



Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

06/13/2023 - 06:30 PM

Irvine Unified School District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway,
Irvine, CA 92604

9750 Airport Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045

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

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Paul Bokota, Board Member

Cyril Yu, Board Clerk

Jeff Kim, Board Member

Katie McEwen, Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Yu called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:01 p.m.

a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation [Government Code Section 54957]

The Board met with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents to review progress toward the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives for 2022-23.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

Acting President Yu reconvened the meeting at 6:34 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 Kim.

Members Present:

Paul Bokota (telecommuting)

Jeff Kim

Katie McEwen

Cyril Yu

Members Absent:

Lauren Brooks (excused)

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
Raianna Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Acting President Yu appointed Member McEwen as Acting Clerk.

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION

Acting President Yu reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt agenda, as presented.

Motion made by: Katie McEwen

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

Renaldo Lawson addressed the Board regarding the goals of the African American/Black Community.

Bre Schau addressed the Board regarding a request to change schools.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Walker provided a brief update, starting with a reminder for parents and community members to utilize IUSD.org and/or contact the District or their respective schools for information and helpful resources. He shared that the high school graduation ceremonies were wonderful and emphasized the significant effort put into differentiated instruction that ultimately leads to a student's graduation. Ahead of the LCAP and Budget presentation, he expressed gratitude to Tammy Blakely, Laurie Serich-Lundquist, and John Fogarty for their time and coordination in collecting and reviewing stakeholder feedback. Additionally, he highlighted the ongoing planning and preparation activities taking place during the summer, including facilities improvements, professional development planning, and the continuation of summer school. Concluding his update, he extended well wishes for a joyful and rejuvenating summer to everyone.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Minutes:

Board members Bokota, Kim, McEwen, and Yu reported on school visits, conference attendance and meeting participation.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 12.a. – 17.a.

Motion made by: Katie McEwen

Motion seconded by: Paul Bokota

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

12. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business Services

a. Check Register Report

b. Contract Services Action Report 2022-23/16

c. Purchase Order Detail Report

d. Contract Renewal Authorization 2023-24 Southern California Regional Liability Excess Fund (ReLiEF) for Property and Liability Insurance

e. Contract Renewal Authorization 2023-24 Workers' Compensation Reinsurance

13. CONSENT CALENDAR - Education Services

a. Field Trips and Excursions

b. Participation in Outdoor Education Science Camps for the 2023-24 School Year

14. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resources

a. Certificated Personnel Action Report 2022-23/16

b. Classified Personnel Action Report 2022-23/16

15. CONSENT CALENDAR - Information Technology

a. Amend the Education Technology Joint Powers Authority (Ed Tech JPA) Master Contract for the Purchase of a Social and Emotional Learning Assessment System

16. CONSENT CALENDAR - Special Education

a. Special Education Settlement Agreement(s)

b. Special Education Master Contract(s)

17. CONSENT CALENDAR - Superintendent

a. Conference Attendance

18. CONSENT CALENDAR RESOLUTIONS - Roll Call

Approve Consent Calendar Resolution Item Nos. 18.a. – 18.b.

Motion made by: Jeff Kim

Motion seconded by: Katie McEwen

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

a. Resolution No. 22-23-32: Signature Authorization and Submission of the 2022-2023 California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) Program

b. Resolution No. 22-23-33: Regarding Employment of Short-Term Employees

19. FACILITIES CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Facilities Consent Calendar Item Nos. 19.a. – 19.m.

Motion made by: Katie McEwen

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

a. Additional Architectural Services for Measure E Series 3 – Expansion Project at Culverdale Elementary School

b. Annual Renewal/Award Contract for Bid No. 20/21-1FA, Lease of Relocatable Buildings

c. Annual Renewal/Award Contract for Bid No. 20/21-2FA, Purchase of Relocatable and Modular Buildings

d. Annual Renewal/Award Contract for Bid No. 2021/22-2FA, Yearly Lease of Relocatable Buildings

e. Annual Renewal/Award Contract for Bid No. 21/22-1FA, Relocation (Moving) Services

f. Authorization to Lease Two (2) Relocatable Classroom Buildings (Measure E Series 1) – College Park Elementary School

g. Authorization to Lease Two (2) Relocatable Classroom Buildings (Measure E Series 1) – Westpark Elementary School

h. Authorization to Renew Contract for RFP No. 2021FA, Document Reprographic Services

i. Exercise Option to Extend the Contracts for Bid No. 2021/22-3FA, Furniture & Equipment

j. Receive Bids/Award Contract – Creekside Education Center Expansion 2023

k. Review of Public Information Meeting Held for the Placement of One (1) Relocatable Classroom Building – Portola Springs Elementary School

l. Change Order Request for the Measure E Series 3 – New Performing Arts Complex at Irvine High School – Increment 1– Site Improvements

m. Notice of Completion for the Measure E Series 3 – New Performing Arts Complex at Irvine High School – Increment 1– Site Improvements

20. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

None.

21. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Public Hearing: Presentation of the IUSD LCFF Budget Overview for Parents, 2023-24 LCAP, and LCAP ESSA Federal Addendum

Hold a public hearing and consider all comments regarding the IUSD LCFF Budget Overview for Parents, 2023-24 LCAP, and LCAP ESSA Federal Addendum.

Minutes:

Tammy Blakely, Executive Director of Student Support Services, initiated the 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) by providing an overview of the LCAP Document, which comprises six main sections along with a federal addendum and attachments. She discussed the state and local indicators used in the plan's development, highlighting indicators relying on outdated data due to the unavailability of more recent indicators. Blakely emphasized several indicator categories; Academic Performance and Academic Engagement indicators both met the standards, as did the Conditions and Climate indicators.

Subsequently, she delved into the LCAP's engagement with educational partners, involving the Annual Survey conducted in January 2023. This survey garnered feedback from over 18,000 students, 5,000 parents, and nearly 1,500 staff members. Additionally, during the spring of 2023, the District initiated an LCAP ThoughtExchange activity, engaging almost 2,000 participants who provided individual comments and assigned nearly 37,000-star rankings. The results of this activity were also directly shared with various staff and parent stakeholder groups.

Board members inquired about the lower participation compared to previous years and encouraged a review of past practices to enhance future engagement.

Blakely proceeded to discuss the progress indicators for the overall rating and the subgroups identified for monitoring. She reviewed the LCAP's goals, actions, and services, noting that the 2023-24 LCAP actions and expenditures were developed without utilizing any of the new funding in the May Revise budget. She elaborated on each goal and its associated action items, highlighting the highly rated actions and those funded by other sources such as stimulus funds, the Educator Effectiveness Grant, or other external sources.

Moving forward, she highlighted key themes stemming from the ThoughtExchange activity, which included Mental Health, Direct Site Support, and Intervention Support. Blakely proceeded to present some of the highly ranked comments and matched them with corresponding action items.

Concluding her presentation, she reviewed the accompanying LCAP documents, which encompass the LCAP Federal Addendum, Consolidated Application, and the LCAP Budget Overview for Parents.

Acting President Yu opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. and received comments from Renaldo Lawson and Sam Gordon, then closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

b. Public Hearing: Presentation of the IUSD 2023-24 Budget

Hold a public hearing and consider all comments regarding the 2023-24 Budget.

Minutes:

John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the 2023-24 Budget, beginning by stating that the District's finances are in good condition for the budget and the subsequent two years. He discussed the budget development process and examined the state fiscal outlook, highlighting that inflation has constricted the economy, leading to ongoing impacts on the financial markets and supply chain disruptions. A nearly 20% decline in the S&P 500 has affected high-income earners, upon whom the state depends for almost half of its total revenue. Due to the contracting economy and lower-than-expected tax revenues, the Governor's January budget proposal initially projected a state deficit of \$22.5 billion in 2023-24, which has now escalated to a \$31.5 billion deficit.

