Irvine Unified School District Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

February 04, 2020 6:30 PM
IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Administration Center
5050 Barranca Parkway
Irvine, CA 92604
5:00 p.m. Closed Session / 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Attendance Taken at 5:04 PM:

Present:

Paul Bokota Lauren Brooks Betty Carroll Sharon Wallin

Absent:

Ira Glasky

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Carroll called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Minutes:

None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:05 PM.

3.a. Student Discipline Issues (1 case) [Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918(c)]

Minutes:

The Board discussed one student discipline issue.

3.b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation [Government Code Section 54957]

Minutes:

The Board met with the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and Chief Technology Officer to review progress toward the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives for 2019-20.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

Minutes:

President Carroll reconvened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Minutes:

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

Members Present:

Paul Bokota Lauren Brooks Betty Carroll Sharon Wallin

Members Absent:

Ira Glasky (excused)

Student Members Present:

Harshita Dabir Benjamin Kim Jenna Makarem Jahnvi Mehta

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

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION

Minutes:

President Carroll reported on the discussion in Closed Session including the Board's finalization of the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives for 2019-20.

7. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

7.a. Case No. 03H-1920

Motion Passed: Approve the staff recommendation to expel Case No. 03H-1920 for the remainder of the first semester of the 2019-20 school year and for the second semester of the 2019-20 school year.

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

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

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the following meeting(s), as presented: November 12, 2019 - Regular Meeting, November 19, 2019 - Special Meeting, December 17, 2019 - Regular Meeting.

Passed with a motion by Sharon Wallin and a second by Paul Bokota.

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

9. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Adopt agenda, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Sharon Wallin and a second by Lauren Brooks.

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

10. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

10.a. Irvine Company - Excellence in Education Enrichment Fund

Minutes:

Jeffrey Davis, Vice President for the Irvine Company commented on the positive impacts of the Excellence in Education Enrichment Fund Grant which provides enhanced curriculum in the areas of art, music and science, by specialist teachers, in grades 4 to 6. Examples of student achievement in science and the arts were highlighted and appreciation was expressed for the unique partnership between the District and the Irvine Company in providing an optimum learning experience for students. Nearly 100,000 IUSD students have received enhanced curriculum because of the Irvine Company's Excellence in Education Enrichment Fund Grant. He extended appreciation of the long standing partnership with IUSD and the Board of Education. A facsimile check in the amount of \$2 million was presented on behalf of the Irvine Company and Chairman Donald Bren, representing another installment of the renewed grant.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Minutes:

None.

12. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Minutes:

Student Board Members Harshita Dabir, Benjamin Kim, Jenna Makarem, and Jahnvi Mehta reported on school activities.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Walker reported on the recently published 2018-19 California Science Test (CAST) scores. This is the first year the test is aligned to the new NGSS standards. IUSD is the highest performing large district in the state, of districts with more than 30,000 students. Regarding the Coronavirus, district staff are continuing vigilance and staying connected to local, state and national agencies. We have emailed and posted the guidelines on our website and we encourage families to carefully review them. There are a couple of days left to respond to IUSD's Annual Survey, to provide insights into school climate and our LCAP process. Responses to the Annual Survey are anonymous and confidential, student, parent and staff insights are appreciated. Lastly, yesterday, the District held a districtwide Professional Learning Summit, where all IUSD teachers and administrators, about 1,700 staff members, joined for four separate mini-conferences where they received insight from renowned keynote speakers and selected from hundreds of individualized breakout sessions on a variety of topics led by our teachers. He extended his appreciation to Catherine Holmes and staff for the success of the event.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Minutes:

Board Members Bokota, Brooks, Carroll, and Wallin reported on school visits, conference attendance and meeting participation.

Members Brooks and Bokota requested the rescheduling of the April and July 2020 Board Meeting dates be agendized for discussion at the next Board Meeting.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Passed: Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 16.a. - 20.a.

Passed with a motion by Sharon Wallin and a second by Paul Bokota.

16. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business Services

- 16.a. Check Register Report
- 16.b. Contract Services Action Report 2019-20/10
- 16.c. Purchase Order Detail Report
- 16.d. Selection of Auditor for District Funds

17. CONSENT CALENDAR - Education Services

17.a. Field Trips and Excursions

18. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resources

- 18.a. Certificated Personnel Action Report 2019-20/10
- 18.b. Classified Personnel Action Report 2019-20/10
- 18.c. Student Teacher Placement Agreement for 2019-20

19. CONSENT CALENDAR - Special Education

- 19.a. Special Education Master Contract(s)
- 19.b. Contract for Special Education Related Services
- 19.c. Special Education Settlement Agreement(s)

20. CONSENT CALENDAR - Superintendent

20.a. Conference Attendance

21. FACILITIES CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Passed: Approve Facilities Consent Calendar Item Nos. 21.a. - 21.b.

Passed with a motion by Lauren Brooks and a second by Sharon Wallin.

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

21.a. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Series 1 Improvements - Classroom Building Expansion Projects at Brywood, Meadow Park, and Springbrook Elementary Schools

21.b. Change Order Request for the Measure E Series 1 Improvements - Modernization Projects at Springbrook and Westpark Elementary Schools

22. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

None.

23. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

23.a. Solar Project Installations at Sierra Vista Middle School and Culverdale, Westpark, El Camino Real, Canyon View, and Deerfield Elementary Schools

Motion Passed: Approve the installation of solar vehicle shade structures at Sierra Vista Middle School and Culverdale, Westpark, El Camino Real, Canyon View, and Deerfield Elementary Schools.

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

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

Minutes:

Joe Hoffman, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, presented information regarding a proposed solar project installation at Sierra Vista Middle School and Culverdale, Westpark, El Camino Real, Canyon View and Deerfield Elementary Schools. IUSD's current solar portfolio consists of 34 solar arrays at 28 sites. The first system was activated in August 2010. Currently, the District has 8.1 megawatts of generating capacity. As of June 2019, the cumulative energy savings have been estimated at \$2.26 million.

Staff were charged to reevaluate previous considered sites that did not receive solar vehicle shade structure installations. If approved, Sierra Vista Middle, El Camino Real and Canyon View Elementary Schools would receive solar installations in summer 2020. With Culverdale, Westpark and Deerfield Elementary Schools to received solar installations in summer 2021. If approved, the six new solar systems would add 3.1 megawatts of production capacity for total portfolio of approximately 11.1 megawatt production capacity at 35 sites, with the previously approved Loma Ridge Elementary School. These sites were selected with consideration of cost effectiveness and maintaining existing available parking spaces. Some trees many need to be removed, but it is a policy of the District to replace the trees whenever possible.

Joe provided a graph of IUSD's electricity consumption for fiscal year 2018-19, noting with the approval of the additional six solar systems, IUSD would offset it's consumption by an updated 73%, leaving 27% remaining to reach our net zero energy goal. IUSD may become the first school district to reach this goal.

With the currently available Limited Educational Tariff, called RES-BCT (Renewable Energy Self Generation Bill Credit Transfer) schools are allowed to transfer any unused generated solar energy, as "renewable credits", toward other non-solar sites to provide additional savings. The RES-BCT Program is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and has a statewide cap (124 MW of cumulative generating capacity). It is anticipated to be closed by later this year. These proposed sites as well as Cadence, Eastwood, and Loma Ridge Elementary Schools will all be eligible to apply.

He provided architect renderings depicting what the solar vehicle shade structures will look like per proposed school site.

Board members inquired as to the comments and concerns brought by community members at the Public Information Meetings. In summary, concerns where regarding aesthetics, loss of trees, questions about the size of the solar panels and loss of parking. The plans were designed to not lose any parking spaces; however, a couple many need to be shorter in length to accommodate the posts. At Culverdale, there was a community concern regarding loss of a particular tree; the layout was adjusted to accommodate the tree. El Camino Real Elementary School was selected as it typically has minimal energy consumption, however, with the RES-BCT Tariff, the energy saving can be transferred to offset another high consumption site. The solar systems are at no cost to the District through the cost avoidance agreement.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the solar proposal and desire to achieve our net zero energy goal.

Speaking to the topic:

David Strand - Support for Canyon View Solar Panels

Jillian Dale - Support for Solar Panels

Hanna Park - Support for Canyon View Solar Panels

Jim Leung - Support for Canyon View Solar Panels

Tina Haymes - Support for Canyon View Solar Panels

David Machowsky - Request postponing decision regarding Sierra Vista MS Solar Panels (didn't address the Board, had to leave early)

23.b. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement (AB 1200) Between the Irvine Unified School District and the Irvine Teachers Association (ITA)

Motion Passed: Accept the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement (AB 1200) Between the Irvine Unified School District and the Irvine Teachers Association.

Passed with a motion by Sharon Wallin and a second by Lauren Brooks.

23.c. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement (AB 1200) Between the Irvine Unified School District and the Irvine Supervisory Association (ISA)

Motion Passed: Accept the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement (AB 1200) with the Irvine Supervisory Association.

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

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

23.d. Ratification of the Tentative Agreement Between the Irvine Unified School District and the Irvine Teachers Association for Salary, Benefits and Certain Contractual Language for 2019-20

Motion Passed: Ratify the Tentative Agreement between the Irvine Unified School District and the Irvine Teachers Association for salary, benefits and certain contractual language for 2019-20.

Passed with a motion by Sharon Wallin and a second by Lauren Brooks.

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

Minutes:

Teri Sorey, Irvine Teachers Association President (ITA) remembered Bruce Baron, former IUSD teacher, mentor and principal who passed away.

She thanked the Board for their support of teachers and student, she reported the ITA vote to ratify the negotiated Tentative Agreement by an affirmative vote of 99.6%.

23.e. Salary and Benefits Settlement with the Irvine Supervisors Association (ISA) for 2019-20

Motion Passed: Approve the settlement on salary and benefits with the Irvine Supervisors Association for 2019-20.

Passed with a motion by Paul Bokota and a second by Sharon Wallin.

24. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Minutes: None.

25. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes: None.

26. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Passed with a motion by Paul Bokota and a second by Sharon Wallin.