

Irvine Unified School District

Minutes

Special Meeting of the Board of Education

October 23, 2017 3:30 PM

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative Center

5050 Barranca Parkway

Irvine, CA 92604

3:30 p.m. Special Meeting

Attendance Taken at 3:31 PM:

Present:

Paul Bokota

Lauren Brooks

Betty Carroll

Ira Glasky

Sharon Wallin

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

Minutes:

President Glasky called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Bokota.

Members Present:

Paul Bokota

Lauren Brooks

Betty Carroll

Ira Glasky

Sharon Wallin

Staff:

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

Brianne 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 Betty Carroll.

Yes Paul Bokota

Yes Lauren Brooks

Yes Betty Carroll

Yes Ira Glasky

Yes Sharon Wallin

3. * STUDY SESSION

Minutes:

Keith Tuominen, Executive Director of Secondary Education, commenced the Middle School and High School Boundary Study Session by introducing Kelvin Okino, Executive Director of Facilities and Construction, Jesse Barron, Assistant Director of Planning, and IUSD consultant Tony Ferruzzo.

Tony provided a brief history on the boundary adjustments for the middle and high schools east of the 5 Freeway, including the acknowledgement that the 2014 Boundary Advisory Committee and staff advised that a further boundary adjustment would be needed after the opening of Portola High School, due to dramatic residential growth. In compliance with the School Board's request for a transparent process, a 36 member Boundary Advisory Committee consisting of parents, students, principals, teachers and support staff from the impacted areas was organized to review data and provide and vet boundary adjustment considerations. He reviewed the boundary adjustment timeline which included, to date, five meetings of the Boundary Advisory Committee.

Additionally, Tony clarified that the Traveland development has recently been removed from consideration by the developer; however, the potential enrollment numbers (approximately 70 7-8th graders and 100 9-12th graders) are still included in the enrollment and geographic area projects.

Jesse reviewed the Jeffrey Trail Middle School current projected enrollment indicating a conservative peak enrollment of nearly 1,500 students and a moderate enrollment of nearly 1,600 students in 2023, based on current boundaries; exceeding the Board Policy limit for a middle school peak enrollment of 1,200 students. He reviewed the Portola High School current projected enrollment indicating a conservative peak enrollment of more than 3,400 students and a moderate enrollment of more than 3,800 students in 2026; exceeding the Board Policy limit for a high school peak enrollment of 2,600.

Kelvin reviewed the planned Measure E facility improvements for Sierra Vista, Venado, Northwood High and Irvine High schools, which he stated would be included in the parent forum presentations.

Tony reviewed the 2016 and 2017 actual middle school enrollments with the five and ten year moderate projections indicating a district wide open seat capacity of 400 seats in the year 2026. Further, he detailed the Jeffrey Trail projected enrollment of 1,518 students in the year 2026, over the Board Policy limit by 318, Sierra Vista's projected enrollment of 943, and Venado's projected enrollment of 671, in 2026.

He reviewed the 2016 and 2017 actual high school enrollments with the five and ten year moderate geographical projections indicating a district wide open seat capacity of 823 seats in the year 2026. Further, he detailed the Portola High School projected enrollment of 3,874 students in the year 2026, over the Board Policy limit by 1,274, Irvine High School's projected enrollment of 2,385 and Northwood High School's projected enrollment of 1,843, in 2026.

Tony further outlined the boundary adjustment criteria provided to the Boundary Advisory Committee that was used as a basis for the proposed options, which included balancing

enrollment, providing a transition and feeder system to adjusted attendance areas that supports educational experiences, and consideration for the impact on district programs.

Tony reviewed the current middle and high school boundaries and feeder system noting various feeder systems throughout the district do not maintain the same cohorts; by example, Cypress Village Elementary students attend Jeffrey Trail then separate from their cohort to attend Irvine High School.

He reviewed the process undertaken by the Boundary Advisory Committee to narrow the boundary adjustment options to four.

- **High School Option 1** – Change the Stonegate Elementary School boundary attendance area from Portola to Northwood High School. This adjustment would result in a projected peak enrollment of 3,079 at Portola High School in 2026 (down from 3,874 as currently projected); and a projected enrollment of 2,417 at Northwood High School (up from 1,843 as currently projected).
 - High School Option 1 greatly reduces the enrollment at Portola High School and improves the projected enrollment at Northwood High School; therefore, the option is included with all four middle school boundary adjustment options.
 - All other high school boundary adjustment options were eliminated by the Boundary Advisory Committee.

- **Middle School Option 1** – Change Stonegate Elementary School boundary attendance area from Jeffrey Trail to Sierra Vista Middle School. This adjustment would result in a projected enrollment of 1,234 students at Jeffrey Trail (down from 1,518 as currently projected); and a projected enrollment of 1,188 students at Sierra Vista Middle School, in 2026. No change to Venado Middle School's enrollment.
 - For the Stonegate Elementary School boundary, the adjustments result in a 100% cohort feeder system to Sierra Vista Middle school then to Northwood High School given the adjustment in High School Option 1.
 - Jeffrey Trail Middle School maintains a split cohort feeder system with students attending Irvine High School and Portola High School.

- **Middle School Option 2** – Change Stonegate Elementary School boundary attendance area to Sierra Vista Middle School and change the Cypress Village Elementary School boundary attendance area (with the exception of the Los Olivos neighborhood elementary students who attend Rancho San Joaquin Middle School) from Jeffrey Trail to Venado Middle School. These adjustments would result in a projected enrollment of 923 students at Jeffrey Trail; a projected enrollment of 1,188 students at Sierra Vista; and a projected enrollment of 951 students at Venado (up from 671 as currently projected), in 2026.
 - For the Stonegate Elementary School boundary, the adjustments result in a 100% cohort feeder system to Sierra Vista Middle School then Northwood High School given the adjustment in High School Option 1.
 - For the Cypress Village Elementary boundary, the adjustments result in a 100% cohort feeder system to Venado Middle School then Irvine High School.
 - The adjustments result in a 100% cohort feeder system for students from Jeffrey Trail Middle School to Portola High School.

- **Middle School Option 3** – Change Stonegate Elementary School boundary attendance area to Sierra Vista Middle School and change the Northwood Elementary School boundary attendance area from Sierra Vista to Venado Middle School; however, maintaining attendance to Northwood High School. These adjustments would result in a projected enrollment of 1,234 students at Jeffrey Trail; a projected enrollment of 984 students at Sierra Vista; and a projected enrollment of 842 students at Venado Middle School, in 2026.
 - For the Stonegate Elementary School boundary, the adjustments result in a 100% cohort feeder system to Sierra Vista Middle School then Northwood High School given the adjustment in High School Option 1.
 - For the Northwood Elementary boundary, the adjustments result in a 100% cohort feeder system to Venado then a split cohort feeder system with Northwood Elementary area students attending Northwood High School and other Venado Middle School students attending Irvine High School.
 - Jeffrey Trail Middle School maintains a split cohort feeder system with students attending Irvine High School and Portola High School.

- **Middle School Option 4** – Change Stonegate Elementary School boundary attendance area to Sierra Vista Middle School and change approximately 59% of the Cypress Village Elementary School boundary attendance area (below Roosevelt) from Jeffrey Trail to Venado Middle School. These adjustments would result in a projected enrollment of 1,023 students at Jeffrey Trail; a projected enrollment of 1,188 students at Sierra Vista; and a projected enrollment of 851 students at Venado Middle School, in 2026.
 - For the Stonegate Elementary School boundary, the adjustments result in a 100% cohort feeder system to Sierra Vista Middle school then Northwood High School given the adjustment in High School Option 1.
 - For the Cypress Village Elementary boundary, the adjustments result in a split cohort feeder system with some students attending Jeffrey Trail and Venado Middle School, then all students attending Irvine High School.
 - Jeffrey Trail Middle School maintains a split cohort feeder system with students attending Irvine High School and Portola High School.

- **Los Olivos Community Option** – the Boundary Advisory Committee additionally recommend the Los Olivos community be designated to attend University High School rather than their current designation of Portola High School as they are currently designated to attend Rancho San Joaquin Middle School which would allow those students to remain with their cohort to University High School. Given the consensus of the Boundary Advisory Committee and the minimal enrollment impact of the Los Olivos community, this enrollment adjustment was calculated in the prior high school option.

In closing, Tony reviewed the dates for three parent meetings following by a final Boundary Advisory Committee meeting to review the feedback obtained from the parent meetings and possible modification of the options. The Board's final decision on the boundary adjustment is scheduled for the December 12, 2017 Board Meeting, followed by a formal notification to the impacted residences in January 2018, with the adjustment implementation commencing in August 2019. Any proposed adjustment would affect applicable current 7th graders and below.

Board members asked and received information regarding the distance for travel for the current and proposed adjusted changes. All proposed adjustments are within the allowable distance per Board Policy.

Board members requested a summary of the parent forums in a timely manner and asked that the meetings be well publicized to inform the potentially impacted communities.

Member Brooks requested future consideration for the Los Olivos community to attend Alderwood Elementary rather than Cypress Village Elementary, to maintain a 100% feeder system for that community through high school.

Member Wallin stressed that available seats or capacity is not the only consideration, that infrastructure and what is best for students educationally is an additional consideration.

Member Wallin expressed concern about changing the feeder system for Northwood Elementary. She gave preference to removing Options 3 and 4; however, the Board requested input on all options from the community. Member Wallin recommended staff look at enrollment projections with an option to not change boundaries at all.

Member Glasky recommended staff obtain insight on trends from local realtors and developers.

In closing, the Board thanked staff for their hard work and efforts.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.