

**Irvine Unified School District**  
*Irvine, California*

**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

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***Call to Order***

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President McInerney at 5:34 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California.

***Roll Call***

**Members Present:**

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Sue Kuwabara, Sharon Wallin, Carolyn McInerney

**Members Absent:**

Mike Parham (excused)

***Oral Communication***

None

***Closed Session***

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:36 p.m.

**Student Discipline Issues**

The Board discussed four student discipline issues.

**Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Goals & Objectives for 2007-08.

***Reconvene Regular Meeting***

President McInerney reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Kuwabara and was followed by a moment of silence.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Members Present:**

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Sue Kuwabara, Sharon Wallin, Carolyn McInerney

#### **Members Absent:**

Mike Parham (excused)

#### **Student Members Present:**

Claire Kim, Madison Murphy, Patricia Seoul, Anderson Shih

#### **Student Members Absent:**

Jacob Choi

#### **Staff:**

Gwen Gross, Superintendent of Schools  
Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services  
Terry Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

#### **Other Staff:**

Sheila Adams, Mary Bevernick, Janelle Cranch, Dennis Gibbs, Ian Hanigan,  
Barbara Kelley, Lynn Matassarini, Kris Moore, Barb Petro, Brad Van Patten

#### **Video Production Services:**

Mike McIntyre, Teleios Services

### **Closed Session Report**

President McInerney reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

#### **Student Discipline Issue**

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 608060026 through June 30, 2008.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-0, the Board

approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 990206 through January 26, 2009, with immediate suspension of the expulsion, allowing the student to return to school with probationary status.

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 160010058 through January 26, 2009, with immediate suspension of the expulsion, allowing the student to return to school with probationary status.

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 98266 through January 26, 2009, with immediate suspension of the expulsion, allowing the student to return to school with probationary status.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2008, as presented.

### ***Adoption of the Agenda***

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as revised:

Item Removed from Consent Calendar for Discussion and Separate Action:

Item 13e - *Approval of Individualized Transportation Services for Special Provisions*

### ***Special Presentations/Recognitions***

#### **Arts Advantage Committee**

Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Brad Van Patten, and IUSD committee members Ken Stone and Robin Lubitz, presented an overview of the County's Arts Advantage Program and reviewed the district's efforts to create a visual and performing arts strategic plan which will focus on curriculum and instruction, professional development, program support and facilities. Van Patten also introduced Jim Thomas, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator for the Orange County Department of Education and Helena Hannah, Director of Southern Counties for the California Arts Project who were in attendance.

#### **Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Program**

School Psychologist Barbara Kelley provided an overview of the Positive Behavior Interventions

and Support Program (PBIS), currently being practiced at 13 Irvine schools. By modeling proper conduct and a shared vision unique to the culture of each school, the program has resulted in higher student attendance rates and fewer disciplinary issues on all 13 campuses. The Board expressed support to expand the program to all Irvine schools which are interested.

### ***Oral Communication***

None

### ***Student Board Member Reports***

Student Members Shih, Kim, Seoul and Murphy reported on school activities.

### ***Superintendent's Report***

Superintendent Gross reviewed the updated Budget Calendar and reported on current district activities, awards and recognitions.

Congratulations were extended to 2008 Teachers of the Year:

- ▶ Beth Higgins, Canyon View
- ▶ Lynn Kaminsky, South Lake
- ▶ Joan Malkin, Woodbridge H.S.

and 2008 Teachers of Promise:

- ▶ Jessica Cox, Santiago Hills
- ▶ Pete Alix, University H.S.
- ▶ Terence Ngo, Bonita Canyon
- ▶ Terri Fisher, Northwood H.S.

### ***Announcements and Acknowledgments***

Members Huntley-Fenner, Wallin, Kuwbara and McInerney reported on school visits, conference attendance and meeting participation.

