uniform services to Prudential Overall Supply at an annual basic cost of \$31,348.00.

13. Bids for the Refurbishment of Culverdale Elementary School (Portion II)

Rejected all bids received for the Refurbishment of Culverdale Elementary School (Portion II) Project.

14. Technical Consulting Services in Connection With Management, Inspection and Abatement of Asbestos Containing Materials

Approved award of a contract to ABATEC Inc. for technical consulting services for the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1998.

15. Checks and Purchase Orders

Approved check numbers 79075 through 79680 for previously approved purchase orders, contracts and bids and new purchase orders as submitted per the 5/13/96 listing. A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

CFD Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Burnham, seconded by Member Regele and carried (Student Members Darbani, Newhouse, and Schwab voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the CFD Consent Calendar:

Request for Additional Budgetary Authorization for the Law Firm of Bowie, Arneson, Kadi, Wiles & Giannone

Acting also as the legislative body of Community Facilities Districts 85-1 and 86-1, approved an additional budgetary authorization of \$15,000 for the law firm of Bowie, Arneson, Kadi, Wiles and Giannone for 1995-96.

Agreement with Consultant for the Purpose of Tracking and Levying Community Facilities District Taxes

1) Acting as the legislative body of CFD 85-1 and CFD 86-1, respectively, accepted the proposal of Scott Associates to provide administration services during 1996-97 for CFD 85-1 and CFD 86-1 at a total cost not to exceed \$100 and \$12,750, respectively, plus expenses not to exceed \$1,000.

2) Acting as the legislative body of CFD 86-1, authorized continued participation in the Bond Collection Monitoring System Agreement with the Orange County Tax Collector-Treasurer for 1996-97 at a fee not to exceed \$1,200.00.

Architectural Services for the Future Woodbridge High School Theater

Acting as the legislative body of Community Facilities District 86-1, authorized the Deputy Superintendent to enter into a contract with The Blurock Partnership to provide architectural services for the future Woodbridge High School Theater, for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.

Additional Planning and Environmental Services for Northwood High School

Acting as the legislative body of Community Facilities District 86-1, authorized the Deputy Superintendent to enter into a contract with LSA Associates, Inc. to provide additional planning and environmental services relative to the Northwood High School wetland permit application, for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Items of Business

Springbrook Planning Process

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

Dean Waldfoegel highlighted the Springbrook planning process, explaining that the Springbrook staff had designed the process in a highly responsive manner to parent concerns. Dennis Gibbs provided a chronology of the steps leading to committee work on school action plans. Waldfoegel and Gibbs shared that in an open process, the school community has identified the strengths and areas for possible improvement. The Principal and the School Site Council, in conjunction with PTA representatives have taken responsibility for designing plans to address the priority issues: basic skills, student discipline, and test scores. The School Site Council has scheduled June 6 as the date for presenting a comprehensive action plan to the Springbrook school community.

The Board provided input including requests for the final report to include measurable goals, the utilization of expertise from around the district, continued discussions on the philosophical differences that may exist, and the maintaining of an effective parent/school partnership.

Speaking to the Topic:

Lori Wallace, 1 Carnelian
Caryn Altman, 27 Chenile
Felicity Figueroa, 5 Cornsilk
Linda Hamilton, 14 Bloomdale
Susan Howie, 7 Woodflower
Susie Speirs, 25 Summerstone
Patty Roth, 29 Emerale

Tom Searles, 77 Limewood
Meg English, 14 Carnelian
Bill Secore, 37 Emerald
Robin Gray, 22701 Rockford Dr.
Cheryl Boldig, 467 E. Yale Loop
Steve Sunshine, 5 Foxboro

Hiring Practices - Recruitment of Teachers

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

Sue Long presented a report on the district's hiring practices and recruitment of teachers. The challenges and successes in trying to attract qualified minority candidates was also discussed. Long shared that while progress has been made, the progress is slow in light of the smaller percentage of minority students pursuing careers in education and having many options for employment. Long also shared that the district is pursuing the option of hiring star college graduates early, and providing contracts in advance of knowing specific placement. This process has the potential to attract the best and the brightest candidates, while increasing diversity.

The Board accepted the report and encouraged continued efforts in recruiting minority teachers.

Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

Beverly Huff provided a presentation on the district-wide CTBS results, providing national comparisons. Overall, in examining the CTBS percentile rankings for the past three years, the IUSD trend is to have increasingly higher rankings over time, with a high percentage of the students scoring at or above the national average, and a high percentage of students with scores that are comparable to the nation's top performing students.

In answer to the question regarding any schools showing declining trends, Dean Waldfogel explained that in such cases, the school staff, along with district staff, work to determine the cause and design plans to remedy whatever factors may be contributing to a declining trend.

After the Board's discussion, Member Adler requested that the Board receive information in writing on the action plans designed to assist those schools demonstrating declining trends.

Dress Code/Uniform Policy

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

After second reading and discussion, on the motion of Member Burnham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board adopted the Dress Code/Uniform Policy and accompanying administrative regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-96-33 Eliminating Positions and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service Due to Lack of Funds and Lack of Work

On the motion of Member Burnham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board approved and adopted Resolution No. 95-96-33 Eliminating Positions and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service due to Lack of Funds and Lack of Work, thereby authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to proceed with the identification of positions within these classifications and the subsequent reduction in force process.

AYES: Members Adler, Burnham, Regele, Wakeham, Hadley

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

First Reading: IUSD Investment Policy No. 3430(a)

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board approved for First Reading IUSD Policy No. 3430(a) "Investment Policy," and scheduled the Second Reading and adoption for the June 4, 1996 Board meeting.

Contract Services Report

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board approved the Contract Services Report 1995-1996-18, as submitted. A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Submission of PROJECT SUCCESS: Breaking the Cycle of Teen Relationship Abuse Grant Proposal to the California Office of the Attorney General, Crime and Violence Prevention Center and the Department of Education, School Safety and Violence Prevention Office

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Burnham and carried, the Board approved the submission of the PROJECT SUCCESS: Breaking the Cycle of Teen Relationship Abuse grant proposal for the purpose of establishing a partnership with the local police department, county probation, and community organizations to develop a comprehensive violence prevention effort at SELF High School.

Submission of the J.T.P.A. (Job Training Partnership Act) 8% School-to-Career Opportunities Grant Proposal

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Burnham and carried, the Board approved the submission of the School-to-Career Opportunities grant proposal to the California Department of Education, FY 1996-97, for the purpose of providing career development activities for J.T.P.A. eligible high school students.

Award of Contract for Refuse Collection and Disposal Services

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.

On the motion of Member Burnham, seconded by Member Adler and carried (Member Wakeham voting "No"), the Board rejected all bids and authorized staff to reopen the bidding process.

Oral Communication

Member Wakeham announced Member Adler's passage to the age of fifty.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned 10:58 at p.m.

Mary Ellen Hadley Dennis M. Smith

President Superintendent