



Organizational/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

12/17/2024 06:30 PM

Irvine Unified School District Administration Center

5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604

5:00 PM Closed Session / 6:30 PM Regular Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members

Lauren Brooks, Board Member

Jeff Kim, Board Clerk

Katie McEwen, Board President

Connie Stone, Board Member

Cyril Yu, Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Yu called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:02 p.m.

a. Student Discipline Matter (1 case) [Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918(c)]

The Board discussed one student discipline matter.

b. Conference with Labor Negotiators [Government Code Section 54957.6]

The Board discussed labor negotiations involving the California School Employees Association, Irvine Administrative Assistants to the Principals, Irvine Administrators Association, Irvine Supervisors Association, and the Irvine Teachers Association.

c. Public Employment [Government Code Section 54957(b)]

The Board discussed a public employment matter.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

President Yu reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Yu.

Members Present:

Lauren Brooks

Jeff Kim

Katie McEwen

Connie Stone

Cyril Yu

Student Members Present:

Sradha Vayalapadu, Irvine High School
Charlotte Pham, Woodbridge High School
Kobi Tran, Portola High School
Chloe Tsai, University High School
Zaira Ulmer, Northwood High School

Staff Present:

Terry L. Walker, Superintendent of Schools
John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Eamonn O'Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services
Brianna Ford, Assistant Superintendent, Information Technology
Raiana Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION

Minutes:

President Yu reported on the discussion in Closed Session including the motion by Member Brooks and second by Member McEwen, carried 5-0 with Members Brooks, Kim, McEwen, Stone and Yu voting to appoint Cassie Parham as interim or acting superintendent effective February 1, 2025.

7. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

a. Case No. 01H-2425

Approve the staff recommendation to expel Case No. 01H-2425 and to suspend and shorten the expulsion, permitting student to voluntarily transfer from Woodbridge High School to San Joaquin High School (IVA) for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Student will be eligible to reenroll in the Irvine Unified School District with a behavior contract in place for the start of the 2025-2026 school year, pending completion of rehabilitation items.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Katie McEwen

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

8. OATH OF OFFICE NEW/RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Minutes:

Superintendent Walker administered the Oath of Office to new and returning Board members Lauren Brooks, Connie Stone, and Cyril Yu.

9. BOARD ORGANIZATION - 2025

a. Board Organization - Election of Officers

Nominate Katie McEwen as Board President and appoint Jeff Kim as Board Clerk.

Minutes:

President Yu opened nominations for Board President. Member Brooks nominated Member McEwen to serve as Board President, seconded by Member Stone. Member McEwen was unanimously elected to serve as Board President for 2025.

President McEwen appointed Member Kim as Board Clerk.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Connie Stone

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

b. Board Organization - Responsibilities

Approve Board member responsibilities/committee appointments.

Motion made by: Cyril Yu

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

c. Board Organization - School Site Liaison Assignments

Approve School Site Liaison assignments for 2025.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

d. Board Organization - Appointment of Representatives to District Committees

Appoint representatives to the Education Advisory and Health Advisory Committees.

Motion made by: Jeff Kim

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes
Connie Stone - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

e. Board Organization - Establishment of Board of Education Regular Meeting Dates

Approve the proposed Board of Education regular meeting dates for 2025.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

10. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt agenda, as presented.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

Mary Nguyen-Tran addressed the Board regarding elementary school safety.

Steve Reynolds addressed the Board regarding a recommended benefit plan.

Audrey Bailey thanked the Board.

Geneva Bailey addressed the Board regarding budget concerns.

12. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Minutes:

Student Board Members Sradha Vayalpadu, Charlotte Pham, Kobi Tran, Chloe Tsai, and Zaira Ulmer reported on school activities.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Walker provided a brief report on the CSBA Annual Education Conference, which was a great event and served to affirm the work IUSD is doing. He expressed gratitude for the Board's selection and support of Cassie Parham as Interim Superintendent, acknowledging her courageous leadership on critical IUSD initiatives. He recognized Portola High School's football team for their compelling journey and resilience, particularly recognizing Coach Peter Abe and other team coaches. The 2024 Outstanding Arts Educators were announced. IUSD was notably well-represented among the awardees. Those recognized include Joslynn Blasdel of Woodbridge High School, Adrian Rangel-Sanchez of Portola High School, and Kimberly Snowden of Rancho San Joaquin Middle School. Finally, he extended well-wishes to students taking their finals and wished staff and students a rejuvenating Winter break.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Minutes:

