

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 18, 2008

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President McInerney at 5:46 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 5:48 p.m.

Student Discipline Issue

The Board discussed two student discipline issues.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

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

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President McInerney reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by President

McInerney and was followed by a moment of silence in memory of:

- ▶ Former San Joaquin School District Superintendent, Ralph Gates, who passed away on October 27 at the age of 98
- ▶ 32 year IUSD employee, Shirley Mason, who passed away on October 22
- ▶ 2004 WHS graduate, Frances Chang, who passed away November 10
- ▶ IUSD founding father, Jerry Rayl, who passed away November 13

Roll Call

Members Present:

Sue Kuwabara, Mike Parham, Sharon Wallin, Carolyn McInerney

Members Absent:

Gavin Huntley-Fenner (excused)

Student Members Present:

Patrick Chew, Alaina Judd, Eduardo Mier y Teran, Riann Simmons

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, Linda Davis, Jeanie Fritzsche, Ian Hanigan,
Kerri Hitchcock, Lisa Howell, Kathy McKeown, Barb Petro, Lauren Sipelis, Mark Sontag,
Brad Van Patten, Jason Vioria

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 Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 191043311 through the end of the 2008-09 school year, with immediate suspension of the expulsion allowing the student to return with probationary status.

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 170990119 through the end of the 2008-09 school year, with immediate suspension of the expulsion allowing the student to return with probationary status.

Appointment of Acting Clerk

President McInerney appointed Member Wallin to serve as Acting Clerk.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board approved the following Minutes, as presented.

October 7, 2008 Regular Meeting
October 21, 2008 Regular Meeting

Adoption of the Agenda

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

REVISE Item 3a - *Student Discipline Issues* (1 case removed by staff)

REORDER Item 16a - *CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominations 2009 (Region 15)* and
16b - *First Interim Report of 2008-09 (AB 1200, Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991)*

Items Removed from Consent Calendars for Discussion and Separate Action:

14d - *Special Education Community Advisory Committee (SECAC) New Members*

14g - *Memorandum of Understanding with Newport-Mesa Unified School District for Providing Special Education Programs and Services for Individuals with Special Needs*

Special Presentations/Recognitions

IPSF Walk to School Day

Debbie Rugani, Vice President, IPSF Community Initiatives and Programs, provided a visual overview of the Walk to School Day event held on October 15, and expressed appreciation to all who participated in the effort.

President Lita Robinow reported on the kick-off of IPSF's Annual Fund Raising Campaign, encouraging all to support the cause.

The Irvine Company - Excellence in Education Enrichment Fund

Fine Arts Coordinator Brad Van Patten introduced Art Specialists Colleen Cosgrove, Martha Faghani and Linda Kayiran, who reported on the positive impacts of The Irvine Company's Excellence in Education Enrichment fund. Bonita Canyon second grader, Joann Kwak, shared her art work and Turtle Rock sixth grader, Nicholas Wu, performed a moving cello solo.

Curriculum Coordinator Mark Sontag provided a Powerpoint presentation highlighting hands-on science instruction across the district, made possible in part by the fund.

Robin Leftwich, Vice President, Community Affairs, presented a check for \$2 million, the third installment of the ten year \$20 million grant.

Carlston Family Foundation - Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award

Lori Bechok, Woodbridge High School

Carlston Family Foundation representative Tim Allen reported on the genesis of the Outstanding Teacher of America award, which recognizes exemplary high school teachers, who are nominated by a former student for the significant impact they have had in their lives. WHS teacher Lori Sase Bechok was introduced as this year's recipient, including a \$15,000 personal award and a \$5,000 award for Woodbridge High School.

Oral Communication

Speaking in support of a pool at Woodbridge High School:

Brent Lettington
Chris Crosson

Speaking in support of the Deerfield Modernization Project:

Monica VanVorst
Farrah Khan
Michelle Palmer
Kimberly Hoxie
Heather Wall

Student Board Member Reports

Student Members Chew, Judd, Mier y Teran and Simmons reported on school activities.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gross expressed congratulations to South Lake math teacher Maureen Leong, nominated for Educator of the Year by the California League of Middle Schools, and Northwood HS student Peter Bryan Changala, a finalist in the 2008 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology. She reported that artwork from Creekside HS students would be displayed at the Laguna Art Museum for the next several months and encouraged all to drop by. Draft EIR timelines for the University HS Stadium Project were announced. Assistant Superintendent Parham reported on the Middle School Youth Conference held on November 14, and expressed appreciation to South Lake Counselor Lynn Kaminsky for her vision and leadership in helping to facilitate the annual event.

Announcements and Acknowledgments

Members Parham, Kuwabara and Wallin reported on school visits, conference attendance, and meeting participation.

School Program/Curriculum Update

Irvine High School

Following a brief video providing a glimpse of life at Irvine High School, Principal Monica Colunga introduced student leaders Alex Gilman, Jennifer Nam, Jennifer Walker, and Matt Hoffer. Among the programs highlighted by the students were the Student Forum, designed to assist students with the transition from middle to high school, and Students for Social Responsibility (SSR), which focuses on local, national and international causes.

(Student board members were excused from the meeting.)

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 4-0, 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. **Contract for Special Education Related Services**
Authorized payment for special education related services in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
3. **Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)**
Authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$16,800.00 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement(s).
4. **Participation in Catalina Island Marine Institute**
Authorized the Deputy Superintendent, Business Services to enter into contracts with Catalina Island Marine Institute on behalf of Eastshore (6th grade) and Turtle Rock (5th grade) for the 2008-2009 school year.
5. **Orange County Department of Education Inside the Outdoors Field Program**
Approved participation for the following schools in Inside the Outdoors Field Program with the Orange County Department of Education for the 2008-2009 school year:
University Park, Canyon View, Stone Creek.
6. **Purchase Order Detail Report**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated November 6, 2008.
7. **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 00124286 through 00125336
District 50, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00001364 through 00001368
District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00003820 through 00003832
District 41, Irvine Child Care Project - Numbers 00002263 through 00002272
Revolving Cash - Numbers 30705 through 30854
8. **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 2008-09/6, as submitted.
9. **Notice of Completion – Roof Project – Irvine High School**
Authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to accept the roofing project

at Irvine High School as complete and authorized filing a Notice of Completion with the Office of the County Recorder.

10. **Application to File Late Claim - #1-2008**
Approved the application to file a late claim.
11. **Renewal of License Agreement – Operations of Wireless Communications Facility – with American Tower at Irvine High School**
Authorized staff to renew license agreement – operations of wireless communications facility – with American Tower at Irvine High School.
12. **Authorization to Purchase Six (6) State Relocatable Classrooms**
Authorized the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services to enter into a contract with the State Allocation Board to purchase six (6) State Relocatable Classrooms.
13. **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 2008-09/06, as submitted for Employment and Retirements.
14. **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 2008-09/06, as submitted for Employment.
15. **Gifts**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Accepted gifts to the District, as listed.
16. **Conference Attendance**
Ratified out-of-state conference attendance for Stuart Payne and Connie Fritsch to Washington, D.C. on October 19-22, 2008 for \$2,112.15.
17. **Field Trips and Excursions**
Recommendation: Approved and/or ratified the following field trips funded by donations—
 - 1) Santiago Hills 2nd grade students to Trabuco Canyon, California, on October 30 for \$1,406.00 (*correction to field trip approved on 10/21/08*);
 - 2) College Park 4th grade students to San Juan Capistrano, California, on November 13, 2008 for \$2,000.00;
 - 3) Westpark 3rd grade students to Newport Beach, California, on November 19, 2008 for \$1,564.00;
 - 4) Woodbridge High School art and ceramic students to Newport Beach and Laguna Beach, California, on December 3, 2008 for \$685.00;

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- 5) Irvine High School girls waterpolo team to San Diego, California, on January 23-24, 2009 for \$800.00;
 - 6) Irvine High School Treble Chorus students to Yucaipa, California, on February 6-8, 2009 for \$7,000.00;
 - 7) Oak Creek 5th grade students to Oak Glen, California, on March 23, 1009 for \$3,675.00;
 - 8) Irvine High School Choral Music students to New York City, New York, on April 16-20, 2009 for \$96,000.00;
 - 9) College Park 1st grade students to Dana Point, California, on April 21, 2009 for \$1,200.07;
 - 10) College Park 1st grade students to Dana Point, California, on April 22, 2009 for \$1,200.07;
 - 11) College Park 1st grade students to Dana Point, California, on April 23, 2009 for \$1,200.07;
 - 12) Turtle Rock 4th grade students to Anaheim, California, on June 2, 2009 for \$2,232.00;
 - 13) Turtle Rock 4th grade students to Anaheim, California, on June 9, 2009 for \$2,232.00;
 - 14) University Park 6th grade students to Irvine, California, on June 17 for \$2,300.00.

CFD Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No. 86-1, took the following action on the CFD Consent Calendar:

1. **Change Order No. 1 – Group III Modernization – Northwood Elementary School**
Approved Change Order No. 1 in the deductive amount of <\$57,665.00> to Construct 1 One Corporation, at the Group III Modernization, Northwood Elementary School project. The revised contract amount to be \$3,259,308.00. No change to the completion date.
2. **Notice of Completion – Group III Modernization – Northwood Elementary School**
Accepted Construct 1 One Corporation, at the Group III Modernization, Northwood Elementary School project, as complete and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.

Items Removed From Consent Calendars

Special Education Community Advisory Committee (SECAC) New Members

Member Kuwabara requested clarification regarding the membership list, expressing concern that all members were new. Special Ed Director Mary Bevernick advised that continuing members

were not included on the list.

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board approved the new members of the SECAC for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years.

Memorandum of Understanding with Newport-Mesa Unified School District for Providing Special Education Programs and Services for Individuals with Special Needs

Member Kuwabara requested additional information about the Newport-Mesa program. Director Bevernick advised that it is a regionalized program targeted toward students with colloquial implants.

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Parham and carried 4-0, the Board approved the 2008-2009 school year agreement with Newport-Mesa Unified School District for providing special education programs and services for individuals with exceptional needs who are the responsibility of the Irvine Unified School District.

Items of Business

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

First Interim Report of 2008-09 (AB 1200, Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991)

Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros and Fiscal Director Lisa Howell presented the First Interim Report. They reviewed the financial reporting sequence, budget assumptions/projections, and potential impacts of the state budget crisis, including the Governor's mid-year cut proposal.

Superintendent Gross outlined a budget communication plan for all constituents and advised that budget reduction decisions would need to be made in January.

The Board discussed the need to communicate a "pay it forward" strategy to stimulate donations to IPSF, explore all revenue enhancement opportunities, and continue to press legislators to provide flexibility. The Board discussed the challenges of instituting a multi-year freeze and the impacts of the continual deterioration of state funding.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 4-0, the Board certified the First Interim Report of 2008-09 as positive, and based on information presented, that the District is able to meet its multi-year financial obligations.

CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominations 2009 (Region 15)

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 4-0, the Board nominated Sue Kuwabara as a candidate for representative to the CSBA Delegate Assembly from Region 15 for a fourth term.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-23: Prequalification Criteria, Process, and Rating System for Construction and Modernization Projects District Wide

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 08-09-23: Prequalification Criteria, Process, and Rating System for Construction and Modernization Projects District Wide.

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

Public Hearing: RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-29 - Authorizing Request for Waiver of Competitive Bidding Procedures Under Education Code Section 17466 Et Seq. (Alderwood and Vista Verde Properties)

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, adopted Resolution No. 08-09-29, Authorizing the Request for Waiver of Competitive Bidding Procedures Under Education Code Section 17466 Et Seq. (Alderwood and Vista Verde Properties).

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

CFD Items of Business

PUBLIC HEARING: Formation of Irvine Unified School District Community Facilities District No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments)

President McInerney opened the public hearing for the purpose of explaining the formation of IUSD CFD No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments). Deputy Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the formation process, the levy of special taxes, and the need to incur bonded indebtedness in the District. After receiving no public input, President McInerney closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-24: Formation of the Irvine Unified School District Community Facilities District No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments), Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax Within the District and Establishing an Appropriations Limit for the District

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No. 08-1, adopted Resolution No. 08-09-24, Formation of IUSD CFD No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments), Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax within the District and Establishing an Appropriations Limit for the District.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-25: Deeming it Necessary to Incur Bonded Indebtedness Within the Irvine Unified School District Community Facilities District No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments)

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No. 08-1, adopted Resolution No. 08-09-25, Deeming it Necessary To Incur Bonded Indebtedness within the IUSD CFD No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-26: Calling Special Election for the Irvine Unified School District Community Facilities District No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments)

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Parham and carried 4-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No. 08-1, adopted Resolution No. 08-09-26, Calling Special Election for the IUSD CFD No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-27: Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Dissolution Agreement and Related Actions for the Irvine Unified School District Community Facilities District No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments)

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Parham and carried 4-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District Nos. 07-1 and 08-1, adopted Resolution No. 08-09-27, Authorizing the Execution and Dissolution Agreement and Related Actions for the IUSD CFD No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-28: Declaring Results of Special Election and Directing Recording of Notice of Special Tax Lien for the Irvine Unified School District Community Facilities District No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments)

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No. 08-1, adopted Resolution No. 08-09-28, Declaring Results of the Special Election and Directing Recording of Notice of Special Tax Lien for the IUSD CFD No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments).

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

FIRST READING: Ordinance No. 08/09-1 Levying Special Taxes within the Irvine Unified School District Community Facilities District No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments)

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Parham and carried 4-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No. 08-1, directed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08/09-1 Levying Special Taxes within IUSD CFD No. 08-1 (Stonegate Apartments), and scheduled for second reading and adoption at the meeting of December 9, 2008.

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Parham and carried 4-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney
Board President

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