

**Irvine Unified School District**  
**Minutes**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Education**  
March 22, 2016 7:00 PM  
IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Administrative Center  
5050 Barranca Parkway  
Irvine, CA 92604  
7:00 p.m. Special Meeting

**Attendance Taken at 7:04 PM:**

Present:

Paul Bokota  
Lauren Brooks  
Ira Glasky  
Michael Parham  
Sharon Wallin

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

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President Bokota called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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 in memory of the victims of the attacks in Belgium.

Members Present:

Paul Bokota  
Lauren Brooks  
Ira Glasky  
Michael Parham  
Sharon Wallin

Staff:

Terry L. Walker, Superintendent of Schools  
John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services  
Raianna Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Kelvin Okino, Lorrie Ruiz, Brianne Ford, Stephen Bayne, Joe Hoffman, John Pehrson, Janelle Cranch, Therese Sorey, Martin Danko, Jennifer Payton, Don Grudem, Gus Talamantes

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the agenda, as presented. Passed with a motion by Sharon Wallin and a second by Lauren Brooks.

Yes Paul Bokota  
Yes Lauren Brooks  
Yes Ira Glasky  
Yes Michael Parham  
Yes Sharon Wallin

### **3. \* ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** President Bokota requested a motion to extend the 30 minute oral communication for public comment on a topic to 90 minutes.

Passed with a motion by Michael Parham and a second by Lauren Brooks.

Yes Paul Bokota  
Yes Lauren Brooks  
Yes Ira Glasky  
Yes Michael Parham  
Yes Sharon Wallin

#### **3.1. DTSC Draft Workplan for Additional Confirmational Testing at Portola High School**

Superintendent Terry Walker welcomed the attendees. Assistant Superintendent John Fogarty outlined the presentation, and introduced Dot Lofstrom, Division Chief & Acting Deputy Director for the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Director Lofstrom reviewed the DTSC's purpose and provided background information related to DTSC's involvement with the additional testing at the Portola High School site.

Dwayne Mears, Principal at PlaceWorks reviewed the extensive testing and approval process of the Portola High School site. He also reviewed the proposed draft additional confirmational testing workplan, consisting of 10 subsurface testing locations, for submittal to DTSC.

Following the presentation President Bokota opened the floor for public input at 8:02 p.m.

Speaking to the topic:

Susan Sayre  
Trudy Papson  
Roger Sievers  
John Pehrson  
Ahmed Shama  
Farrah Khan  
Therese Sorey  
Larry Agran  
Phyllis Agran  
Harvey Liss  
Jake Jacobs  
Gail Lewis  
Marilyn Vassos  
Angelo Vassos

Mary Edmonds  
Alan Meyerson  
Sharon Sircello Toji  
Henry King  
Ed Pope  
Ira Lewis  
Iyad Afalqa  
Rami Maymonn  
Shiva Farivar  
Janelle Cranch  
Chris King

President Bokota concluded the public input at 9:22p.m.

President Bokota accumulated audience questions for Denise Clendening of PlaceWorks and Dot Lofstrom and Dan Gallagher of DTSC to answer.

President Bokota called a recess at 9:34p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:48p.m.

President Bokota permitted Dr. Harvey Liss to have the floor, as an opportunity to hear an exchange of ideas.

Again Denise Clendening of PlaceWorks and Dot Lofstrom and Dan Gallagher of DTSC explained the scientific protocols and accepted industry practices for environmental testing. Director Lofstrom shared the requested soil gas and soil testing depths had been revised to five and 15 feet depths due to the grading that had taken place on the site.

In response to an audience question concerning additional testing on the site in five year intervals Denise Clendening stated it was not standard practice, as there is no anticipated new source of materials. Director Loftstrom concurred that additional materials are not likely, adding that the groundwater flows away from the site. She noted DTSC would not require interval testing, but stated it could be a prudent idea.

Director Lofstrom stated the DTSC received letters of concern regarding the Portola High School site and felt there was enough public concern to justify requesting additional sampling as school sites are highly protected. Geologist Dan Gallagher of DTSC selected the additional sample locations and number of samples. Director Loftstrom stated DTSC would not compel further testing over what they have already requested.

Board members asked questions and reiterated that safety is the highest priority.

Superintendent Walker summarized the audience's concerns and affirmed the district wants 110% confidence in the safety of this site for students and staff.

Members Parham and Bokota directed DTSC to increase the additional sampling and to identify and locate the sampling locations.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Michael Parham and a second by Sharon Wallin.

Yes Paul Bokota

Yes Lauren Brooks

Yes Ira Glasky

Yes Michael Parham

Yes Sharon Wallin

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.