

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education 09/10/2024 06:30 PM

Irvine Unified School District Administration Center 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604 5:00 PM Closed Session / 6:30 PM Regular Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members

Paul Bokota, Board Clerk Lauren Brooks, Board Member Jeff Kim, Board Member Katie McEwen, Board Member Cyril Yu, Board President

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Yu called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:01 p.m.

a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9]

The Board met with legal counsel to discuss one existing litigation case.

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

The Board met with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents to discuss the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

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

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Bokota.

Members Present:

Paul Bokota Lauren Brooks Jeff Kim Katie McEwen Cyril Yu

Student Members Present:

Ishaan Gaikwad, Irvine High School

Charlotte Pham, Woodbridge High School

Kobi Tran, Portola High School Chloe Tsai, University High School Zaira Ulmer, Northwood High School

Staff Present:

Terry L. Walker, Superintendent of Schools John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services Brianne Ford, Assistant Superintendent, Information Technology Raianna Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION

President Yu reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

August 27, 2024 - Regular Meeting

<u>Motion made by:</u> Paul Bokota <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Lauren Brooks <u>Voting:</u>

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt agenda, as presented.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Katie McEwen <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Paul Bokota Voting:

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

a. Irvine Unified Council PTA

Minutes:

Jim Leung, Irvine Unified Council Parent Teacher Association (IUCPTA) President, shared that IUCPTA supports all 43 school site PTAs in the Irvine Unified School District. In recognition of PTA Membership Month, the IUCPTA members were presented with a resolution from the City of Irvine. The theme for the membership campaign is "Membership is So Sweet." Last year, Irvine was just eight memberships short of being the top district with the most memberships in Orange County, so each membership counts, encouraging anyone interested to join. With that in mind, IUCPTA is looking to have the most memberships and break a record this year. He provided an

overview of the national PTA's purpose and noted it is the largest non-profit organization focused on child education. Their mission is to positively impact the lives of students. In closing, he introduced the members of the IUCPTA executive board.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

Judy Y, Soof Hirschmann, and Stephaney Avital addressed the Board regarding preventing hate and promoting inclusivity in schools.

Luca Shakoovi addressed the Board providing an update from Supervisor Foley.

11. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Minutes:

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

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Walker commenced with an update on the wildfires in the area, noting that none are currently impacting IUSD schools; however, staff are staying observant of the conditions. September is Emergency Preparedness Month. IUSD staff regularly prepare for a wide range of possible emergencies and have many partnerships with multiple agencies. There are many staff members working behind the scenes regarding the nearby wildfire. Additionally, we have air quality sensors and surveillance cameras at each of our schools to aid in our decision-making process. We ask community members to utilize District resources, such as our website, to find important answers. Along those lines, we will be mailing out a helpful resource to our families with QR codes linking them to important online resources. In closing, as we hear reports and incidents regarding dangerous conduct involving e-bikes, we have implemented a safety training program at all middle and high schools so that students who ride e-bikes understand the rules of the road.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Minutes:

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

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 15.a. - 19.a.

Motion made by: Paul Bokota Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim Voting:

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

15. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business Services

a. Check Register Report

- b. Contract Services Action Report 2024-25/03
- c. Purchase Order Detail Report
- d. Claim for Damages #01-2024
- e. Claim for Damages #02-2024

16. CONSENT CALENDAR - Education Services

- a. Field Trips and Excursions
- b. Temporary Athletic Team Coach Certification 2024-25
- c. Appointment of California Interscholastic Federation Representative 2024-25
- d. Strong Workforce Program (SWP) K12 Pathway Improvement Grant (Round 6) #10005833
- e. Strong Workforce Program (SWP) K12 Pathway Improvement Grant (Round 6) #10005591
- f. College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Grant Round 2
- g. Student Discipline Settlement Agreement

17. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resources

- a. Certificated Personnel Action Report 2024-25/03
- b. Classified Personnel Action Report 2024-25/03
- c. Student Teacher Agreements for 2024-25

18. CONSENT CALENDAR - Special Education

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

19. CONSENT CALENDAR - Superintendent

a. Conference Attendance

20. CONSENT CALENDAR RESOLUTIONS - Roll Call

Approve Consent Calendar Resolution Item Nos. 20.a. - 20.e.