Based on current-year shortfalls, the 2023-24 state general fund revenue projections have been decreased by about \$6 billion. However, some projections suggest a reduction of up to \$11 billion, negatively impacting Proposition 98 by approximately \$2 billion. Nevertheless, the increase in property taxes may help alleviate the reduction to Prop 98. Fogarty provided comparisons between prior years' Governor's Budget and the May Revision for personal income tax, corporate tax, sales and use tax, and Prop 98 funding.

The May Revision incorporates funding to support an 8.22% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and most categorical programs. This represents a 0.9% increase from the Governor's January budget proposal. For IUSD, the 8.22% COLA equates to an ongoing year-over-year increase of approximately \$33 million. Additionally, the May Revision continues to allocate funds for an ongoing increase in transportation funding of around \$2.9 million. After accounting for annual expenditure increases related to step and column adjustments, pension costs, and special education expenses, there is an anticipated availability of approximately \$24.8 million in ongoing funding for allocation.

To accommodate the added expense of the increased COLA alongside the corresponding decrease in Prop 98 funding, the May Revision includes significant adjustments to one-time funding initially included in the 2022-23 State Budget. The Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant, initially approved for an allocation of \$3.6 billion, saw a January reduction of about 33% and now faces an additional 17% reduction in the May Revision, resulting in an overall reduction of \$1.8 billion or 50%. For IUSD, the original allocation estimated at around \$23 million has now been reduced to approximately \$11.7 million. Similarly, the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant, initially approved with an allocation of \$7.9 billion, has been reduced by \$2.5 billion or roughly 32% in the May Revision. For IUSD, the original allocation of approximately \$25.8 million has been reduced to about \$18 million. The presented budget incorporates these reductions; if the final State Budget includes any restorations, staff will adjust the District budget accordingly.

Fogarty then presented the allocation categories and amounts per year for the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant, Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant, and other one-time funds, emphasizing the importance of an exit strategy when these funds are depleted.

He reviewed potential impacts on the State Budget, including inflation, reduction of capital gains taxes, rising interest rates, supply chain bottlenecks, stock market volatility, and most notably, the delay of current-year taxes in California and the associated revenue projections. He also delved into the state's migration trends and associated income, highlighting that since 2018, the loss of higher-income residents has exceeded that of low and middle-income Californians, and the state has been losing more residents than gaining at all income levels.

Finally, he reviewed the Unrestricted General Fund, comparing the estimated 2022-23 budget with projected budgets for 2023-24 through 2025-26. Showing an increase in the District's 2023-24 revenues by \$33 million and projecting an ending balance of \$58.9 million. He noted the \$5.3 million reserved for the 2023-24 LCAP and the \$25.5 million in the unassigned/assigned category due to the 10% reserve cap.

In conclusion, he discussed ongoing challenges, including the volatility of state revenues, heavily reliant on high-income earners who depend on capital gains from the stock market. Inflation is a temporary concern. The substantial influx of temporary one-time funding and the statewide enrollment trends contribute to direct impacts on school districts, in addition to the disproportionate LCFF funding.

The Board inquired about transportation and rainy-day funding options.

Acting President Yu opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. and received comments from Sam Gordon, then closed the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

c. Public Hearing: Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Grant Funds

Hold a public hearing and consider all comments regarding the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Grant Funds.

Minutes:

John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant spending plan. This plan allocates \$7.5 million in 2023-24 and \$4.1 million in 2024-25, totaling nearly \$11.7 million, as previously communicated, due to the reduction of the Grant in the Governor's May Revision budget. The allocated funds are required to be expended by 2025-26. The Board will be requested to approve the spending plan at the upcoming meeting.

Acting President Yu opened the public hearing at 8:37 p.m. received no comments and closed the public hearing at 8:38 p.m.

22. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

23. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

None.

24. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Motion made by: Katie McEwen

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes