

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
February 9, 2010

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Wallin at 3:33 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Sue Kuwabara, Carolyn McInerney, Mike Parham, Sharon Wallin

Members Absent:

None

Oral Communication

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 3:35 p.m.

Conference with Labor Negotiators

The Board discussed labor negotiations relative to the Irvine Teachers Association and the California School Employees Association and provided direction to staff.

Reconvene Special Meeting

President Wallin reconvened the Special Meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Member Parham and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Sue Kuwabara, Carolyn McInerney, Mike Parham, Sharon Wallin

Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Gwen Gross, Superintendent of Schools
Lisa Howell, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services
Terry Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Marceline Ahyow, Christine Amoroso, Sandy Avzaradel, Alan Battenfield, Robin Beacham, Mary Bevernick, Nancy Colocino, Bob Curley, Robbie Edmondson, Lisa Friedberg, Ian Hanigan, Erica Hoegh, Joe Hoffman, Catherine Holmes, Lisa Kadam, Eamon Kane, Susan Kemp, Chris Kroesen, Erin Lane, Lisa Livernois, Ginger MacArthur, Stan Machesky, Heather Phillips, Katie Schick, Rick Seibert, Mark Sontag, Teresa Stringer, Rena Thompson, Brad Van Patten, Jason Vilorio

Budget Study Session

President Wallin invited public comments prior to the staff report and Board discussion.

Speaking to the topic:

Bob Venable
Bob Curley
Erica Hoegh
Susan Kemp

Superintendent Gross introduced Assistant Superintendent Howell, who reviewed the revised Budget Reduction/Adjustment list, including a decrease in the fiscal target from \$22.1 million to \$20.6 million, and the addition of Art, Science and Music to the reduction options. The Board discussed various program impacts and revenue enhancement ideas and received clarification regarding estimated savings and historical program reductions.

Mark Sontag and Brad VanPatten provided potential impacts to the Science and Fine Arts Specialist programs based on the proposed reduction and responded to questions from the Board.

Board members expressed their individual preferences relative to Art, Science and Music

reductions, and weighed in on the revised staff recommendation list.

The Board reached consensus regarding the following:

- Keep reductions as equitable as possible for students and staff
- Continue to explore all revenue enhancement options
- Support for the 50/50 share concept between program reductions and employee contributions
- Bargaining units should determine how best to achieve employee contributions

The Board also expressed general agreement with the staff recommendation for reductions, and requested staff to bring back a specific proposal to reduce art, science and music to a mid-range level.

Adjourn to Closed Session

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:32 p.m. to continue discussions regarding negotiations.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education Business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Sharon Wallin
Board President

Gwen E. Gross, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools