



MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members

Paul Bokota, Board Member
Lauren Brooks, Board President
Cyril Yu, Board Clerk
Jeff Kim, Board Member
Katie McEwen, Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:
None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:46 p.m.

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

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

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

President Brooks 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 Bokota.

Members Present:

Paul Bokota
Lauren Brooks
Jeff Kim
Katie McEwen
Cyril Yu

Student Members Present:

Ida Ahola, Northwood High School
Mannat Bawa, Irvine High School
Madyson Chung-Lee, Portola High School
Elise Feuerborn, University High School
Shrinidi Sriram, Woodbridge 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
Raianna Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION

President Brooks reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt agenda, as presented.

Motion made by: Paul Bokota

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes
Lauren Brooks - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mateus Denny, Joshua Tendler, and Joey Tendler addressed the Board regarding the Pali Outdoor Education fieldtrip.
Speaking to the topic of Girls Flag Football:

Justin Schulman
Mark Thompson
Leah Schulman
Milan Heisdorf
Teagan Burnus
Jenni Burrul
Aidan Christie
Elaine Martino
Tracy Hertstein
Chris Cruz
1st and 2nd Grade Girls Broncos Players

Tiffany Craft addressed the Board regarding PTA Reflections and COVID-19.
Matthew Leeg and Michelle Leeg addressed the Board regarding Portola High School supervision and instructional minutes.
Arthur Gutierrez and Stella Ortega addressed the Board regarding robotics.

9. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Student Board Members Ida Ahola, Mannat Bawa, Madyson Chung-Lee, Elise Feuerborn, and Shrinidhi Sriram reported on school activities.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Walker provided an update on the annual IPSF Gala event, emphasizing its

significance as a reflection of the District's partnership with IPSF and an opportunity to raise awareness. He highlighted various trainings conducted by the Education Services and Human Resources departments, including customized sessions, instructional academies, on-demand trainings, CLA (Continuous Learning Academy), and induction support for new teachers, and he expressed pride in the work being done to support staff. Kelvin Okino, Executive Director of Facilities, and his team were recognized for their ongoing efforts related to Measure E and other facilities projects, with specific mention of the expansion plans for Portola High School and the construction of a new permanent classroom building. The recent weather challenges faced by the Outdoor Education program were acknowledged, emphasizing the priority placed on the safety of staff and students. Superintendent Walker commended the staff's dedication and hard work, with special recognition given to Stan Machesky for his effective leadership. The District expressed gratitude for the support received from parents, students, and staff, acknowledging the difficulties they have faced. Appreciation was extended for the partnership with Hemet USD in securing early morning buses and the collaboration with Pali staff, among others. In closing, he clarified that CIF has approved a girls flag football program, but details are still being finalized, and no official proposal has been presented to the Board. However, there is support at the school level.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 13.a. – 18.a.

Motion made by: Paul Bokota

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

13. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business Services

- a. Check Register Report
- b. Contract Services Action Report 2022-23/12
- c. Purchase Order Detail Report

14. CONSENT CALENDAR - Education Services

- a. Field Trips and Excursions
- b. Temporary Athletic Team Coach Certification 2022-23

15. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resources

- a. Certificated Personnel Action Report 2022-23/12
- b. Classified Personnel Action Report 2022-23/12

16. CONSENT CALENDAR - Information Technology

- a. Amend Master Contract for the Purchase of an English Learner Program Management System
- b. Exercise Option to Extend the Education Technology Joint Powers Authority (Ed Tech JPA) Master Contract for the Purchase of an Educational Intelligence and Analytics Solution
- c. Exercise Option to Extend the Education Technology Joint Powers Authority (Ed Tech JPA) Master Contract for the Purchase of an Identity Management Solution
- d. Increase Expenditure for California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract for the Purchase of Network and Security Products & Services

17. CONSENT CALENDAR - Special Education

- a. Special Education Reimbursement(s)
- b. Special Education Settlement Agreement(s)
- c. Special Education Master Contract(s)

18. CONSENT CALENDAR - Superintendent

- a. Conference Attendance

19. FACILITIES CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

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

Motion made by: Katie McEwen

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes
Lauren Brooks - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes

- a. Authorization for the Lease and Placement of Four (4) Relocatable Classroom Buildings – Jeffrey Trail Middle School
- b. Authorization for the Placement and Lease of two (2) Relocatable Classroom Buildings - Eastwood Elementary School
- c. Authorization for the Placement and Lease of two (2) Relocatable Classroom Buildings and one (1) Relocatable Restroom Building - El Camino Real Campus
- d. Construction Management Services for Portola High School – Relocatable Classroom Buildings 2023 and Classroom Building Expansion 2025
- e. Feasibility Study of Expansion - Oak Creek Elementary School
- f. Receive Bids/Award Contracts - Measure E Series 3 – New Performing Arts Complex at Irvine High School – Increment 2
- g. Review of Public Information Meeting Held for the Placement of Six (6) Storage Sheds – Creekside Education Center – North Campus

