

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 28, 2007

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Parham at 4:45 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Oral Communication

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:47 p.m.

Student Discipline Issue

The Board discussed one student discipline issue.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Superintendent

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, the Board approved a contract extension for Superintendent Gwen E. Gross effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Public Employment - Executive Director

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board approved a contract for Executive Director Cara Bergen, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

The Board discussed real property negotiations and provided direction to staff.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President Parham reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Staff:

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

Other Staff:

Cara Bergen, Rhonda DeVaux, Dennis Gibbs, Erica Hoegh, Lloyd Linton, Nancy Melgares,
Kris Moore, Cassie Parham, Tammera Parham, Barb Petro, Mark Sontag, Rena Thompson,
Anne Trefz, Brad Van Patten

Video Production Services:

Mike McIntyre, Teleios Services

Closed Session Report

President Parham reported on the discussion and action in Closed Session.

Student Discipline Issue

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 957767 through January 28, 2008.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board approved the following Minutes as presented:

May 1, 2007 Regular Meeting
May 15, 2007 Regular Meeting

Adoption of the Agenda

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

REVISE *Item 14a - Receive Bids/Award Contract University High School New Classroom Building and Special Education Facility Project*

Items Removed from Consent Calendars for Discussion and Separate Action:

Item 13d - Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)

Item 13e - Purchase Order Detail Report

Item 13g - Contract Services Action Report

Item 13o - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - West Coast Center for Educational Excellence (WCCEE)

Item 14a - Receive Bids/Award Contract UHS New Classroom Building and Special Education Facility Project

Special Presentations/Recognitions

Response to Instruction (R t I)

Executive Director Cara Bergen, Curriculum Coordinator Mark Sontag, and Principal Tammera Parham provided an overview of the Response to Instruction program including the genesis of the program as mandated by IDEA, core principles, and district level support and evaluation systems.

Irvine Public Schools Foundation - International Walk to School Day

Chief Executive Officer Tim Shaw reported on plans for International Walk to School Day on October 3, which will also serve as the kick-off of IPSF's annual fund raising campaign.

Oral Communication

Speaking to the topic of the proposed Stadium Project at University High School:

Steve Sutherlen
Ron Fernandez
Don McCrea

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gross expressed appreciation to the Maintenance & Operations and Grounds staffs for their phenomenal accomplishments over the summer in getting schools ready for the new year. Gross also provided an update on staffing and reported on the Secondary Writing Project, Ready Fit Go health expo, as well as plans for the inaugural use of the new Yale Loop Conference Center. Assistant Superintendent Cassie Parham reported on athletic safety practices in light of recent student tragedies in Orange County.

Announcements and Acknowledgments

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

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, 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. Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education**
Authorized payment to the Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education for 2007-08 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

3. **Contract for Special Education Related Services**
Authorized payment for special education related services in an amount not to exceed \$14,545.97.
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 00109182 through 00110457
 - District 50, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00001276 through 00001285
 - District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00003554 through 00003584
 - District 41, Irvine Child Care Project - Numbers 00002125 through 00002141
 - Revolving Cash - Numbers 29144 through 29240
5. **Piggy Back Authorization – Computers and Related Products**
Authorized the purchase of Computer Systems, Peripherals, Accessories, Software and Integration Options from the California Participating Addendum to the Western States Contracting Alliance known as DGS/NASPO.
6. **Notice of Completion – Asphalt Project – Culverdale Elementary School**
Authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to accept the asphalt project at Culverdale Elementary School as complete and authorized filing a Notice of Completion with the Office of the County Recorder.
7. **Disposal of Surplus/Discarded Equipment**
Authorized disposal of surplus/discarded equipment by the most efficient means in compliance with the provisions of the California Education Code and IUSD Board Policy.
8. **Approval to Obtain California Department of Education CDS Codes for Three (3) New Schools**
Approved the formation of Irvine Adult Transition Program, Early Childhood Learning Center and Irvine Unified School District - Other Special Programs, and established the schools in order to apply to CDE for a CDS school code for each school.
9. **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 2007-08/02, as submitted for Employment, Resignation, Retirement and Separation.
10. **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 2007-08/02, as submitted for Employment, Leaves of Absence, Retirement and Resignations.

11. **Emergency Permit Requirement – Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**
Adopted the "Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators" authorizing the employment of teachers holding emergency permits for the 2007-2008 school year.
12. **Gifts**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Accepted gifts to the District, as listed.
13. **Conference Attendance**
Approved out-of-state conference attendance for Beth Andrews to Minneapolis, Minnesota on November 7–11, 2007 for \$2,335.00.
14. **Field Trips and Excursions**
Approved and/or ratified the following field trips funded by donations –
 - 1) NHS ladies golf team to Palm Springs, California, on August 21-23, 2007 for \$2,500.00;
 - 2) NHS boys varsity water polo to Palo Alto, California, on October 18-20, 2007 for \$7,000.00.

CFD Consent Calendar

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

1. **Change Order No. 1 – Bid Category No. 21 - Fire Protection – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 1 in the deductive amount of <\$1,971.00> 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 \$425,729.00. No change to the completion date.
2. **Change Order No. 1 - Bid Category No. 18 - Specialties – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 1 in the deductive amount of <\$1,067.00> to Inland Acoustics, Inc., Bid Category No. 18 - Specialties, at the Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$376,933.00. No change to the completion date.

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3. **Change Order No. 2 – Bid Category No. 10 - Casework – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$1,157.00 to Stolo Cabinets, Inc., Bid Category No. 10 - Casework, at the Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$421,910.00. No change to the completion date.
 4. **Change Order No. 2 – Bid Category No. 15 - Tile – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$995.00 to R & S Flooring, Bid Category No. 15 - Tile, at the Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$353,081.00. No change to the completion date.
 5. **Change Order No. 3 – Bid Category No. 9 - Rough Carpentry – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$7,047.00 to Rocky Coast Framers, Inc., Bid Category No. 9 - Rough Carpentry, at the Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$2,326,776.00. No change to the completion date.
 6. **Change Order No. 4 – Bid Category No. 24 - Electrical – Woodbury Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 4 in the deductive amount of <\$3,329.00> to Gilbert and Stearns, Inc., Bid Category No. 24 - Electrical, at Woodbury Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$2,345,869.00. No change to the completion date.

Items Removed From Consent Calendars

Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)

Member Parham requested and received clarification regarding specific terms of the settlement.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement(s).

Purchase Order Detail Report

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

Member Parham requested and received clarification regarding payments for legal services.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board approved:

- 1) Purchase Order Detail Report dated August 16, 2007 (for the period June 30, 2007) for the year ending June 30, 2007
- 2) Purchase Order Detail Report dated August 16, 2007 for the period July 1, 2007 to August 15, 2007.

Contract Services Action Report

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

Member Wallin expressed appreciation to Superintendent Gross for renegotiating the contract with Blattner and Associates and the Board expressed a desire to explore ways to better utilize those services.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, the Board approved and/or ratified the Contract Services Action Report 2007-08/02, as submitted.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - West Coast Center for Educational Excellence (WCCEE)

Per Member Huntley-Fenner's request, Superintendent Gross provided additional background information regarding the agreement.

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 5-0, the Board approved the MOU with the West Coast Center for Educational Excellence (WCCEE) as defined.

Receive Bids/Award Contract University High School New Classroom Building and Special Education Facility Project

Deputy Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the list of lowest qualified bidders and bid amounts in each bid category, and provided background relative to the recommendation to reject all bids in Category #07-1.

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of the Community Facilities District No. 86-1, rejected all bids in Category #07-1 and 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 University High School New Classroom and Special Education Facility project.

Items of Business

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

Transition to K-5, 6-8 Grade Configuration

Superintendent Gross provided an historic overview of the K-5, 6-8 grade level configuration initiative, including intensive research and data gathering spanning over a three year period, and summarized the changes in conditions leading to the staff recommendation being presented for the Board's consideration.

Board members expressed sincere gratitude to the comprehensive group of stakeholders involved in this effort and expressed confidence in the value of the research in guiding curricular planning

at the middle school level moving forward.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board took action to:

- 1) Discontinue plans related to the 6-8 grade shift and retain the current K-6, 7-8 grade level configuration.
- 2) Develop a plan to address curricular issues.
- 3) Thank the parents, teachers, and administrative staff members who have participated in this initiative.

Food Services - Recent Nutritional Legislation

Food Services Director Rhonda DeVaux reviewed recent changes in nutritional legislation (SB12 and AB965) and impacts on the IUSD Food Services program.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-09: Adopting the GANN Appropriations Limit

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 5-0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-08-09 and declared that the appropriations in the budget for 2007-08 do not exceed the limitations imposed by Proposition 4.

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

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Mike Parham
Board President

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