

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
October 26, 2004

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President McInerney at 4:04 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 McInerney and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Steven Choi, Sue Kuwabara, Sharon Wallin, Carolyn McInerney

Members Absent:

Debbie Coven (excused)

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:

Jan Benner, Mary Cliff, Janelle Cranch, Steve Garretson, Joe Hoffman, Liz Krogsdale,
Jennifer Labrado, Chris Lohrman, Nancy Melgares

Special Education Study Session

Superintendent Waldfogel reviewed the topics to be discussed including revenue and expense trends, budget increases and impacts, and proposed action plans to address budget and program goals. Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros provided an in-depth look at the special education budget, documenting an ongoing encroachment to the General Fund and stagnant funding by both the State and federal governments. Special Education Director

Nancy Melgares reviewed program challenges including substantial increases in identified students and mandated service costs, inaccurate data collection and reporting, and intensified legal challenges. Recommended action plans were presented by Assistant Superintendent Leah Laule including increasing program staff to monitor expenditures, professional audit of contracts and services, review of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process, improved data collection via upgraded software, and increased legislative action.

Member Wallin reported that the California Association of Suburban School Districts (CALSSD) organization has expressed interest in writing a bill in support of full funding for special education funding.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney
President

Dean Waldfogel
Superintendent