

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Irvine, California

Regular Meeting
November 21, 1995

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Burnham at 6:05 p.m. in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mike Regele

(Member Regele joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.)

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss Negotiations and Potential Litigation. No formal action was taken.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

President Burnham reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and reported on Closed Session discussion and then read the following statement:

On November 17, 1995 the District received a letter from the Pacific Regional Office of the Securities Exchange Commission in Los Angeles stating that the staff of that office intends to recommend to the Commission that it institute a civil proceeding against the District. The staff's letter further provides the District with the opportunity to respond to the staff's recommendations by a written submission (a "Well's Submission") which will be forwarded to the Commission along with the staff's recommendations. No civil proceeding or action has been initiated by the Commission against the District.

The District is obtaining legal representation and will cooperate with the SEC and its staff in this matter. Further appropriate public announcements will be made as events unfold. Subject to the advice of legal counsel, however, Board Members and District Officials are not able to provide further comment at this time. District Superintendent Dennis Smith has been designated as the official District spokesperson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Hank Adler.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Student Members Present:

Heather Backer, John Darbani, Manuel Schwab

Student Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Dennis M. Smith, Superintendent

Sue Long, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources

Paul Reed, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Mary Cliff, Secretary, Superintendent's Office

Other Staff:

Vicki Artiano, Don Chadd, Steve Garretson, Dan Graham, Beverley Khalil-White, Leah Laule, Pam LeBleu, Corinne Loskot.

Student Technician:

Jon Finen

President Burnham expressed his personal thanks to his fellow board members for their support during this past, eventful year, and to the staff -- specifically, Dean, Sue and Paul -- for their valuable assistance in the absence of a superintendent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Adler and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of November 7, 1995 Regular Meeting and November 14, 1995 Special Meeting, as corrected:

November 7, 1995 - ROLL CALL (Prior to CLOSED SESSION)

Members Absent:

Hank Adler (Excused)

(Member Adler participated by phone in Closed Session discussion regarding Negotiations.)

November 14, 1995 - ROLL CALL

Members Absent:

Tom Burnham (Excused)

(President Burnham participated by phone in Closed Session discussion regarding Negotiations.)

ORAL COMMUNICATION

David Youssef, Covell Meyskens, and Samantha Austin, representing the student body of University High School, requested more information on the environmental impact of the proposed Northwood High School on the surrounding natural and agricultural area.

Sharon Wallin and Trudy Coker, Co-Presidents of the South Lake PTSA, shared the Technology Plan of South Lake Middle School with the Board, and urged special consideration be shown South Lake as one of the three target schools for the Foundations program.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Judy Patty, Westwood Basics Plus School Volunteer

The Board honored Judy Patty for her many volunteer efforts at Westwood Basics Plus Elementary School, and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition, naming her an "Outstanding Contributor to Education." Judy was also honored by the O.C. Board of Education and County Superintendent for her outstanding service to the children in the Irvine school community.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Donation from Cox Communications - Mark Stucky, Director of Public Affairs

Mark Stucky presented the Board with a check for \$9,000 generated from a fall campaign specifically designed to help the local public school districts. Stucky expressed a desire to continue their relationship with Irvine schools in the future.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ACCEPTED 12d, Personnel Action Report #95-96/09 Addendum

14b, Supplement to RESOLUTION NO. 95-96-12

ADD 14d, Appointment of Legal Counsel

MOVE 12h, Contract for Television Broadcasting and Consulting Services (TOC) 1995-96, to ITEMS OF BUSINESS, 14e

MOVE 12j, Checks and Purchase Orders, to ITEMS OF BUSINESS, 14f

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Member Wakeham added her commendations to Judy Patty for her volunteer contributions to the community in distributing Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. On behalf of Irvine Temporary Housing Wakeham thanked all the schools -- staff, parents and students -- for their contributions.

Wakeham also complimented the PTA for the Reflections Contest, which awards the talent of the students in the arts. She and Stan Steele had the honor of judging the music portion of the contest.

Wakeham attended the Governor's Women's Conference in Long Beach last week, and thanked The Irvine Company for making this possible. The level of the presentations was outstanding.

Member Hadley participated in the Leadership Tomorrow Forum last week, serving on the panel with Dennis Smith, and was particularly impressed with the individuals participating and their knowledge of school funding issues and the challenge of meeting technology needs.

Hadley also attended the 14th annual Prayer Breakfast, along with fellow Board Members Wakeham and Burnham, and found it a very worthwhile event.

Hadley announced that the CSBA conference is next week in Long Beach. Two of the issues being covered are school prayer and curriculum standards.

