

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 16, 2010

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Wallin at 6:05 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 6:07 p.m.

Student Discipline Issue

The Board discussed one student discipline issue.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

The Board discussed two existing litigation issues regarding the Stadium at University High School and provided direction to staff.

Conference with Labor Negotiators

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

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President Wallin reconvened the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Student Member Brianne Searl 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

Student Members Present:

Laura Bran, Gal Sadlik, Lucas Salzman, Brianne Searl

Student 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:

Robin Beacham, Mary Bevernick, Tim Boyd, Irene Brady, Julie Braun, Vivian Candy, Kelly Cheshire, Janelle Cranch, Maria Cross, Donna Cunningham, Linda Davis, Shelley Edgar, Kathy Erickson, Kim Fenton, Lisa Friedberg, Helen Ford, Greg Gray, Robin Gray, Jennifer Herman, Bryan Hoang, Erica Hoegh, Joe Hoffman, Catherine Holmes, Tim Jamison, Chris Kroesen, Robin Lux, Stan Machesky, Shari Martinez, Linda McCabe, Lisa Mennes, Cora Peck, Heather Phillips, Allison Robbins, Samantha Scott, Rick Seibert, Steve Sewell, Suzanne Shoemaker, Lauren Sipelis, Mark Sontag, Gigi Steel, Bob Steele, Carol Steele, Mary Thomas-Vallens, Brad Van Patten, Bob Venable, Jason Vilorio

Video Production:

James Adling
Brian Des Palmes

Closed Session Report

President Wallin reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

Student Discipline Issue

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 191073868 through June 23, 2010.

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as amended:

Items Removed from Consent Calendars for Discussion and Separate Action:

Item 12c - *Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)*

Special Presentations/Recognitions

IPSF Update

IPSF Chair Jan Kerchner reaffirmed the foundation's commitment to Irvine schools and encouraged the community's support for various fund raising initiatives, especially in light of the current budget crisis. She expressed special appreciation to Irvine's high school students, who have also been actively involved in raising awareness and funds for the schools.

PTA Update

Irvine Unified Council PTA President Steffanie Early reported on PTA's legislative action efforts including taking a lead role in promoting the passage of the Local Control & Local Funding Act which would lower the parcel tax threshold to 55%. She expressed appreciation to Board Members for their participation in local PTA meetings to talk about the budget, and affirmed that PTA would work collaboratively with IPSF in support of the Five Week Campaign to raise funds for class size support.

Oral Communication

Rick Seibert, ITA President, addressed the Board regarding the budget crisis and its impact on teachers.

Mary Grace Blum expressed a need for more clarity about how donated monies would be

used and how funds would be disseminated.

Student Board Member Reports

Student Members Bran, Sadlik, Salzman and Searl reported on school activities.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gross reported on current district activities, awards and recognitions including the recent announcement of IUSD's Teachers of the Year and Teachers of Promise. Congratulations were extended to Paul Mills, who was named ACSA's Administrator of the Year in the category of Continuation/Educational Options for Region 17; and Mark Cunningham, who received the CIF Model Coach Award. She concluded her comments by referencing the recent letter to the community signed by President Wallin and herself in support of the Irvine Public Schools Foundation.

Announcements and Acknowledgments

Members Huntley-Fenner, Kuwabara, McInerney, Parham and Wallin reported on school visits, conference attendance, and meeting participation.

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the amended Consent Calendar:

1. **Payment for Nonpublic School/Agency Services for Special Education Students**
Approved the individual pupil service contract(s) for disabled student(s) negotiated between the Irvine Unified School District and State Certified Nonpublic Schools/Agencies.
2. **Contract for Special Education Related Services**
Authorized payment for special education related services in an amount not to exceed \$2,200.00.
3. **Purchase Order Detail Report**
(A written report is on file in the District Office.)
Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated February 2, 2010.
4. **Check Register Report**

Ratified issuance of check numbers as listed, representing Board authorized purchase orders, invoices and contracts:

District 75, Irvine Unified School District - Numbers 00140340 through 00140924

District 50, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00001435 through 00001438

District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00004073 through 000040081

Revolving Cash - Numbers 32604 through 32693

5. **Contract Services Action Report**

(A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.)

Approved and/or ratified the Contract Services Action Report 2009-10/11, as submitted.

6. **Amendment of License Agreement – Operations of Wireless Communications Facility with T-Mobile West Corporation – Rancho Middle School**

Authorized staff to enter into a subletting license agreement – operations of wireless communications facility – with T-Mobile West Corporation at Rancho Middle School.

7. **Classified Personnel Action Report**

(A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.)

Approved and/or ratified the Classified Personnel Action Report 2009-10/11, as submitted for Employment.

8. **Certificated Personnel Action Report**

(A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.)

Approved and/or ratified the Certificated Personnel Action Report 2009-10/11, as submitted for Employment and Education Code Authorizations.

9. **Gifts**

(A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.)

Accepted gifts to the District, as listed.

10. **Conference Attendance**

Approved out-of-state conference attendance for staff, as follows –

1) Mary Bevernick to Washington D.C. March 8-11, 2010, for \$700.00;

2) Anne Klenk to Storrs, Connecticut March 21-24, 2010, at no cost to district.

11. **Field Trips and Excursions**

Approved the following field trips funded by donations —

1) Woodbridge High School Acapella Choir / Encore students to Tustin, California, on March 12, 2010 for no cost;

2) University High School Madrigal Singers to Anaheim, California, on March 27-28, 2010 for \$3,300.00;

3) Bonita Canyon 3rd grade students to Placentia, California, on April 16, 2010 for

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- \$1,672.00;
- 4) Bonita Canyon 4th grade students to Buena Park, California, on April 22, 2010 for \$1,975.00;
 - 5) Woodbury 5th grade students to Oak Glen, California, on May 13, 2010 for \$2,345.00;
 - 6) Vista Verde 6th and 7th grade students to Irvine, California, on June 22, 2010 for \$4,250.00.

Consent Calendar Resolutions

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-47: Signature Authorization and Submission of Renewal Application, Head Start, Early Childhood Learning Center, FY 2010-2011

Adopted Resolution No. 09-10-47 for signature authorization and submission of renewal application, Head Start, Early Childhood Learning Center, 2010-2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-48: Signature Authorization and Submission of Child Care and Development Services Contract Amendment, Early Start, Early Childhood Learning Center, 2009-2010

Adopted Resolution No. 09-10-48 for signature authorization and submission of Child Care and Development Services Contract Amendment, Early Start, Early Childhood Learning Center, 2009-2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-49: Signature Authorization and Submission of California State Department of Education, Child Care and Development Services Instructional Materials Grant, Early Start, Early Childhood Learning Center, 2009-2010

Adopted Resolution No. 09-10-49 for signature authorization and submission of California State Department of Education, Child Care and Development Services Instructional Materials grant, Early Start, Early Childhood Learning Center, 2009-2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-50: Establishing Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Moneys

Adopted Resolution No. 09-10-50 establishing Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Moneys.

AYES: Members Huntley-Fenner, Kuwabara, McInerney, Parham, Wallin
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Facilities Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board took the following action on the Facilities Consent Calendar:

1. **Change Orders – Lakeside Middle School Modernization Project**

Approved the listed change orders in the cumulative amount of \$59,002.00, at the Lakeside Middle School Modernization project. No change to the completion date.

Items Removed From Consent Calendars

Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)

Member Parham expressed his ongoing opposition and concern relative to individual settlement agreements and the impacts on the District's fiscal stability.

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 4-1 (Member Parham voting "No"), the Board authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement(s).

Items of Business

(Written reports were included with the agenda and are on file in the District Office.)

Budget Update / Staff Recommendation

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Howell provided an update on the State Budget and reviewed the District's current program reduction/adjustment list targeting \$20,608,518. Curriculum Coordinators Mark Sontag and Brad Van Patten presented options for reducing the Science and Art Specialist programs and responded to questions from the Board.

Member Wallin made a motion to remove Science from the proposed Budget Reduction list, which was seconded by Member Kuwabara. The motion failed on a vote of 2-3 (Members Huntley-Fenner, McInerney and Parham voting "No").

Speaking to the topic:

Erin Rivero
Robert Evans
Zach Bokota
Shireen Rogers
Bruce Tromberg

Carey Kelson
Mary H. Frake-Minar
Dominic Mumolo
Kaii Lee
Ken Stone
Greg Gray
Petra Schaefer
Chris Kroesen
Bob Venable
Eric Minar
Yvonne Tsai
Mary Thomas-Vallens

The Board further discussed potential alternative funding options including the possible use of funds from the Irvine Ranch Water District easement and voluntary donations for consumables.

Assistant Superintendent Howell advised that final approval of the Budget Reduction / Adjustment list would be agendaized for Board action at the March 2 meeting. The Board expressed sincere appreciation to Donald Bren and the Irvine Company, and the Irvine Public Schools Foundation for their ongoing support.

Recess

President Wallin called a recess at 9:42 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-46 Determining Steps to Ensure Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2009-10

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, the Board adopted Resolution No. 09-10-46 Determining Steps to Ensure Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2009-10.

AYES: Members Huntley-Fenner, Kuwabara, McInerney, Parham, Wallin
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Review and Adoption of the Special Education Annual Service Delivery and Annual Budget Plan

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, adopted the Irvine SELPA Annual Service Delivery Plan and Annual Budget Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING: Specific Class Size Waiver Request for Grades 1-3

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 5-0, the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, approved the submission of a Specific Waiver Request for the 2010-11 school year and the 2011-12 school year to the California Department of Education to waive EC 41376, reducing the penalty to the general fund by increasing the class size threshold currently in place.

PUBLIC HEARING: General Class Size Waiver Request for Grades 4-8

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, approved the submission of a General Waiver Request for the 2010-11 school year and the 2011-12 school year to the California Department of Education to waive EC 41376, reducing the penalty to the general fund by increasing the class size threshold currently in place.

**2010 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election –
Region 15**

The Board cast votes for six (6) (out of a possible 9) CSBA Delegate Assembly candidates.

Tammie Bullard (Tustin USD)
Meg Cutuli (Los Alamitos USD)
Susan Henry (Huntington Beach Union HSD)
Nancy W. Kirkpatrick (Saddleback Valley USD)
Kathryn Moffat (Orange USD)
Sharon Wallin (Irvine USD)

Oral Communication

None

Adjourn to Closed Session

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:00 p.m. to continue discussions regarding labor negotiations.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Sharon Wallin
Board President

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