



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
03/16/2021 06:30 PM**

Irvine Unified School District Administration Center
5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604
05:00 PM Closed Session / 6:30 PM Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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Attendees

Voting Members

Paul Bokota, Board President
Lauren Brooks, Board Member
Ira Glasky, Board Clerk
Sharon Wallin, Board Member
Cyril Yu, Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bokota called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:09 PM.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9]

The Board met with legal counsel to discuss one (1) matter related to anticipated litigation.

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]

The Board met with legal counsel to discuss one (1) matter related to existing litigation.

- c. Threat to Public Services or Facilities [Government Code Section 54957 and 54956.5(e)]

The Board discussed matters concerning Threat to Public Services or Facilities.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

President Bokota reconvened the meeting at 6:31 PM.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE / ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Brooks and was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Woodbridge High School Instructional Assistant, Kyle Thompson.

Members Present:

Paul Bokota
Lauren Brooks
Ira Glasky
Sharon Wallin (attended via video conference)
Cyril Yu (attended via video conference)

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
Raiana Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION

President Bokota reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the following meeting(s), as presented:

January 19, 2021 - Regular Meeting
February 2, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Sharon Wallin

Voting

Paul Bokota - Yes
Lauren Brooks - Yes
Ira Glasky - Yes
Sharon Wallin - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt agenda, as presented.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Ira Glasky

Voting

Paul Bokota - Yes
Lauren Brooks - Yes
Ira Glasky - Yes
Sharon Wallin - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

10. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A video showcase of Student Board Member reports on school activities was provided by Jasmine Sinchai, Michelle Kim, and Sarah Hamidi.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Walker reflected over the past year since California schools closed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, stating how proud he is of all IUSD has done for students. IUSD will be sending a reflective and grateful communication out later this week that captures the events of the past year. The state and federal legislators have confirmed significant resources for school districts in the support of students returning to in-person instruction. School districts are focusing on reopening, to catch up to IUSD; however, we are focusing on finishing the year strong and plans for the fall. Schools sent a survey to parents this week to get an idea of preference for in-person or virtual learning next school year; however, the selection is not final. The District will also be asking staff for their preference. The District will still offer a virtual option next year. For some of the funding mentioned, the District will have a Summer Learning Recovery program that will look very different than traditional summer school. Schools have started planning for graduation, promotion, and end of the year events, while still following the safety guidelines.

The Orange County COVID-19 data continues to decline in a positive way. The State recently adjusted the criteria to qualify for the red tier; however, today Orange County has an average of 4 cases per 100,000 population. Once the county reaches 3.9 cases or less it will qualify for the orange tier with even less restrictions. The City of Irvine continues to outpace other nearby cities with case numbers that would be nearing the even less restrictive yellow tier. IUSD's COVID-19 Dashboard continues to have declining numbers of cases with only six cases in the district currently, down by 96% from the high, with minimal close contact quarantine cases.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Board Members Bokota, Brooks, Glasky, Wallin and Yu reported on school, conference and meeting participation.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 14.a. – 17.c.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Cyril Yu

Voting

Paul Bokota - Yes

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Ira Glasky - Yes

Sharon Wallin - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

14. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business Services

- a. Check Register Report
- b. Contract Services Action Report 2020-21/13

- c. Purchase Order Detail Report
- d. Authorize the Utilization of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract for the Purchase and Warranty of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Equipment

15. CONSENT CALENDAR - Education Services

- a. Temporary Athletic Team Coach Certification 2020-21

16. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resources

- a. Certificated Personnel Action Report 2020-21/13
- b. Classified Personnel Action Report 2020-21/13

17. CONSENT CALENDAR - Special Education

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

18. FACILITIES CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Facilities Consent Calendar Item Nos. 18.a. – 18.c.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Ira Glasky

