

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
March 12, 2007

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Parham at 1:05 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Gwen Gross, Superintendent of Schools
Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Terry Walker, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Janelle Cranch, Kira Falsetto, Dennis Gibbs, Peggy Graham, Dana Hamernik, Ian Hanigan,
Jim Helman, Erica Hoegh, Joe Hoffman, Lisa Howell, Lloyd Linton, Chris Lohrman,
Sherry McGrew, Nancy Melgares, Paul Mills, Judy Mueller, Tom Nelson, Barb Petro,
Lorrie Ruiz, Diana Schmelzer, Laurie Serich-Lundquist, Mark Sontag

Facilities Master Plan Study Session

Deputy Superintendent Medeiros expressed appreciation to staff for their work in developing the 2006-07 Facilities Master Plan document, a comprehensive report which provides a blueprint for future planning encompassing new school construction, modernization projects, and ongoing facilities improvements.

New School Openings

Tentative timelines for new school openings were presented as follows:

Fall 2007	Woodbury Elementary School (El Camino Real relocation)
Fall 2009	Stonegate Elementary School (Westwood Basics Plus relocation)
Fall 2009	Middle School in PA 40 (Woodbury)
Fall 2011	South Portola Springs Elementary School
Fall 2012-13	Middle School in Great Park
TBD	North Portola Springs Elementary School
TBD	PA1 or 5B Elementary School

Boundary Assignments

Lorrie Ruiz, Assistant Facilities Planner, reviewed previously approved and proposed boundary assignments for elementary, middle and high schools, and discussed corresponding impacts to open enrollment.

Enrollment Projections

Ten Year Enrollment Projections were presented including conservative (used for budgeting purposes) and moderate (used for facilities planning purposes) rates. The impacts of the current slow-down in residential development were also discussed.

6-8 Configuration

Projected costs of reconfiguring existing middle schools to accommodate grade 6 were presented totaling over \$50 million. The comparable costs of modernization vs. new construction were acknowledged, and the challenge of bringing existing middle school facilities up to an equitable level with new construction were discussed.

Modernization Projects

Pending modernization projects were reviewed including:

- ▶ DHH Program at Univeristy High School
- ▶ Renovation/Additions at Woodbridge High School
- ▶ Creekside Alternative Education Center
- ▶ Stadium at University High School

The Board discussed the benefits of scheduling the WHS modernization and expansion projects simultaneously to provide economy of scale, more flexibility for interim housing, and less disruption to the instructional program.

Project Funding

Available funding sources were reviewed including state school funds, Community Facilities District funds (CFD), capital facilities funds (developer fees), special reserve funds (for capital projects), and other local funds. Timing and cash flow concerns were also presented. The Board expressed a desire to develop a similar working relationship with Lennar (the major developer in the Great Park) as has been experienced with The Irvine Company.

Next Steps

Dr. Medeiros reviewed next steps including:

- ▶ Continue architectural plans for modernization projects
- ▶ Proceed with DHH project at UHS
- ▶ Sell surplus properties
- ▶ Continue analysis of 6-8 configuration costs
- ▶ Prioritize remaining projects with available funding
- ▶ Consider future surplus property opportunities – El Camino Real, current Creekside H.S., and Westwood Basics Plus

Other Discussion

The Board also discussed the possible need for a 5th high school (magnet) in the Great Park, as well as the possibility of creating "choice zones" for students residing in the SVUSD quadrant of the Great Park and the SAUSD quadrant of Jamboree Village.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Mike Parham
Board President

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