Board members Brooks, Kim, McEwen, Stone, and Yu provided updates on their school visits, conference attendance, other responsibilities, and participation in various meetings and activities.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 16.a. – 21.a.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

16. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business Services

- a. Check Register Report
- b. Contract Services Action Report 2024-25/06
- c. Purchase Order Detail Report
- d. Authorize the Utilization of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract No. 4-22-01-1042 for Carpet and Commercial Flooring
- e. Claim for Damages #05-2024
- f. Piggyback Authorization – Bid #22/23-008, Fresh Produce
- g. Notice of Completion for the Legacy Education Center Roof Repair Project

17. CONSENT CALENDAR - Education Services

- a. Field Trips and Excursions
- b. Student Discipline Settlement Agreement

18. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resources

- a. Certificated Personnel Action Report 2024-25/06
- b. Classified Personnel Action Report 2024-25/06

19. CONSENT CALENDAR - Information Technology

- a. Amend Master Contract for the Purchase of an Identity Management Solution
- b. Data Privacy Agreement Report 2024/25-02
- c. Authorize the Utilization of Education Technology Joint Powers Authority (Ed Tech JPA) Master Contract for the Purchase of a Notification System
- d. Authorize the Utilization of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract No. 3-21-07-1044 for the Purchase of Information Technology Goods & Services

- e. Authorize the Utilization of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract No. 3-23-06-1025 for the Purchase of Information Technology Goods & Services

20. CONSENT CALENDAR - Special Education

- a. Special Education Settlement Agreement(s)
- b. Special Education Reimbursement(s)
- c. Special Education Master Contract(s) 2024-25
- d. Special Education Amendment No. 1 to Master Contract(s) 2024-25

21. CONSENT CALENDAR - Superintendent

- a. Conference Attendance

22. FACILITIES CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

Approve Facilities Consent Calendar Item Nos. 22.a. – 22.x.

Motion made by: Cyril Yu

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting:

- Lauren Brooks - Yes
- Jeff Kim - Yes
- Katie McEwen - Yes
- Connie Stone - Yes
- Cyril Yu - Yes
- a. Architectural Design Services for Three (3) Relocatable Buildings at Legacy Education Center
- b. Authorization for the Lease of Two (2) Relocatable Buildings at the Westwood Training Center
- c. Authorization for the Purchase of an Eight (8) Classroom Modular Building at Oak Creek Elementary School
- d. Authorization for the Purchase of an Eight (8) Classroom Modular Building at Stonegate Elementary School
- e. Authorization to Provide a Variety of Environmental Studies for Field Lighting at Northwood High School
- f. Authorization to Provide a Variety of Environmental Studies for Field Lighting at Woodbridge High School
- g. Authorization to Renew the Lease of One (1) Relocatable Building at Jeffrey Trail Middle School
- h. Construction Management Services for Classroom Building Expansions at Multiple Schools 2025
- i. Receive Bid/Award Contract – Creekside Education Center Nutrition Services Blast Chillers 2024

- j. Review of Public Information Meeting Held for the Placement of a Three (3) Classroom Modular Building and the Relocation of Six (6) Relocatable Buildings at Beacon Park School
- k. Review of Public Information Meeting Held for the Placement of a Three (3) Classroom Modular Building at Cadence Park School
- l. Change Order Request for Cadence Park School Restroom Renovation 2024
- m. Change Order Request for Creekside Education Center Nutrition Services Expansion 2023
- n. Change Order Request for Eastwood Elementary School Villa Classroom Expansion Project 2024
- o. Change Order Request for Portola High School Expansion – Phase 1
- p. Change Order Request for the Measure E Series 3 – Expansion Project at Culverdale Elementary School
- q. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Series 3 – Expansion Projects at Greentree Elementary School and Santiago Hills Elementary School Rebid
- r. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Series 3 – Interior Improvement Projects at Greentree Elementary School & Santiago Hills Elementary School
- s. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Series 3 – New Performing Arts Complex at Irvine High School – Increment 2
- t. Notice of Completion for the Cadence Park School Restroom Renovation 2024
- u. Notice of Completion for the Measure E Series 3 – Expansion Projects at Greentree Elementary School and Santiago Hills Elementary School Bid Package 15 – HVAC Rebid
- v. Notice of Completion for the Measure E Series 3 – Interior Improvement Projects at Greentree Elementary School & Santiago Hills Elementary School
- w. Notices of Completion for the Measure E Series 3 – Expansion Project at Culverdale Elementary School and Culverdale Elementary School Relocatables 2023
- x. Notices of Completion for the Measure E Series 3 – Expansion Projects at Greentree Elementary School and Santiago Hills Elementary School Rebid

23. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

24. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. First Interim Report of 2024-25 (AB 1200, Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991)

Certify the First Interim Report of 2024-25 as “Positive” based on information presented.

Minutes:

John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the 2024-25 First Interim Report, beginning with a review of the financial reporting cycle and the purpose of the Interim Report. The First Interim Report represents the District's first official revision to the adopted 2024-25 budget and includes actual financial

information through the end of October, with revised projections for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) issues their Annual Fiscal Five-Year Outlook in mid-November. Based on current law and policy at both the state and federal levels, the LAO is forecasting neither an overly positive or negative state fiscal outlook. The LAO credits the Administration and the Legislature for 2024-25 State Budget actions which balanced the budget in 2024-25 and ensured stability entering into 2025-26. With no new added programs, the 2025-26 State Budget is currently forecasting a manageable \$2 billion deficit. Currently, revenues for the budget cycle are outpacing projections by approximately \$7 billion, nearly solely driven by stock compensation tied to the AI technology sector. He cautioned that while revenues are strong, projected expenditures over the outlook period are projected to exceed revenues.

The additional state revenues in 2024-25 increase the Proposition 98 guarantee by approximately \$3 billion. However, Constitutional formulas require the state to deposit nearly all of this additional funding into the Prop 98 reserve, the Rainy-Day Fund. In the current year, the Prop 98 reserve was completely depleted. The Prop 98 guarantee is forecasted to increase by \$1.5 billion in 2025-26. However, due to the expiration of one-time costs, the state is estimated to have \$2.8 billion available in funding for new commitments in 2025-26 after funding an estimated COLA of 2.46%. Although the 2025-26 guarantee is \$1.5 billion above the 2024-45 enacted budget, it is currently \$1.5 billion below the revised estimate of the Prop 98 guarantee in 2024-25. The year-over-year decrease in the guarantee is due to a spike protection formula built into Prop 98 that maintains levels when there are unsustainable spikes in state revenues tied to the stock market. More information will be available with the Governor's 2025-26 State Budget Proposal in January.

He addressed ongoing challenges, including the Local Control Funding Formula disproportionately benefiting districts with high concentrations of disadvantaged students, resulting in IUSD receiving \$2,789 per Average Daily Attendance (ADA) below the statewide average, compared to other unified school districts, for an ongoing impact of \$102 million in less funding.

He reviewed the ongoing challenges including a substantial influx of one-time state funding, volatile state revenues, ongoing pension cost increases, and national elections which may impact on federal programs affecting education funding.

IUSD is projected to receive over \$62.6 million in one-time state funding from block grants. This includes an Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant, estimated to provide \$22.2 million in one-time funds to IUSD; however, the funds are not completely unrestricted, so they will be included in the restricted General Fund. There is also a Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant, which is estimated to provide \$22.1 million in one-time funding to IUSD. These funds are to be used to increase instructional learning time and close learning gaps, and also has reporting requirements. These funds will also be included in the restricted General Fund. There is also \$18.3 million in other available one-time funds, which are completely discretionary. In total, there is approximately \$44.8 million remaining from these grants. The one-time funds will be used on lowering the student-to-teacher ratio, technology, additional education and mental health supports, summer school, and special education. The one-time funds will cover these programs in 2025-26, with a shortfall of \$6.5 million in funding for 2026-27.

In closing, he reviewed the 2024-25 budget and multi-year projections for the unrestricted general fund, which indicate minimal enrollment growth. The first interim indicates a positive First Interim Report certification.

Board members discussed the potential timing of the repayment of the maintenance factor and the Tier 3 Intervention Teacher program being partially funded with one-time funds.

Motion made by: Jeff Kim

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

b. First Reading - Proposed Revision to Board Policy 6143: Course of Study

Approve for second reading and adoption of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6143: Course of Study.

Minutes:

The Board waived the second reading and approved the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6143: Course of Study.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

c. Considerations for Superintendent Search Firms

Accept staff's recommendation to proceed with Education Support Services and Leadership Associates as the superintendent search firms for consideration by the Board.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

d. CSBA Delegate Assembly Appointment (Region 15)

Appoint Member McEwen as IUSD's CSBA Delegate Assembly, Region 15, representative for the remainder of Member Bokota's term.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

25. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

26. CLOSED SESSION (AS NECESSARY)

Minutes:

None.

27. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Motion made by: Cyril Yu

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

Connie Stone - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes