

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President McInerney at 5:05 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Oral Communication

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:07 pm.

Student Discipline Issues

The Board discussed two student discipline issues.

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

The Board discussed potential employee release.

Community Forum: Budget Reductions/Adjustments 2008-09

The Board adjourned to the Community Forum at 6:05 p.m.

President McInerney welcomed those present and reviewed the suggested process and protocol for the forum. Superintendent Gross provided an overview of the District's actions to date in

response to the Governor's proposed budget last January, projected to result in a \$12.5 million shortfall for IUSD. Deputy Superintendent Medeiros presented a fiscal overview including general fund multi-year projections, recommended budget reductions, and impacts of the proposed increase in class size 4-12.

Speaking to the topic:

Mary Thomas-Vallens
Linda Morrison
Patrick Lee
Sandra Henley
Kim Axene
Steffanie Early
Amy Tingindes
Robyn Andrew
Wendy Bokota
Kay Bradley

Staff provided rationale for the need to make the cuts now in order to provide site principals as much time as possible to adjust plans accordingly and minimize negative impacts to the instructional program.

Adjournment

President McNerney adjourned the Community Forum at 7:45 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President McNerney reconvened the regular meeting at 7:50 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, Mike Parham, Sharon Wallin, Carolyn McNerney

Members Absent:

None

Student Members Present:

Jacob Choi, Claire Kim, Madison Murphy, Anderson Shih

Student Members Absent:

None

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:

Mary Bevernick, Monica Colunga, Janelle Cranch, Yvonne Dina, Dennis Gibbs, Ian Hanigan,
Erica Hoegh, Joe Hoffman, Lisa Howell, Lloyd Linton, Paul Mills, Kris Moore, Tom Nelson,
Marcia Noonan, John Pehrson, Barb Petro, Leslie Roach, Mark Sontag, Rena Thompson

Video Production Services:

Mike McIntyre, Teleios Services

Closed Session Report

President McInerney reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

Student Discipline Issues

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 191060255 through January 23, 2009.

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 975429 through April 15, 2009, with suspension of the expulsion at the start of the 2008-09 school year, allowing the student to return to school with probationary status.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2008, as presented.

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as amended:

- REVISE Item 13k - *Contract Services Action Report*
- REVISE Item 13s - *Field Trips and Excursions*
- REVISE Item 16c - *Athletic Transportation Fee Increase*

Items Removed from Consent Calendars for Discussion and Separate Action:

- Item 13c - *Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)*
- Item 15g - *Receive Bids/Award Contract Bid Categories No. 02-1, 02-2 and 15-1 Stonegate Elementary School*

Special Presentations/Recognitions

Young Masters Art Show Winner - Clara Baik - Grade 6, Deerfield Elementary School

Meg Lloyd, Past President, Assistance League of Irvine, introduced Deerfield Elementary 6th grader Clara Baik, whose artwork was selected for the program cover for this year's Young Master's Art Show. Lloyd announced that the Young Master's art gallery would be on display for two weeks at City Hall, beginning May 3.

Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) Update

IPSF Board Chair Lita Robinow introduced new Chief Executive Officer Jerry Mandel, who reported on plans for the coming year, including a renewed focus on fund raising to lower class sizes.

Oral Communication

Gil Nelsen addressed the Board regarding physical education grading policies.

Janelle Cranch, CSEA President, reported on upcoming Classified Employee Week activities and invited the Board to participate in the ACE Program (Appreciating Classified Employees) on May 20, where administrators, board members, and others will shadow classified employees during a regular work day.

Student Board Member Reports

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gross reported on current district activities, awards and recognitions including California PTA Scholarship recipients, Kimberly Okuda and Stephen Strenk, and O.C. History Day award winners from Lakeside Middle School.

Announcements and Acknowledgments

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

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the amended Consent Calendar:

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 \$11,390.00.
3. **Quarterly Report on Complaints Pursuant to Ed. Code 35186(d)**
For information.
4. **Grant Proposal: Early Mental Health Initiative K–3 Elementary Guidance Assistant Program**
Approved the submission of the Guidance Resources 2008-2011 Early Mental Health Initiative grant proposal to the California State Department of Mental Health, for the purpose of providing K-3 students and parents with activities to assist in healthy school adjustment and enhanced mental health at Turtle Rock, Deerfield, Santiago Hills and Culverdale schools.
5. **Extension to the Grant Agreement with Orange County Children and Families Commission to Maintain School Readiness Services, 2008-09**
Approved the contract extension with the Orange County Children and Families

Commission (2008-2009) for the purpose of promoting school readiness services and programs in Irvine to children age 0-5 and their families who are at risk for school failure.

6. **Grant Proposal: Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) Act**
Approved the submission of the 2008 Guidance Resources STOP Act grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention for the purpose of reducing underage drinking among IUSD students in grades 7-12.
7. **Grant Proposal: Building Healthy Teen Relationships**
Approved the submission of the Guidance Resources 2008-2012 proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, for the purpose of providing comprehensive teen relationship skill-building at all seven district middle schools.
8. **Purchase Order Detail Report**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated March 27, 2008.
9. **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 00117689 through 00118451
 - District 50, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00001333 through 00001336
 - District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00003700 through 00003712
 - District 41, Irvine Child Care Project - Numbers 00002198 through 00002206
 - Revolving Cash - Numbers 30058 through 30124
10. **Placement of One (1) Tuff Shed at Venado Middle School**
Approved the placement of One (1) Tuff Shed to be fully funded by Venado Middle School.
11. **Placement of One (1) Non-Electronic Marquee at Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved the placement of the One (1) Non-Electronic Marquee to be fully funded by the Woodbury Elementary School PTA.
12. **Placement of One (1) Tuff Shed at College Park Elementary School**
Approved the placement of the One (1) Tuff Shed to be fully funded by the College Park Elementary School PTA.
13. **Authorization to Assist Planning and Implementation – Two (2) Shade Structures – Northwood Elementary School**

Authorized staff to assist the Northwood Elementary School PTA with the proposed Two (2) Shade Structures, subject to compliance with the requirements and time lines identified by District staff.

14. **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 2007-08/13, as submitted for Employment and Separation.
15. **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 2007-08/13, as submitted for Employment and Retirement.
16. **Gifts**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Accepted gifts to the District, as listed.

Consent Calendar Resolution

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-31: Signature Authorization and Submission of the 2008-2009 Career Technical Education Application for Funding under the Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006

Adopted Resolution No. 07-08-31 for signature authorization and approved the submission of the 2008-09 Career Technical Education Application for Funding, sections 131,132 and 112 funds, to the California Department of Education, under the provisions of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Action of 2006 (Perkins IV), sections 131,132 and 112, for Irvine, Northwood, Creekside, University, and Woodbridge High Schools.

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

CFD Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District Nos. 86-1, 04-2, and 07-1, took the following action on the CFD Consent Calendar:

1. **Authorization to Purchase Six (6) Replacement Relocatable Classrooms at Santiago Hills Elementary School**
Authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to enter into a contract with Silver Creek Industries, Inc., to purchase six (6) relocatable classrooms for a fee of \$260,568.00, per the terms and conditions of the San Gabriel Unified School District piggyback bid provisions.
2. **Change Order No. 3 – Bid Category No. 21–Fire Protection – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 3 in the deductive amount of <\$7,684.00> to JG Tate Fire Protection Systems, Inc., Bid Category No. 21 – Fire Protection, at the Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$408,988.00. No change to the completion date.
3. **Change Order No. 2 – Bid Category No. 14–Drywall – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$52,890.00 to Insul Acoustics, Inc., Bid Category No. 14 – Drywall, at the Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$2,281,361.00. No change to the completion date.
4. **Change Order No. 1 – Bid Category No. 12–Glass, Glazing and Hardware – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 1 in the deductive amount of <\$11,100.00> to T.R. Mulligan, Inc., Bid Category No. 12 – Glass, Glazing and Hardware, at the Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised amount to be \$647,900.00. No change to the completion date.
5. **Change Order No. 3 – Bid Category No. 5–Landscape and Irrigation – Woodbury Elementary**
Approved Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$7,903.00 to Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., Bid Categories No. 5 – Landscape and Irrigation, at the Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$599,129.00. No change to the completion date.
6. **Notice of Completion – Bid Category No. 5–Landscape and Irrigation – Woodbury Elementary School**
Accepted the Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc., - Bid Category No. 5 – Landscape and Irrigation project at Woodbury Elementary School as complete and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.

Items Removed From Consent Calendars

Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreements

Member Parham suggested the use of mediators during settlement negotiations to reduce excessive attorney fees.

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$151,675.00 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreements.

Contract Services Action Report

(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board approved and/or ratified the Contract Services Action Report 2007-08/13, as revised.

Field Trips and Excursions

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board approved the following field trips funded by donations:

- 1) Bonita Canyon Elementary 5th grade students to Oak Glen, California on April 17, 2008 for \$2,415.00;
- 2) Irvine High School boys tennis team members to Ojai, California on April 23-25, 2008 for \$140.00;
- 3) Woodbridge High School Marine Science students to San Diego, California on May 2, 2008 for \$2,700.00;
- 4) Northwood High School basketball team members to San Diego, California on July 11-13, 2008 for \$1,400.00;
- 5) Northwood High School pep squad members to Aliso Viejo, California on July 31-August 3, 2008 for \$25,350.00;
- 6) University High School cross country team to Yosemite, California on August 19-23, 2008 for \$7,000;
- 7) Woodbridge High School boys water polo team members to San Luis Obispo, California on October 2-4, 2008 for \$1,200.00;
- 8) University High School Inauguration Club to Washington, D.C. on January 16-21, 2009 for \$86,850.00.

Receive Bids/Award Contract Bid Categories No. 02-1, 02-2 and 15-1 Stonegate Elementary School

Member Wallin asked if it might be beneficial to delay the bid process in order to obtain more attractive bids. Deputy Superintendent Medeiros advised the bids were competitive and could not be delayed based on a 2009 opening.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for each bid category as listed in the board report for the Stonegate Elementary School project.

Items of Business

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

Budget Reductions/Adjustments 2008-09

Following the comprehensive discussion and input at the Community Forum prior to the regular meeting, Deputy Superintendent Medeiros again provided a brief fiscal overview and historical background.

Board members presented their individual perspectives and discussed specific impacts of the proposed cuts, the need to carefully weigh program benefits against cost savings, and a continuing desire to make cuts as far away from the classroom as possible. The Board also discussed other revenue enhancement strategies and options, and the need to address future shortfalls, especially in light of the fact that over \$6 million of the cuts are one-time savings.

Member Wallin proposed delaying the cuts until after the Governor's May Revise, to which staff provided rationale for making the cuts now.

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board approved the recommended 2008-09 Budget Reductions/Adjustments, with the exception of Item 5b - Science (to be funded by one-time funds from the Irvine Ranch Water District reserve account) in order to meet the Irvine Unified School District's fiscal obligation delineated in the 2007-08 Second Interim Report.

Transportation Fee Increase

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board authorized staff to increase the Transportation Fee, as presented, effective for the 2008-09 school year.

Athletic Transportation Fee Increase

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board authorized staff to increase the Athletic Transportation fee to \$245 per student athlete and to \$125 per student performer, effective for the 2008-09 school year.

Civic Center Act Fee Increase

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board authorized staff to increase the Civic Center Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-32: Giving Notice of Intent to Grant Easement to Southern California Edison Company

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-08-32 giving notice of intent to grant an easement and right-of-way to Southern California Edison Company in order to provide electrical service to the IRWD Cienega Filtration Project adjacent to Creekside Education Center, and set the board meeting date of May 6, 2008, for the required Public Hearing.

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

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney
Board President

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