

Irvine Unified School District

Irvine, California

Board of Education Minutes of Special Meeting September 30, 2003

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Kuwabara at 5:04 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members Present:

Steven Choi, Debbie Coven, Carolyn McInerney, Sharon Wallin, Sue Kuwabara

Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Dean Waldfogel, Superintendent
Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources
Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer
Leah Laule, Asst. Superintendent, Education Services
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Mary Cliff, Dennis Gibbs, Pat Gibson, Jim Helman, Lloyd Linton, Lorrie Lujan,
Stan Machesky, Diana Schmelzer, Terry Walker

Fund Raising Priorities for Irvine Public Schools Foundation

Superintendent Waldfogel reviewed the process for determining fund raising priorities and presented options recommended by staff as listed below.

Elementary

- ▶ Class Size Reduction K-3
- ▶ Class Size 4-6 (lower by one)
- ▶ Art, Music, Science 4-7 (existing level)
- ▶ Science 4-6 (restore to previous level)

- ▶ Art, Music Science K-3 (reinstate at previous level)
- ▶ Preserve Library/Media Specialists

Secondary

- ▶ Class Size Reduction Gr. 9
- ▶ Counselors (restore 1 per high school)
- ▶ Class Size 7-12 (lower by one)

Shared

- ▶ Health Services (Clerks, then Nurses)
- ▶ Technology

The Board was polled relative to their individual priorities (attached) and Superintendent Waldfogel reported on plans to establish a Master Agreement between the District and IPSF which would be approved annually.

Facilities Planning Update

Harvard/Barranca Site

Superintendent Waldfogel provided an overview of the Harvard/Barranca site project including background information, current status, student generation rates, and the proposed site plan. In addition, he reviewed a proposal from the Irvine Ranch Water District to lease 5-10 acres of the property for an underground filtering system. District consultant Corinne Loskot reported that the District had contacted the Federal Department of Education relative to: 1) extending the current deadline, 2) allowing flexibility on the facility type, 3) entering into a lease agreement wherein the District would retain the proceeds, and 4) funding of the infrastructure. It was also reported that Congressman Christopher Cox had agreed to support elements of the District's request.

Great Park

District plans within the Great Park were reviewed. Plans include a new K-8 elementary school and a proposal for first rights to the proposed stadium to mitigate high school-age students. It was further reported that the possibility of a boundary change with Saddleback Valley Unified was highly unlikely.

UHS Traffic Circulation

Superintendent Waldfogel reviewed the safety and traffic circulation improvements at UHS recently approved by the Irvine City Council. Next steps will include examining options the District might consider independently, and continuing to work for a comprehensive solution. Principal Diana Schmelzer expressed continued concern about student safety and the Board discussed funding equitability between the District, City and the Irvine Company. The item will be reagendaized for the City Council meeting on November 18.

Northern Sphere

Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros provided an overview of plans for the Northern Sphere area. He reviewed a possible property exchange with the Irvine Company and identified the funding source as an overlay to existing CFD 86-1. The locations of seven additional schools sites were also reviewed.

Modernization Projects

Mr. Medeiros reviewed the list of sites eligible for Modernization under Rounds II and III, with funding dependent on the outcome of the March 2004 Facilities Bond. He then provided an update on other facilities projects including: NHS Pool, Heritage Park Aquatics Center, IHS Gym, and the UHS/OCDE Joint Use Project.

Lloyd Linton reported on the UHS Modernization Project, advising that the Bonding Company had been notified due to serious delays in the project.

The Board also discussed location options for a second stadium and the feasibility of a pool at WHS.

Quail Hill and Turtle Ridge Construction

Mr. Medeiros compared three alternative construction methods for the Quail Hill and Turtle Ridge projects, with a staff recommendation of Construction Management (CM).

The Board expressed a strong desire to consider the impacts of development on the District's infrastructure during mitigation discussions.

Adjournment

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Coven and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Sue Kuwabara
President

Dean Waldfogel
Superintendent