### ***Consent Calendar***

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the amended Consent Calendar:

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1. **Payment for Nonpublic School/Agency Services for Special Education Students**  
Approved the individual pupil service contract(s) for disabled student(s) negotiated between the Irvine Unified School District and State Certified Nonpublic Schools/Agencies.
  2. **Contract for Special Education Related Services**  
Authorized payment for special education related services in an amount not to exceed \$3,605.00.
  3. **Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)**  
Authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$1,922.00 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement(s).
  4. **Check Register Report**  
Ratified issuance of check numbers as listed, representing Board authorized purchase orders, invoices and contracts:
    - District 75, Irvine Unified School District - Numbers 00116829 through 00117322
    - District 50, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00001322 through 00001328
    - District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00003682 through 00003692
    - Revolving Cash - Numbers 29961 through 29994
  5. **Contract Services Action Report**  
*(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)*  
Approved and/or ratified the Contract Services Action Report 2007-08/11, as submitted.
  6. **Authorization to Assist Planning and Implementation Placement of Marquee at Woodbury Elementary School**  
Authorized staff to assist Woodbury Elementary School PTA with the proposed placement of non-electronic marquee subject to compliance with the requirements and time lines identified by District staff and to be fully funded by Woodbury Elementary School PTA.
  7. **Classified Personnel Action Report**  
*(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)*  
Approved and/or ratified the Classified Personnel Action Report 2007-08/11, as submitted for Employment, Separation and Retirement.
  8. **Certificated Personnel Action Report**  
*(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)*  
Approved and/or ratified the Certificated Personnel Action Report 2007-08/11, as submitted for Employment.

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9. **Conference Attendance**

Ratified out-of-state conference attendance for Linda O'Neal to Baltimore, Maryland on February 29 – March 5, 2008 for \$1,208.99.

10. **Field Trips and Excursions**

Approved the following field trips funded by donations:

- 1) Irvine High School physics students to Buena Park, California on March 6, 2008 for \$3,630.00;
- 2) College Park 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to Oak Glen, California on April 3, 2008 for \$1,400.00;
- 3) Woodbridge High School football team participants to Catalina Island, California on July 24-27, 2008 for \$5,000.00.

***Items Removed from Consent Calendars***

**Approval of Individualized Transportation Services for Special Provisions**

Member Huntley-Fenner requested clarification regarding transportation requirements for special needs students.

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board authorized the Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, to enter into an agreement with American Logistics, Inc. effective July 1, 2008.

***Items of Business***

*(Written reports were included with the agenda and are on file in the District Office.)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-25: Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services and Release of Temporary Certificated Employees (Education Code Sections 44949, 44954 and 44955)**

Assistant Superintendent Terry Walker reviewed the requirements and process for reduction in certificated services based on insufficient revenue to maintain current levels of programs and reiterated that the action did not represent any final decision regarding specific program cuts or staffing allocations for 2008-09. The Board expressed distress over the required action and requested staff to obtain clarification from legal counsel regarding the specific wording in section #4 of the final statement in the resolution.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-08-25, to release temporary certificated employees, as identified, in order to effectuate the reduction in particular kinds of service.

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AYES: Members Huntley-Fenner, Kuwabara, Wallin, McInerney  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Member Parham

**Second Interim Report of 2007-08 (AB1200, Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991)**

Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros provided an overview of the Second Interim Report certifying the District's ability to meet its multi-year financial commitments. Medeiros reported a projected \$12.5 million shortfall for 2008-09, based on the Governor's proposed budget.

The Board discussed various strategies to address the deficit including a current year budget freeze, the possible use of reserve funds, a need for flexibility within restricted accounts, and the continuing impacts of the chronic federal underfunding for Special Education.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, the Board certified the Second Interim Report of 2007-08 as "Positive" and based on information presented, that the District is able to meet its multi-year financial obligations.

**2008 Marian Bergeson Award**

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-0, the Board nominated IUSD Board Member Sharon Wallin as a candidate for the Orange County School Boards Association Marian Bergeson Award for 2008.

***Oral Communication***

None

***Adjournment***

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney  
Board President

Gwen E. Gross, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools