

Irvine Unified School District

Irvine, California

Board of Education Minutes of Special Meeting September 3, 2002

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Acting President Kuwabara at 4:10 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Sue Kuwabara, Carolyn McInerney, Sharon Wallin

Members Absent:

Steven Choi (Member Choi joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m.)

Margie Wakeham (Member Wakeham joined the meeting at 4:22 p.m.)

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:

Jim Hillman, Lloyd Linton, Lorrie Lujan

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Kuwabara and was followed by a moment of silence.

Facilities Workshop

Assistant Superintendent Don Chadd provided an overview of facilities projects, staff recommendations, and funding sources.

Superintendent Waldfogel advised that the School Configuration Task Force recommendations would also impact these decisions.

Southern Sphere

The Irvine Company has reserved two school sites in the Turtle Ridge area development south of the 405 (PA 17 & PA 27). Based on concern that the student generation rate from the Quail Hill development may not warrant the schools, staff recommendation is to: 1) Acquire the site in PA 17 and postpone decision regarding building the school until enrollment can be monitored over the next 24 months; 2) Continue to reserve the site in PA 27. In the interim, students would be assigned to existing schools. Funding Source is CFD 01-1.

Mike LeBlanc, Sr. Vice President, The Irvine Company, responded to Board questions and expressed the Company's continued commitment to balance the needs of existing and new growth schools through a collaborative working relationship with the District.

Board members requested another tour of the Southern Sphere area.

Northern Sphere

Mr. Chadd reviewed the School Facility Plan and Supplemental Mitigation Agreement for the Northern Sphere (Planning Areas 1, 2, 5b, 6, 8a, 9 and 9a.) Based on enrollment projections, the plan reserves school sites for future elementary schools and anticipates no need for additional middle or high schools. Funding sources include CFD 86-1 Funding Overlay and the Mitigation Agreement.

Northwood Middle School

The District currently owns a 20 acre parcel in PA2 which was intended to accommodate a middle school. Fifty percent of the site acquisition was funded by the State Department of Education, requiring that the site be improved within 7 years of funding (2000). The District received a 3 year waiver due to the abrupt closure of both military bases. Generation rates at this time do not indicate the need for an additional middle school. The Irvine Company has proposed a site trade to a site equal in size in Planning Area 9a. Benefits of the trade include 2% grading at the new site and a four year extension of the waiver, allowing time to determine the need for an additional middle school. Funding source is CFD 86-1.

The Board expressed a desire to pursue Joint Use Agreements to provide parks adjacent to schools whenever possible.

UCI

UCI has proposed relocating the K-6 elementary site on the UCI campus from the intersection of Bonita Canyon and Newport Coast, to the intersection of Newport Coast and Campus Drive. No funding required for the site; construction to be funded by developer fees and the State School Building Program

Member Wakeham expressed interest in exploring a "lab school" concept at the UCI site for professional development and research opportunities, possibly in partnership with other local districts.

Tustin Marine Base

The Department of the Navy has reserved a K-8 school site for IUSD on the Tustin Marine Base. The Board has authorized environmental assessment of the property. Based on current projections, enrollment does not warrant construction of a K-8 school. Staff recommends that the District submit application to the Department of Education for alternate educational uses of this property in lieu of a K-8 site, and continue the conveyance process.

El Toro Marine Base

The District is currently leasing the land from the Department of the Navy which houses El Toro Marine School. With the passage of Measure W, the City of Irvine has assumed future planning of the area. Staff recommendation is to seek full mitigation for the new development including an alternate elementary school site located in the proposed education land parcel of the El Toro Base Reuse Plan, and priority use consideration for future stadium and sports field space to mitigate grades 7-12 school facility needs.

Staff will meet with Saddleback Valley Unified School District to determine attendance boundary adjustment recommendations for the Rail Transportation Center. The Board provided the following direction in priority order: 1) Negotiate release of the area to IUSD; 2) Pursue swap for different attendance area; 3) Release the area to SVUSD. The Board concurred that the District should not invest any new funding in the existing El Toro Marine School facility.

Based on the complexities surrounding the El Toro site, Superintendent Waldfogel suggested consideration of retaining the services of a consultant and possibly specialized legal advice.

Facilities Projects Update

Don Chadd provided an overview of current facilities projects including:

- ▶ Oak Creek Elementary School
- ▶ IHS Modernization
- ▶ IHS Gym
- ▶ UHS Modernization
- ▶ Relocatable Placement at Northwood, Bonita Canyon, Deerfield and College Park elementary schools
- ▶ Second Round Modernization at College Park, Culverdale, El Camino Real, Greentree, Turtle Rock, and Vista Verde elementary schools, and Venado Middle School
- ▶ Stadium Feasibility Study
- ▶ Maintenance & Operations Feasibility Study
- ▶ OCDE - Hearing Impaired Program at University High School

Member Choi requested an analysis of all CFD balances, including identified projects and capacity for funding, and expressed a desire to explore the feasibility of funding second sets of textbooks from CFD funds.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Steven S. Choi
President

Dean Waldfogel
Superintendent