President Burnham complimented the Woodbridge High School Entertainers for their enjoyable and enthusiastic performance at the Prayer Breakfast, and thanked the Exchange Club for sponsoring the event.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dennis Smith recognized and thanked the City of Irvine for responding to the citizens and parents who live in the areas surrounding Rancho San Joaquin Middle School and Vista Verde School by placing a crossing guard at the corner of Michelson and Yale, creating a much safer environment for students.

Smith announced that the District will be hosting an "Ask-a-Scientist" evening on November 30, from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Administration Center, giving students who are working on Science Fair projects an opportunity to seek advice from 40 local scientists and engineers, as well as high school science fair winners from past years. All are invited.

Smith recently visited several Coastline ROP locations -- Irvine Medical Center, Bank of America, and Irvine High School -- where students are involved in learning about careers in the health/medical field; banking, finance and sales; and interior design. Smith offered continued support for the Regional Occupational Program and kudos to Paul Snyder and his staff for the outstanding job they are doing.

Finally, Smith provided the Board with a list of the middle school and high school holiday concert dates, and encouraged all to attend during the holiday season.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Student Members Backer, Darbani, and Schwab reported on school activities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried (Student Members Backer, Darbani, and Schwab voting "yes"), the Board took the following action on the amended Consent Calendar:

1. Gifts

Accepted the following gifts to the District as listed (value assessed by donor):

FOR USE AT BONITA CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: \$200.00 to purchase an overhead projector for the science specialist's program

Donor: Lifetile, ATTN: John Pazzario

3511 North Riverside Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376

Donation: \$75.00

Donor: Wells Fargo Bank

ATTN: Employee Educational Matching Gifts
394 Pacific Avenue, 3rd floor, Mac#0107-030,
San Francisco, CA 94163

FOR USE AT COLLEGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donation: two Apple IIe computers
Value: \$800.00

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Tribole
3941 Blackthorn Street, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: gift certificate for a Fine Arts Educational Program
Value: \$750.00

Donor: Womankind, Inc.
ATTN: Cheri D. Whitehead, Director of Operations
3200 Park Center Drive, Suite 120, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

FOR USE AT RANCHO SAN JOAQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: \$2,000.00 in support of Critical Friends Group
Donor: Annenberg Institute for School Reform, ATTN: Kathleen Pucci
Box 1969, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912

Donation: indefinite loan of computer equipment valued at \$3,600.00.
Donor: University of California, Irvine
ATTN: Dr. Michael J. Pazzani, Chair,
Information and Computer Science
444 Computer Science Building, Irvine, CA 92717-3425

FOR USE AT SOUTH LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: balloons and a helium tank
Value: \$50.00
Donor: Fantastic Balloon Company, ATTN: Mr. Nassr
980 E. Orangethorpe, Suite B, Anaheim, CA 92801

Donation: a Panasonic television set with remote control
Value: \$200.00
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Nobuhiro Sakaori, 79 Summerstone, Irvine, CA 92714

Donation: \$1,500.00 in support of the Fall Forum of The Coalition of Essential Schools
Donor: Trans-General Life Insurance Company
c/o Blue Cross of Western Pennsylvania
ATTN: Aaron A. Walton, Corp. Vice Pres., Community Affairs
120 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1910, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3099

FOR USE AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

Donation: a Spanish dictionary
Value: \$17.24
Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Hossein Aminzadeh, 4911 Hemlock, Irvine, CA 92715

Donation: computer equipment
Value: \$50.00
Donor: Art Bruington, 14 Sunlight, Irvine, CA 92715

Donation: an Entré 7620A slide dissolve unit for photo class
Value: \$150.00
Donor: Bob Ferazzi, 13402 Laurinda Way, Santa Ana, CA 92705

Donation: \$12,606.00
Donor: University High School PTSA, c/o Jacquie Boslett, President

7 Rippling Stream, Irvine, CA 92715

Donation: \$50.00 to Mr. Huff's science class

Donors: Steve and Martha Topik, 7 Dickens Court, Irvine, CA 92715

FOR USE AT VENADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Donation: 2 boxes of assorted calendars and planning books

Donor: Mrs. Robin Thompson, 5151 Walnut Avenue, #18, Irvine, CA 92714

FOR USE AT VISTA VERDE SCHOOL

Donation: computer equipment to Mr. Soderberg's classroom

Value: \$150.00

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hewitt, 20 Shasta, Irvine, CA 92715

FOR USE AT WESTWOOD BASICS PLUS SCHOOL

Donation: computer equipment and software

Value: \$2,500.00

Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loeb, One Ticonderoga, Irvine, CA 92720