Voting

- Paul Bokota - Yes
 - Lauren Brooks - Yes
 - Ira Glasky - Yes
 - Sharon Wallin - Yes
 - Cyril Yu - Yes
- a. Annual Renewal/Award Contract for Relocation (Moving) Services, Bid No. 2016/17-1FA
 - b. Request for Substitution of Subcontractor Bid Package No. 02 - Measure E Series 2 Improvements – Expansion Projects at University Park and Northwood Elementary Schools
 - c. Change Order Requests for the Measure E Series 2 Improvements – Expansion Projects at Bonita Canyon and Turtle Rock Elementary Schools

19. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

20. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 20-21-20: Authorizing the Issuance of School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 of IUSD General Obligation Bonds, 2016 Election, Series 2021C - Roll Call

Adopt Resolution No. 20-21-20 Authorizing the issuance of the School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) No. 1 of the Irvine Unified School District General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021C, in a principal amount not to exceed \$45,000,000.

Minutes:

John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, introduced Adam Bauer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, who presented the School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) No. 1 General Obligation Bond Series 2021C presentation. Municipal market tax-exempt rates remain low at only 41 basis points above the all-time lowest levels on record; it is still considered historically low over the past fifteen years. Currently, this third bond issuance is projected to have a low interest rate, similar to the previous two issuances, estimated at 2.74%. The SFID historical assessed valuation has an average increase of 5.55% over a nine year term. Currently, IUSD has two series of bonds outstanding under Measure E, with \$183 million, of the authorized \$319 million, unissued. Series 2021C seeks to issue an additional \$45 million in bonds, through a competitive sell, with a maturity date of September 2050. With this proposed issuance, IUSD will have issued \$181 million in bonds in five years. He reviewed the updated Measure E projected bond issuance schedule with a total of five planned issuances with the last issuance planned for 2028. In closing, he reviewed the financing schedule with a projected closing date of April 7, 2021.

Motion made by: Ira Glasky

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting

Paul Bokota - Yes

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Ira Glasky - Yes

Sharon Wallin - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

- b. Resolution No. 20-21-19: Signature Authorization and Submission of the 2020-21 State Seal of Civic Engagement - Roll Call

Adopt Resolution No. 20-21-19 for signature authorization to create and implement a plan for students to be recognized for the State Seal of Civic Engagement upon graduation. Schools will integrate the development of civic literacy into instructional practice and school life; and ensure that adequate time and resources are dedicated to this goal.

Minutes:

Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, introduced Rob Vicario, Coordinator of History-Social Science, who presented the resolution for the State Seal of Civic Engagement. Rob commenced by stating that this Seal of Civic Engagement is open to all students starting with the 2021 graduates. This award expects students to take some sort of informed action through community services or other programs at schools. This year, because we are in the mist of the pandemic, the Literacy department is heading up the process starting with students opting in through an interest form, students will be provided a brief introduction video, then staff will confirm that the students are on the path to graduate, and have passed the key content

courses of US History and American Government. Then students will need to answer some clear simple questions about what they have done for their civic inquiry project, and reflect on that work. The method of reflection can be done through a video, essay or other project forms.

Board members spoke in support of the seal and promotion of civic engagement by students and asked clarifying questions regarding what types of project would satisfy the criteria, noting the content doesn't require or teach a prescribed or particular political viewpoint.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Sharon Wallin

Voting

Paul Bokota - Yes

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Ira Glasky - Yes

Sharon Wallin - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

- c. Secondary Course of Study: Grades 7-12 for the 2021-22 School Year
Approve the Secondary Course of Study, Grades 7-12 for the 2021-22 school year.

Minutes:

Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, presented the Secondary Course of Study for grades 7-12 for the 2021-22 school year, consisting of four new courses: Anthropology at Northwood High School, Advanced Theatre Ensemble Honors at Portola High School, and Philosophy 2 and Makerspace-Applied Sciences and Engineering at Woodbridge High School. All of the courses are UC approved.

Motion made by: Lauren Brooks

Motion seconded by: Sharon Wallin

Voting

Paul Bokota - Yes

Lauren Brooks - Yes

Ira Glasky - Yes

Sharon Wallin - Yes

Cyril Yu - Yes

- d. Second Interim Report of 2020-21 (AB 1200, CHAPTER 1213, STATUTES OF 1991)
Certify the Second Interim Report of 2020-21 as "Positive" based on information presented.

Minutes:

John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Second Interim Report for 2020-21, which represents the District's second official revision to the final adopted budget and includes actual financial data through January 31, 2021, with revised projections for the remainder of the fiscal year.

He provided a recap of the state economy over the past year, given the COVID-19 pandemic, noting initially the 2020-21 state budget assumed a reduction in State Revenues of approximately \$41.2 billion and an increase in safety net services which, along with the reduction in revenues, forecasted a \$54 billion shortfall. With these anticipated losses, Prop 98 was cut by approximately \$13.5 billion giving no Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and implementing deferrals of apportionments of approximately \$12 billion; however, this was better than the initial projections of a 10% budget cut. In the end, the budget assumptions were too pessimistic, current year state revenues experienced a dramatic and unanticipated resurgence exceeding projections by roughly \$38 billion. Essentially, all of the cuts to Prop 98 in the current year have been restored in the Governor's 2021-22 budget proposal with some additional growth and no future cuts projected at this time.

The Governor's proposal includes funding the 2020 COLA at 2.31%, along with the 2021 projected COLA at 1.5% compounded at 3.84%, resulting in a potential impact to IUSD of \$12.6 million. After accounting for annual increases in expenditures of approximately \$7.6 million or approximately 2% of unrestricted funds, approximately \$5 million in ongoing funding is anticipated to be available for allocation.

He reviewed the District's cumulative enrollment growth noting IUSD and all school districts saw a decline of students this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; however, staff believe the District's enrollment numbers will return in the next year, and will begin to stabilize in the coming years as development throughout the city is nearing full buildout.

The Governor's January proposal includes a return of categorical programs, including AB 86, signed by Governor Newsom on March 5, 2021, which contains two very large categorical programs focused on returning students to in-person instruction and mitigating learning loss, providing \$6.6 billion in funding. That funding is broken down into two categories, \$2 billion in one-time funds is allocated to In-Person Instruction Grants to assist and incentivize in-person instruction, an impact to IUSD of \$10.6 million. IUSD has offered in-person instruction since September 2020 and therefore, already qualifies for the grant. \$4.6 billion in one-time funds is allocated to the Expanded Learning Grants, an impact to IUSD of \$22.5 million. Both grants are allocated based on the District's statewide share of LCFF funding with 50% of the funds anticipated to be received in May 2021 and the balance in August 2021. He reviewed the restricted, allowable uses of the funds and noted they must be spent by August 31, 2022. The Expanded Learning grants also require school districts to develop an expenditure plan and submit it to the state prior to June 1, 2021.

Additionally, at the end of December, under former President Trump, Congress passed another round of federal stimulus in the form of the \$900 billion Response and Relief Act which allocates \$54 billion, known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds, providing approximately \$6.8 billion to the state of California with an approximate \$8.2 million to IUSD; these funds need to be spent by September 2023. In addition, President Biden just signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, providing \$128.5 billion for K-12 education, of which California's share is approximately \$17.5 billion, with IUSD forecast to receive approximately \$18.2

million; these funds must also be spent by September 2023, noting the allowable uses for the funding.

He reviewed the second interim multiyear assumptions, comparisons of the first and second interim general fund unrestricted balance, and financial outlook which recommend a positive certification that based on current projections, the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two fiscal years.

Board members inquired as to uses of the state and federal grants and the need to advocate for additional time to spend the grants as support for students impacted will take more than one to two years.

Motion made by: Ira Glasky

Motion seconded by: Lauren Brooks

Voting

Paul Bokota - Yes
Lauren Brooks - Yes
Ira Glasky - Yes
Sharon Wallin - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes

21. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

None.

22. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

None.

23. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Motion made by: Sharon Wallin

Motion seconded by: Ira Glasky

Voting

Paul Bokota - Yes
Lauren Brooks - Yes
Ira Glasky - Yes
Sharon Wallin - Yes
Cyril Yu - Yes