

Irvine Unified School District
Minutes
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
June 05, 2018 3:00 PM
IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Administrative Center
5050 Barranca Parkway
Irvine, CA 92604
3:00 p.m. Special Meeting

Attendance Taken at 3:02 PM:

Present:

Paul Bokota
Lauren Brooks
Betty Carroll
Ira Glasky
Sharon Wallin

Updated Attendance:

Betty Carroll was updated to absent at: 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Minutes:

President Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Carroll.

Members Present:

Paul Bokota
Lauren Brooks
Betty Carroll (left the meeting at 5:00 PM)
Ira Glasky
Sharon Wallin

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
Brienne Ford, Chief Technology Officer
Raianna Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Adopt the agenda, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Lauren Brooks and a second by Paul Bokota.

- Yes Paul Bokota
- Yes Lauren Brooks
- Yes Betty Carroll
- Yes Ira Glasky
- Yes Sharon Wallin

3. * MEASURE E STUDY SESSION

Minutes:

Kelvin Okino, Executive Director of Facilities, introduced the Facilities Planning, Construction Services and Measure E staff members and the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) members.

Budget and Bidding

Kelvin reviewed the major milestones in a project budget timeline. He reviewed the Measure E Series fund adjustments including District allocated additional funds. With the second adjustment, made in December 2017, the District funds were increased by \$5.1 million for a total contribution of \$41.5 million, combined with the \$95 million in Series 1 bond funds, for a total Series 1 amount of \$135.5 million.

Kelvin reviewed the factors affecting current bids including construction market saturation, economic factors, and bid period gridlock. In 2016, \$23 billion in school district local bonds were passed, much of which will benefit from the \$9 billion Proposition 51 state bond reimbursement. In addition to the previous lumber tariff, there has been a 25% tariff on steel and 10% tariff on aluminum. The natural disasters from the California fires and Midwest floods have caused a reduction in workforce for skilled trades.

Kelvin further reviewed the factors affecting bids and the efforts staff have taken to offset the factors, including establishing a pool of consultants, steps taken to make IUSD an attractive place for contractors to work and creating bid alternatives and/or identifying projects to defer. One area that couldn't be helped is the DSA approval delays. The "bid season" for school projects is January through March in order to secure contractors prior to summer work. Due to the flood of projects, state wide, seeking DSA approval, the delays in project approvals created a gridlock in bidding.

Modernization of Elementary Schools

Kelvin reviewed the extensive work that will be underway on the Brywood and Meadow Park Elementary School campuses receiving modernization. These activities include the use of cranes, trucks, heavy equipment, power tools and 25-50 construction workers on-site daily. Conversely, because of Westpark's enrollment size, the school is too large to be housed at another campus. However, because of the school's year-round schedule disruptive, work can be completed during school breaks and before and after school. Nine relocatable classrooms have been added to the Westpark campus as interim classrooms for students while portions of the main campus are modernized. This design requires close coordination and constant communication with the school and closing off construction areas to students.

A breakdown of the scheduled improvements for Brywood, Meadow Park, Westpark and Springbrook elementary schools was provided.

Board members inquired regarding the notification efforts for neighbors of schools under construction and regarding the genesis of the open concept design of classrooms, which stemmed from the Facilities Master Plan and Education Specifications, including coordination with the Irvine Police Department. The transparent accordion doors allow for small learning groups while still providing supervision.

Kelvin and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, John Fogarty, reviewed the Series 1 project deferrals of the music classroom buildings at Brywood, Meadow Park and Springbrook and the existing Woodbridge High School theater renovation, including the estimated additional expense to defer the projects until 2023 when state funding is anticipated to be made available. John outlined the Measure E Bond capacity based on the annual assessed valuation within the SFID. For budgeting purposes a conservative 3% valuation yielding a projected project funding of \$250.8 million has been used. However, the bond maximum issuance is \$319 million, which is based on a valuation of 4.5%. The assessed valuation, within the SFID, is reviewed annually to determine growth and potential impact to bonding capacity. Based on recent assessed valuation growth within the SFID, a conservative 3.5% valuation can be used which is projected to yield a project funding of \$272.3 million. Additionally, staff proposed increasing the number of bond series from four to five to provide a maximum ability to fund and perform projects in a timely manner. With the planned increase to the budget, staff have been working with IUSD development partners and the District's finance team to secure the funding needed for the deferred projects in Series 1, in an effort to complete the deferred projects during the Series 1 modernizations. The recent advance funding repayment received last week helps with the funding timing to commit to proceeding with the deferred projects.

Board members thanked staff for their responsiveness and asked about the added cost for increasing the number of bond issuances. John responded that the cost is anticipated to be \$250,000 and that the District has to commit to contracting the funds within three years of issuance, and that savings are anticipated with the escalation.

Community members from Brywood responded, thanking staff for working to not defer the music classrooms and inquired about additional safety measures, including cameras and the glass classroom walls. Board members invited the audience to the upcoming School Safety Study Session.

State Funding Update

Kim Coffeen, Facilities Planning Director, reviewed the status of the state funding involving IUSD, noting a current estimate of over \$34 million in reimbursements; however, she noted state Budget Subcommittees calls for speeding up Proposition 51 apportionment have not been effective thus far.

Facilities Master Plan Vision

Kim reviewed the principles used in developing the 2012 Facilities Master Plan; she reviewed the project categories for the 21 schools in Series 1 and the breakdown of the projects based on their priorities.

Schedule

Joe Chapin, Facilities Construction Services Director, reviewed the Measure E projects schedules noting six schools, in various phases, have been completed with five schools scheduled for construction through the summer and into the upcoming school year.

Additionally, there are ten schools, such as the middle school new science labs, which have construction projects commencing this summer or in early 2019 that will take a year to complete.

Project Updates

Christa DeBoer, Facilities Supervisor, reported on the status of completed projections, including Stone Creek’s new design lab and innovation lab upgrades, College Park Phase 1 enclosed classroom doors, commons and innovation lab, and Bonita Canyon, Santiago Hills, Greentree and Culverdale’s enclosed classrooms and new commons.

Jill Cheng, Facilities Supervisor, reported on the status of projections under construction, including Irvine High School classroom modernization, University High School renovated chemistry lab and science lab upgrades, Northwood High School synthetic track and field, Brywood interim site at Westwood Basics, and Meadow Park interim site at El Camino School. She also reviewed the Meadow Park busing plan, which includes eight buses for the 436 issued bus passes, which is equal to about 75% of the Meadow Park student population.

Board members inquired regarding coordination efforts for Meadow Park student transportation and the availability of parking lots at bus stops. Staff responded that they have been working with City officials on the logistics.

Staff reviewed the projects schedule to start construction, including Creekside High School’s expansion and Construction Trades Lab, Eastshore’s new kindergarten play area and new classrooms/commons area, Venado Middle School’s new science labs, Lakeside Middle School’s renovated science labs, Rancho and Sierra Vista Middle Schools’ new and renovated science labs, South Lake Middle School’s new science labs, College Park’s phase 2 commons, Westpark’s design lab, classroom and commons, Brywood’s innovation lab and Multipurpose Room, and Meadow Park’s classroom renovation and innovation lab. Other upcoming projects include the Woodbridge High School theater and Springbrook’s modernization scheduled to start summer 2019.

Communications

In closing, Kim Coffeen reviewed the communication efforts involved with the Measure E projects which totaled 26 stakeholder community meetings, 179 school site planning meetings and 137 department review meetings involving staff from M&O, IT and Security. She shared the survey results of the Post Occupancy Survey administered to school staff after project completion to gauge the process and outcomes of the Measure E projects.

Board members thanked staff for their hard work and efforts.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Ira Glasky and a second by Paul Bokota.

Yes	Paul Bokota
Yes	Lauren Brooks
Absent	Betty Carroll
Yes	Ira Glasky
Yes	Sharon Wallin

Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.