Donation: computer equipment, software, and paper

Value: \$1,200.00

Donor: Brent Kerger, 8 Atlanta, Irvine, CA 92720

2. Conference Attendance

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

Event: California School Boards Association Conference

Location: Long Beach, California

Dates: November 30-December 3, 1995

Attendees: John Darbani and Manuel Schwab, Student Board Members

Cost: \$590.00

Budget: 01-5210-241-6100-001 (General Fund)

Event: American Speech/Hearing Association Convention

Location: Orlando, Florida

Dates: December 7-8, 1995

Attendee: Gloria Critelli, Speech/Language Pathologist, SELF High School

Cost: \$199.00

Budget: 01-5210-220-4750-604 (Grant)

Event: Collaborative Literacy Intervention Project (CLIP)

Location: Tucson, Arizona

Dates: January 22 and March 18, 1996

Attendee: Kathleen Cooke, Springbrook Teacher

Cost: \$206.00

Budget: 01-5210-220-6180-009 (Categorical)

Event: Collaborative Literacy Intervention Project (CLIP)

Location: Tucson, Arizona

Dates: February 5 and April 22, 1996

Attendee: Susan Mehrtens, Springbrook Teacher

Cost: \$426.00

Budget: 01-5210-220-6180-009 (Categorical)

3. Excursions/Field Trips

Approved the following excursions/field trips:

Sponsoring School: Vista Verde School
Excursion: Adventures in Learning (Educational Field Studies, Inc. Program)
Destination: Sacramento, California
Date: May 6, 1996 (one day)
Participants: 62 students/12 adults
Cost: \$10,000.00

Sponsoring School: Westwood Basics Plus
Excursion: 4th Grade Sacramento and the Gold Country Trip
Destination: Sacramento, California
Dates: May 22-23, 1996
Participants: 75 students/20 adults
Cost: \$13,000.00

4. Personnel Action Report

Approved the Personnel Action Report #95-96/09, as amended for ADMINISTRATIVE - Leave of Absence; CERTIFICATED - Employment - Regular, Substitutes, Leaves of Absence, Resignation; and CLASSIFIED - Employment - Hourly, Substitutes, Resignation.

5. Contract Services Report

Approved the Contract Services Report 1995-1996-07 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 nonpublic agency.

7. Adoption of the Standardized Emergency Management System Agreement Between IUSD and the County of Orange

Adopted the Standardized Emergency Management System - Operational Area Agreement.

8. Orange County Department of Education Inside the Outdoors Program

Approved the participation of El Camino Real and Westpark elementary schools in the Inside the Outdoors Program with the Orange County Department of Education for the 1995-96 school year.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Finance Committee Report: Overall Capital Plan

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file at the District Administration Center.

Jeff Wagner, representing the Finance Committee, was present to explain the methodology used in prioritizing the capital projects on the Unfunded Facilities List. The Board asked staff to return the item with recommendations for funding of this list from interest on the capital reserves over the next 18 months.

On the motion of Member Wakeham, seconded by Member Regele and carried (Student Members Backer, Darbani, and Schwab voting "yes"), the Board accepted the report from the Finance Committee regarding Capital Outlay.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-96-12: Determination of Inapplicability of Education Code Section 39390 et seq. to Potential Disposal of IUSD's Auxiliary Education Center School Site (31 West Yale Loop)

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file at the District Administration Center.

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Regele and carried (Student Members Backer, Darbani and Schwab voting "yes"), the Board adopted Resolution No. 95-96-12, and determined that subdivision (c) of Naylor Act Section 39391 is not applicable, and therefore the disposition of the Sale Parcel does not fall within the provisions of the Naylor Act.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Public Hearing: District Initial Proposal to CSEA

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file at the District Administration Center.

On the motion of Member Regele, seconded by Member Wakeham and carried (Student Members Backer, Darbani, and Schwab voting "yes"), the Board, following the public hearing, adopted the District's initial proposal to the California School Employees Association (Chapter 517).

Appointment of Legal Counsel

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Regele and carried (Student Members Backer, Darbani, and Schwab voting "yes"), the Board approved the appointment of the law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, and authorized the initial fee of \$20,000.

Contract for Television Broadcasting and Consulting Services (TOC) 1995-96

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file at the District Administration Center.

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Burnham and carried, the Board agreed to table this item to the December 5 meeting so that more information can be obtained regarding the Board of Director's representation.

Checks and Purchase Orders

A written report was included with the agenda and is on file at the District Administration Center.

On the motion of Member Adler, seconded by Member Regele and carried, the Board approved check numbers 73138 through 73641 for previously approved purchase orders, contracts and bids and new purchase orders as submitted per 11/13/95 listing.

The Board further directed staff to report on the voucher system after review by the Finance Committee at the first meeting in February 1996 for information and discussion.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Tom Burnham Dennis M. Smith

President Superintendent