

**Irvine Unified School District**  
*Irvine, California*

**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**October 10, 2006**

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**Call to Order**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Kuwabara at 4:05 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:**

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Carolyn McInerney, Mike Parham, Sharon Wallin, Sue Kuwabara

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff:**

Gwen Gross, Superintendent of Schools  
Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Dave Hatton, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources  
Leah Laule, Asst. Superintendent, Education Services  
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

**Other Staff:**

Mary Cliff, Dennis Gibbs, Lloyd Linton, Nancy Melgares, Lorrie Ruiz, Diana Schmelzer

**Board Study Session**

**Facilities**

Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros provided an overview of the following facilities projects currently in progress:

*Creekside High School/Guidance Resources Relocatable Campus at Harvard/Barranca*  
Medeiros reported an anticipated occupancy date of July 2007, with a projected completion date for the permanent structure to be 16-18 months following Department of the State Architect (DSA) approval, and pending the sale of assets to fund the project. The Board requested clarification regarding the possible need for an additional elementary school at the site based on updated student generation rates and discussed traffic flow issues.

*Woodbridge High School Renovation*

Medeiros reported that the project was on schedule with anticipated DSA approval in March 2008, and pending the sale of assets to fund the project. The idea of using the current Creekside High School site as an annex to mitigate an anticipated short-term enrollment increase was also discussed.

*Modernization (New Eligible Schools)*

Schools eligible for the next round of modernization were presented including:

- ▶ Bonita Canyon Elementary
- ▶ Deerfield Elementary
- ▶ Eastshore Elementary
- ▶ Northwood Elementary
- ▶ Santiago Hills Elementary
- ▶ Stone Creek Elementary
- ▶ Lakeside Middle School
- ▶ Sierra Vista Middle School
- ▶ Woodbridge High School

Medeiros advised funding was dependent on the outcome of Proposition 1D, with no money currently available from the state. Staff recommended moving forward with architectural plans to position the District to be in line for funding, should it become available.

Member Parham reiterated the need to augment facilities staff to manage the workload of current projects.

*District Stadium*

Medeiros provided an update on the options under consideration for a District Stadium and the benefits and challenges of each option was discussed. Superintendent Gross expressed strong support for placing a stadium at University High School to provide optimum access and use to IUSD students. The Board then directed staff to:

- 1) Move forward with architectural plans and timeline for a stadium at University High School.
- 2) Continue discussions with Irvine Valley College and clarify City's offer to fund the EIR.
- 3) Clarify possible use options at the Great Park.

### *Northern Sphere*

Medeiros provided a status report on projects in the Northern Sphere including:

- ▶ Woodbury Elementary (opening 2007)
- ▶ Westwood Basics Plus Relocation (site location pending)
- ▶ Two middle schools (site locations pending)

The Board expressed a desire for increased communication with the Westwood Basics Plus community regarding relocation plans.

### **IPSF Funding Priorities**

Superintendent Gross reviewed the IPSF Funding Priorities process/timeline and steps taken to date.

Continuation of current areas of support were recommended including:

- ▶ Elementary Media Support
- ▶ School-based Tech Support K-12
- ▶ Health Services
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Size Reduction
- ▶ Classroom Support for Large Classes
- ▶ Public Information Officer
- ▶ Parent Portal
- ▶ Voice Messaging System

New program considerations recommended:

- ▶ Academic Support (Writing Project, After School Programs, Fitness/Wellness)
- ▶ College Night for Parents & Students
- ▶ Career Day with Irvine Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ School Safety

Board members discussed specific programs pertaining to the above categories including:

- Continuation of Threat Assessment Training
- Expansion of Effective Behavior Support (EBS)

The Board expressed various opinions regarding the need for a Public Information Officer, including the need for video production and web design expertise to maximize existing communication resources. The Board agreed that the Superintendent should determine how best to staff those needs.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Sue Kuwabara  
Board President

Gwen Gross  
Superintendent of Schools