Motion made by: Katie McEwen Motion seconded by: Paul Bokota Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

- a. Resolution No. 24-25-13: Proclaim October 20-26, 2024 as Red Ribbon Week
- b. Resolution No. 24-25-14: Adopting the Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25

- c. Resolution No. 24-25-15: Approve 2024-25 Budget Revisions to Adjust 2023-24 Actual Fund Balance
- d. Resolution No. 24-25-22: Authorizing the Superintendent or Designee to Approve Physical Education Exemptions for Qualified Secondary School Students
- e. Resolution No. 24-25-23: Signature Authorization for Submission of the Continued Funding Application (CFA)

21. FACILITIES CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Facilities Consent Calendar Item Nos. 21.a. - 21.g.

Motion made by: Paul Bokota

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

- a. Architectural Design Services for a New Multipurpose Room Building and Renovate and Expand the Existing Food Services Program at Sierra Vista Middle School
- b. Architectural Design Services for Measure E Series 4 Convert Multipurpose Room Space into Music Classroom at Sierra Vista Middle School
- c. Authorization for the Purchase of a Playground Structure at Oak Creek Elementary School
- d. Measure E Renewal of Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Members
- e. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Series 3 Expansion Projects at Greentree Elementary School and Santiago Hills Elementary School REBID
- f. Change Order Request for the Measure E Series 3 Interior Improvement Projects at Greentree Elementary School and Santiago Hills Elementary School
- g. Change Order Requests for the Relocatable Classrooms at Multiple School Sites Summer 2024

22. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

23. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 24-25-16: Authorizing the Issuance of IUSD CFD 01-1 Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 - Roll Call

Acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No. 01-1, adopt Resolution No. 24-25-16, authorizing:

- (a) the Indenture:
- (b) the Escrow Agreement;
- (c) the Purchase Agreement;
- (d) the Continuing Disclosure Agreement; and
- (e) the Preliminary Official Statement.

Minutes:

Adam Bauer, Adam Bauer, President and CEO of Fieldman, Rolapp and Associates, presented information regarding the special tax refunding bonds, Series 2024, for the Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 01-1 for South Irvine communities. He commenced with a municipal market update, noting that the Federal Open Market Committee officials are expected to approve a rate cut of at least 25% to 50% basis point at the September 18 meeting. If confirmed, it would be the first rate cut since the pandemic in March 2020. Markets have already fully priced in the anticipated cut, with both U.S. Treasury rates and Municipal Market Data benchmark rates rallying over the past month.

CFD No. 01-1 encompasses the Quail Hill, Shady Canyon, and Turtle Ridge areas. The purpose of refinancing the CFD No. 01-1 bonds is to be good stewards of taxpayer funds. There is no benefit to the District, the reduced interest rate will save the outlined residents some money on their property tax bills. Not all CFDs have this option. The municipal interest rates are lower than the current outstanding CFD No. 01-1 rates. The District is proposing to take advantage of lower interest rates to generate annual savings for CFD No. 01-1 taxpayers. The term of the Special Tax Bonds or the CFD levy would not be extended.

The balance of the debt service totals \$102 million, and after refinancing, the refunded debt service would be approximately \$93 million, saving nearly \$9 million through the remaining of the bond term in 2038, for an anticipated annual savings of \$629,500. However, he shared that the rate could be even lower than current rates. If approved, there would be a rating call with S&P in early October, then the District would receive its credit rating by mid-October, with a pricing lock in late October. The refinancing would close in early December, and the prior bonds would be redeemed by the deadline of March 1, 2025.

Board members thanked Adam and the Business Services team for continually being good stewards of taxpayer resources.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim Voting:

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

b. Public Hearing - Resolution No. 24-25-17: Authorizing the Dedication of Easement to Irvine Ranch Water District at Greentree Elementary School (Water) – Roll Call

After conducting the public hearing and considering all input, adopt Resolution No. 24-25-17 authorizing the dedication of an easement to IRWD in order to maintain and operate a water pipeline at the Greentree Elementary School site.

Minutes:

President Yu opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m., received no comments and closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks Motion seconded by: Paul Bokota Voting: Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

c. Public Hearing - Resolution No. 24-25-18: Authorizing the Dedication of Easement to Irvine Ranch Water District at Greentree Elementary School (Sewer) – Roll Call

After conducting the public hearing and considering all input, adopt Resolution No. 24-25-18 authorizing the dedication of an easement to IRWD in order to maintain and operate a sewer pipeline at the Greentree Elementary School site.

Minutes:

President Yu opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m., received no comments and closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Lauren Brooks <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Paul Bokota

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

d. Public Hearing - Resolution No. 24-25-19: Authorizing the Dedication of Easement to Irvine Ranch Water District at Santiago Hills Elementary School (Water) – Roll Call

After conducting the public hearing and considering all input, adopt Resolution No. 24-25-19 authorizing the dedication of an easement to IRWD in order to maintain and operate a water pipeline at the Santiago Hills Elementary School site.

Minutes:

President Yu opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m., received no comments and closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Paul Bokota <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Lauren Brooks

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

e. Public Hearing - Resolution No. 24-25-20: Authorizing the Dedication of Easement to Irvine Ranch Water District at Santiago Hills Elementary School (Sewer) – Roll Call

After conducting the public hearing and considering all input, adopt Resolution No. 24-25-20 authorizing the dedication of an easement to IRWD in order to maintain and operate a sewer pipeline at the Santiago Hills Elementary School site.

Minutes:

President Yu opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m., received no comments and closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Lauren Brooks <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Katie McEwen Voting:

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

f. Public Hearing - Resolution No. 24-25-21: Authorizing the Use of Grants Request for the Music Classroom Addition at South Lake Middle School - Roll Call

After conducting a public hearing, adopt Resolution No. 24-25-21 authorizing the use of grants request for the music classroom addition at South Lake Middle School.

Minutes:

Kelvin Okino, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction, explained that California regulations allow districts to request State funding for new construction grant eligibility for certain grade levels to be used for different grade levels if the district meets the requirements, which IUSD has, for the Music Classroom addition at South Lake Middle School. Adoption of Resolution No. 24-25-21 will allow the District to submit the use of grants request in order to obtain the maximum State funding possible for the Project.

The District is requesting to use twenty-seven (27) elementary grants to help offset the shortfall for the South Lake Middle School Project. This will allow the District to reserve elementary grants for future projects that are currently waiting for the Office of Public School Construction to review.

President Yu opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m., received no comments and closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Katie McEwen <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Lauren Brooks Voting:

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

g. Approval of Unaudited Actuals Financial Report – 2023-24

Approval of 2023-24 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

Minutes:

John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for 2023-24. This report represents the cumulative financial activity for the fiscal year and is subject to an annual audit conducted each fall. Fogarty reviewed the Unrestricted Financial Report, noting a \$4.3 million surplus over the

estimated revenues and expenditures, representing less than 1% of the unrestricted total budget. This surplus primarily resulted from increased revenue from lottery apportionments and interest. The Restricted Financial Report indicated a \$6.5 million surplus over the estimated amount, largely as a result of the timing of expenditures.

He then presented a pie chart demonstrating the distribution of the District's total general funds by function, highlighting that 97% of expenses are directed towards supporting students.

In conclusion, he reviewed the adopted 2024-25 unrestricted general fund budget alongside the 2023-24 unaudited actual amounts and the year-end financial report for 2023-24 for other fund categories, which include the student activity fund, cafeteria, insurance, and bond debt service funds. The County School Facilities funds, which include some Measure E facilities reimbursements, are reserved for future school improvements and maintenance.

Board members thanked John and the Business staff for the presentation and the budget book, noting it is available on the District's website and serves as a great resource for the public.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks Motion seconded by: Paul Bokota Voting:

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

h. First Reading - Proposed Board Policy 3440: Inventories/Equipment

Approve for second reading and adoption proposed Board Policy 3440: Inventories/Equipment.

Minutes:

The Board waived the second reading and approved the proposed Board Policy 3440: Inventories/Equipment.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Lauren Brooks <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Katie McEwen <u>Voting:</u>

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

i. First Reading - Proposed Revision to Board Policy 5144: Student Conduct

Approve for second reading and adoption proposed revisions to Board Policy 5144: Student Conduct.

Minutes:

The Board waived the second reading and approved the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5144: Student Conduct.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks
Motion seconded by: Katie McEwen

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

j. First Reading - Proposed Revision to Board Policy 6020: Parent and Family Engagement

Approve for second reading and adoption proposed revisions to Board Policy 6020: Parent/Guardian and Family Engagement.

Minutes:

The Board waived the second reading and approved the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6020: Parent/Guardian and Family Engagement.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Lauren Brooks <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Paul Bokota <u>Voting:</u>

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes

24. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

25. CLOSED SESSION (AS NECESSARY)

Minutes:

None.

26. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Motion made by: Paul Bokota Motion seconded by: Katie McEwen Voting:

> Paul Bokota - Yes Lauren Brooks - Yes Jeff Kim - Yes Katie McEwen - Yes Cyril Yu - Yes