

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 17, 1996

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hadley at 7:10 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Hank Adler, Tom Burnham, Mike Regele, Margie Wakeham, Mary Ellen Hadley

Members Absent:

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:15 p.m., to discuss a student discipline issue. The following actions were taken:

Student Discipline Issue

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board expelled a student (Student No. 953413) for a period of one year from the date of the incident.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President Hadley reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m., and reported on the 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 Sue Long 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:

Reza Farokhpay, Jed Fenchel, Michael Tan

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
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Don Chadd, Mary Cliff, Peggy Fishbeck, Steve Garretson, Dennis Gibbs,
Pam LeBleu, Corinne Loskot, Pam Rhoades, Gail Rothman, Sally Snyder,
Mark Sontag

Video Techs:

Jon Finen, Ken Bishop

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Member Burnham, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the July 16, 1996 Regular Meeting, the August 13, 1996 Consent Calendar Meeting, the August 13, 1996 Special Meeting, the August 27, 1996 Regular Meeting, and the September 3, 1996 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Oral Communication

None

Adoption of the Agenda

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

ADD Item 10j, Excursions/Field Trips

DISCUSS Item 11a, Resolution No. 96-97-07: Adopting Gann Appropriations Limitations

Announcements and Acknowledgments

Member Regele reported that he had visited several schools since school opened and was impressed by the creative implementation of first grade class size reduction. He also recognized and thanked the Maintenance and Operations staff for all their hard work relative to facilities modifications. In addition, he congratulated the IHS staff and students for their implementation of the new block scheduling program.

Member Adler reiterated to parents the importance of monitoring their students relative to the district's Zero Tolerance Policy, and requested that parents talk with their children about the consequences of such actions.

Member Adler requested Superintendent Smith to work with specified schools to provide more in-depth plans relative to their CTBS results. President Hadley requested that those plans be distributed to all board members when available.

Adler addressed ITA President Steve Garretson, and requested the Association to reconsider its use of 30-45 days of Association release time for political activity.

In addition, Member Adler reported that the City of Irvine is now offering phonics classes.

Member Wakeham reported on her participation in the City's "Irvine Honors Its Olympians" celebration on 10/15/96, and commented on the remarkable balance between academics and athletics that many of the honored guests had achieved.

Wakeham again expressed her appreciation to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee for their work and dedication. She also reported that the committee has agreed to reconvene again in the spring.

Member Burnham echoed Member Wakeham's comments relative to the City's Olympic event.

Member Burnham requested that the ITA Contract - Article 19.6 be placed on the agenda of the next closed session meeting for board discussion and direction.

President Hadley recognized the Superintendent for his motivational "conversation" with staff at the "All Staff Welcome Back" on 9/4/96, and applauded the feeling of connection and enthusiasm that was generated.

Hadley reported on her participation in a picture-taking session with the Northwood Ladybugs and acknowledged their coach's participation in the renovation of fields project which was accomplished through the joint efforts of the school district and the Irvine Ranch Water District. Hadley also acknowledged the City's Olympic event and congratulated them on a job well done.

President Hadley announced that the Regular Board Meeting of October 15 will start at 5:45 p.m. to facilitate the television broadcast of the PTA Council sponsored "Candidates Forum" at 7:30 p.m.

Hadley also reported that she and Member Wakeham would be attending CSBA's "Back to School Conference" on 9/25/96 in Ontario.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smith reported that since the start of school he had had the opportunity to visit all schools in the district and acknowledged the positive effects of primary class size reduction in grade 1. He also stated that enrollment had increased by approximately 500 students district-wide. Smith reported that the technology infrastructure, lead by Dean Waldfoegel and Moe Farsheed, is progressing well and that the district anticipates completion of the project late this fall.

Dr. Smith recognized the new 1996-97 student board representatives:

<u>Irvine H.S.</u>	<u>University H.S.</u>	<u>Woodbridge H.S.</u>
Michael Tan	Jed Fenchel	Reza Farokhpay
Brooke O'Donnell	Brooke Clayton	David Hahn
Rita Whitted		

Student Board Members' Report

Student Members Tan, Fenchel, and Farokhpay reported on school activities.

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Regele and carried (Student Members Tan, Fenchel, and Farokhpay voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the amended Consent Calendar:

1. Acceptance of Gifts

Accepted the following gifts to the district:

FOR USE OF DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

Donation: office size refrigerator
Donor: Marcella Weig
706 Santana Drive
Corona del Mar, CA 92625

FOR USE OF RANCHO SAN JOAQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: a light to heat a reptile cage
Donor: Mrs. Cynthia Illingworth
6 Rimrock, Irvine, CA 92612

Donation: \$1,200.00 for the library
Donor: Irvine High School Vaquero Bingo Boosters
c/o Mr. Larry Torres, Vice President
14 Snapdragon, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$4,500.00
Donor: Rancho San Joaquin Middle School PTO
ATTN: Selena Passamano and Carolyn David
c/o Rancho San Joaquin Middle School

Donation: a broken stereo
Donor: Mrs. Lilian Suslow
12752 Corte Cierna, San Diego, CA 92128

FOR USE OF SOUTH LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: 40 cases of copy paper
Donor: Pacific Graphics, Inc.
ATTN: Dana LaVenture
17751 Sky Park Circle, Suite G
Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: eleven large binders
Donor: Mrs. Amy Mitchell

152 Clearbrook, Irvine, CA 92614

FOR USE AT STONE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: an electric organ
Donor: Friends of the Library
ATTN: Sue Selman, President
4512 Sandburg, Irvine, CA 92612

FOR USE AT VISTA VERDE SCHOOL

Donation: a Mac SE computer and Imagewriter printer
Donor: France Hernandez
2200 Satellite Boulevard, Apt. 808
Duluth, GA 30155

2. Conference Attendance

Approved attendance of staff and non-staff at the following events:

Event: 1996 Student Board Member Symposiums
Location: Irvine, California
Dates: September 17, 1996
Attendees: Brooke Clayton, Reza Farokhpay, and David Hahn - Student Board Members
Cost: \$385.00
Budget: 01-5210-241-6100-001 (General Fund)

Event: Collaborative Literacy Intervention Project (CLIP)
Location: Tucson, Arizona
Dates: September 23, October 21, November 4, December 9, 1996; and January 13, 1997
Attendees: Kathleen Cooke (Sept. 23 and Nov. 4) and Susan Mehrrens (Oct. 21, Dec. 9, and Jan. 13)
Cost: \$1,825.00
Budget: 01-5210-220-6180-009 (Categorical)

3. Certificated Personnel Action Report

Approved the Personnel Action Report 1996-97/05 for Certificated Employment, Credentials, Separations, Resignations, and Leaves of Absence, as submitted.

4. Classified Personnel Action Report

Approved the Personnel Action Report 1996-97/05 for Classified Employment, Leaves of Absence, and Terminations, as submitted.

5. Contract Services Report

Approved and/or ratified the Contract Services Report 1996-97/06, as submitted.

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 non-public agency.

7. Orange County Department of Education Inside the Outdoors Program

Approved the participation of schools listed in the "Inside the Outdoors Program" with the Orange County Department of Education for the 1996-97 school year.

8. Submission of SHAPE California Nutrition Program Proposal

Ratified the submission of the SHAPE California Nutrition Grant to the Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Division, California Department of Education, for the purpose of teaching students to make healthy food choices in a variety of settings.

9. Checks and Purchase Orders

Approved check numbers 82603 through 82882 for previously approved purchase orders, contracts and bids, and new purchase orders, as submitted per 9/10/96 listing.

Consent Calendar Resolution

Member Adler requested clarification regarding the district's position relative to exceeding the appropriations limit. Paul Reed advised that it is highly unlikely that a school district could exceed the limit due to the State's control of the appropriation itself, and clarified the negligible implications to the district if it did exceed the limit.

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Regele and carried (Student Members Tan, Fenchel, and Farokhpay voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 96-97-07: Adopting Gann Appropriations Limitations

Adopted Resolution No. 96-97-07 adopting the Gann Appropriations Limits and declaring that the appropriations in the 1996-97 budget do not exceed the limitations imposed by Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Items of Business

Report on Financial Implications of Class Size Reduction and Determination of Remaining Grade Level to be Implemented

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

Paul Reed presented an overview of the financial implications of class size reduction at grades kindergarten and 3, and the opportunities for facilities utilization which might be presented by a year-round calendar for elementary schools, and a 6-7-8 grade configuration for middle schools.

Sal Morreale and Jeff Wagner reported to the board that the Finance Committee was in unanimous support of Configuration A, as presented.

Speaking to the topic:

Sandy Rushing - 28 Sand Piper (K-1 teacher)

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Hadley and carried (Members Adler and Burnham voting "No") the Board authorized the inclusion of kindergarten in the Class Size Reduction Program on the half-day implementation model effective no later than February 1997, as represented in Configuration A.

Member Adler moved an amendment to the motion directing the IUSD staff and Finance Committee to fully investigate reducing costs for the 1997-98 fiscal year, with a goal that class size reduction be implemented in the third grade for such year, and report back to the Board of Education at the first meeting in December of 1997. The motion was seconded by Member Burnham and failed (Members Hadley, Regele, and Wakeham voting "No").

The Board directed staff to continue Class Size Reduction as a standing agenda item, and to provide the Board with regular updates as information becomes available. Further, the Board requested staff to be prepared to provide information relative to programmatic impacts of class size reduction in kindergarten and grade 3 for future implementation discussions.

Resolution No. 96-97-08: Resolution of the Irvine Unified School District Certifying that the District has Eligibility for Funding for 1996-97 Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding and Application for 1996-97 Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding from the State Department of Education

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:

1) Adopted Resolution No. 96-97-08, Resolution of the Irvine Unified School District, certifying that the district has eligibility for funding for the 1996-97 class size reduction facilities funding.

2) Authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to file an application with the State for 1996-97 class size reduction facilities funding from the State Department of Education.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Mary Ellen Hadley Dennis M. Smith

President Superintendent