- h. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Augmented Funds to Accelerate Projects – Expansion Projects at Canyon View and Oak Creek Elementary Schools
- i. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Augmented Funds to Accelerate Projects – Expansion Projects at Deerfield Elementary School and Plaza Vista School
- j. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Series 3 Improvements – South Lake Middle School Modernization and Expansion Project
- k. Change Order Requests for the Solis Park School (Heritage Fields K-8 No. 03) Project
- l. Notices of Completion for the Measure E Augmented Funds to Accelerate Projects – Expansion Projects at Canyon View and Oak Creek Elementary Schools
- m. Notices of Completion for the Measure E Augmented Funds to Accelerate Projects – Expansion Projects at Deerfield Elementary School and Plaza Vista School
- n. Notice of Completion for the Measure E Series 3 Improvements – South Lake Middle School Modernization and Expansion Project
- o. Notices of Completion for the Solis Park School (Heritage Fields K-8 No. 03) Project

20. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:
None.

21. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- a. Proposed Additions to the Secondary Course of Study: Grades 7-12 for the 2023-24 School Year**

Approve the proposed additions to the Secondary Course of Study, Grades 7-12 for the 2023-24 school year.

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, Cassie Parham, provided an overview of the proposed additions to the secondary course of study, highlighting the addition of AVID courses and AP Precalculus, which will take the place of Honors Enhanced Math 3, and other courses based on student needs and the continued expansion of CTE pathways.

The Board and Student Board Members discussed and highlighted the various course offerings, including the Adult Education courses.

Motion made by: Katie McEwen

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

- Paul Bokota - Yes
- Lauren Brooks - Yes
- Cyril Yu - Yes
- Jeff Kim - Yes
- Katie McEwen - Yes

b. Resolution No. 22-23-21: Proclaiming the Board of Education's Dedication to College, Career, and Life Readiness for All Students - Roll Call

Adopt Resolution No. 22-23-21, proclaiming the Board of Education's dedication to college, career, and life readiness for all students, as revised.

Minutes:

Member Yu amended the eleventh paragraph to read, "Whereas, the Irvine Unified School District College and Career Department, in partnership with the Coastline Regional Occupational Program (ROP), provides students dynamic educational experiences which inspire students to achieve their goals - both in academics and careers - transforming student aspirations into reality and helping to build a pipeline of workforce talent for regional businesses through career technical education;"

The twelfth paragraph was amended to read, "Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Irvine Unified School District Board of Education does hereby proclaim its dedication to college, career and life readiness for all students through career and technical education programs and its commitment to inform and educate all students and families about the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in Irvine Unified School District and to encourage all students to participate in these programs to enhance individual skills and productivity."

Motion made by: Katie McEwen

Motion seconded by: Jeff Kim

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes
Lauren Brooks - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes
Jeff Kim - Yes
Katie McEwen - Yes

c. Second Interim Report of 2022-23 (AB1200, Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991)

Certify the Second Interim Report of 2022-23 as "Positive" based on information presented.

Minutes:

John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the 2022-23 Second Interim Report, which represents the District's second official revision to the final adopted budget. The report includes actual financial data through January 31, 2023, along with revised projections for the remainder of the fiscal year.

He began by acknowledging that the anticipated Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is lower than projected, which is not unique to IUSD. Resulting in a budget adjustment as the District's funded based on ADA. He provided an overview of the state economy and budget outlook for education, highlighting that state revenues are lower than projected, and there is significant inflation affecting interest rates and costs. State revenues have been reduced for 2022-23 and 2023-24, resulting in a proportional reduction in Proportion 98 funding. Currently, there are no mid-year cuts projected for school districts. However, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) projects a state revenue shortfall of \$5 billion for the current year, and California has extended the filing deadline for 2022 tax returns until mid-October due to extreme weather, resulting in uncertain revenues for the May Revise and final budget.

The 2022-23 Governor's budget includes funding the projected 8.13% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and most categorical programs, resulting in a year-over-year ongoing increase of approximately \$35.2 million for IUSD. However, the Governor is proposing a \$1.2 billion reduction in the one-time funded Arts and Music Discretionary Grant for the current year, representing an \$8 million cut for IUSD. After accounting for annual expenditure increases related to step and column, pension costs, and special education, approximately \$24.1 million in ongoing funding is expected to be available for allocation.

He emphasized ongoing challenges and considerations for school districts, including the disproportionate emphasis of the Local Control Funding Formula on districts with high concentrations of disadvantaged students, which IUSD is not, district-wide enrollment and attendance challenges, the volatility of state revenues, the impact of increasing pension costs, challenges associated with one-time funds, continual supply chain issues, and staffing challenges.

He reviewed the second interim multiyear assumptions, compared the first and second interim general fund unrestricted balances, and provided a financial outlook. Based on current projections, a positive certification is recommended, projecting that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two fiscal years.

Motion made by: Paul Bokota

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

d. Adoption of the IUSD Transportation Plan

Adopt the IUSD Transportation Plan, as submitted.

Minutes:

Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation, Joe Hoffman, presented the IUSD Transportation Plan. He began by expressing appreciation for the Transportation department staff, acknowledging that there was a period when not all bus routes were covered, but the transportation team stepped in to drive students as needed. He provided an overview of the transportation services offered by the District, highlighting nine general education routes and 167 special education routes, serving a total of 1,452 students. Additionally, supporting over 2,500 activities such as field trips and athletic events requiring transportation for students.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, John Fogarty, discussed the 2022-23 State budget and its implications for transportation funding. He mentioned that Proposition 98 is receiving \$637 million in ongoing funds for home-to-school transportation, marking the first increase in 10 years. Previously, IUSD received \$1.3 million from the State through the LCFF and local fees for transportation. With the state increase, IUSD is now receiving an additional \$2.3 million for transportation. However, the estimated transportation expenditures for 2022-23 amount to \$6.9

million, leaving the District responsible for funding the remaining underfunded amount of approximately \$3.3 million.

Changes to Education Code now require school districts to develop a plan, with input from stakeholders, that describes the transportation services offered to students, with a priority on low-income and TK-6 grade students. Special Education students receive transportation free of charge as specified in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) when they attend a school other than their school of residence for special programs or due to the severity of their disability.

The District provides nine home-to-school general education routes, with six routes serving Turtle Rock Elementary School and Rancho San Joaquin Middle School, which were grandfathered in. One route goes to Vista Verde School, and two routes serve Oak Creek Elementary, which were created due to safety concerns. The District subsidizes the cost of these routes, with parents paying approximately 30% of the cost. Low-income students, English learners, foster youth, and McKinney-Vento (homeless) students also receive free transportation services as needed, utilizing existing bus routes and individualized transportation when possible. Additionally, many students take advantage of the Orange County Transportation Authority's Youth Ride Free Program.

The IUSD Transportation Plan and survey were shared with the community, and more than 2,000 respondents participated, with 91.6% being parents. The survey results indicated that 82.6% of the respondents agreed with prioritizing transportation services for students in grades TK-6 who reside outside established transportation zones and students who face significant safety concerns. Moreover, 92.2% believed that transportation services should be accessible to students with disabilities and those who are homeless, while 86.8% agreed that transportation should be provided for free to eligible students, including those eligible for free or reduced-priced meals, English learners, foster youth, and homeless students. Currently, the District has 102 homeless students. Additionally, 92.5% of respondents agreed that it is important for the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to provide free bus passes for youth between the ages of 6 and 18. Furthermore, 74.5% expressed a preference for school buses to be zero or low-emission vehicles. Currently, the buses used by the District run on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), which has low emissions, but there are discussions about transitioning to electric buses.

In conclusion, the survey generated 566 comments, with themes focusing on additional transportation services/routes, increasing safe routes to school, coordinating school start and end times, addressing traffic congestion and parking concerns, and improving contracted transportation services. The comments about contracted transportation services stem from IUSD's contract with Durham, which used to cover 85% of the bus routes. However, due to staffing challenges, Durham is currently only able to cover 35% of the routes, resulting in other vendors stepping in and Durham covering the cost difference. Nevertheless, Durham is committed to having their entire driving workforce back by the start of the school year.

Member Yu suggested that staff review the survey comments to evaluate the plan going forward, particularly in serving specific communities and addressing the transportation needs of students in Title I schools. Additionally, he recommended engaging in discussions with OCTA regarding bus routes based on the feedback received.

Motion made by: Katie McEwen

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes

22. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

On behalf of the Board, President Brooks commended Superintendent Walker on his 25 years of service to the Irvine Unified School District.

23. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

None.

24. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Motion made by: Paul Bokota

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting:

Paul Bokota - Yes

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

Jeff Kim - Yes

Katie McEwen - Yes