

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President McInerney at 4:01 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mike Parham (Member Parham joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

Carolyn McInerney (Member McInerney left the meeting at 5:00 p.m. due to illness)

Study Session

Facilities Strategic Plan

Consultants Lynne Merrick, Lionakis Beaumont Design Group (LBDG), and Benjamin Dolinka, Dolinka Group, presented the third in a series of study sessions regarding facilities. A recommendation to postpone the opening of Stonegate Elementary until 2010 and PA 40 Middle School until 2012 was made based on the latest moderate enrollment projections and significant slow down in development. Merrick provided a status report on the Stadium at University High School and the Capacity Study currently underway. The impact of class size decisions moving forward was also discussed. The Woodbridge High School modernization project is proceeding and specific components and needed decisions regarding the WHS expansion project were discussed. Options and funding strategies for the undeveloped area surrounding the Creekside Education Center at Harvard/Barranca were also reviewed. Asset management options for surplus properties including the vacated campuses of Alderwood Basics Plus, Creekside High School, El Camino Real, and Vista Verde were presented for discussion.

Board members discussed alternative plan designs for the WHS expansion and the need to review the IRWD agreement relative to landscaping commitments at the Harvard/Barranca site. Relative to asset management, the Board requested staff to convene a 7/11 Committee for Creekside H.S. and El Camino Real, determine the underlying zoning for all surplus properties, and analyze how best to proceed with the entitlement process.

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

The Board adjourned the Study Session at 5:55 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Acting President Huntley-Fenner reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of 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, Mike Parham, Sharon Wallin

Members Absent:

Sue Kuwabara (excused)
Carolyn McInerney (excused)

Student Members Present:

Claire Kim, Melissa McManus, Madison Murphy, Anderson Shih

Student Members Absent:

Jacob Choi

Staff:

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

Other Staff:

Bob Barnhart, Mary Bevernick, Scott Bowman, Rose Clegg, Rhonda DeVaux, Yvonne Dina, Jeanie Fritzsche, Dennis Gibbs, Ian Hanigan, Erica Hoegh, Joe Hoffman, Jeanne Jelnick, Susan Kemp, Lloyd Linton, Jim Mamer, Janel Millers, Paul Mills, Kris Moore, Judith Mueller, John Pehrson, Barb Petro, Mark Sontag, Mike Tague, Mary Thomas-Vallens, Cathy Turner, Brad VanPatten, Adelle Yeaton

Video Production Services:

Mike McIntyre, Teleios Services

Appointment of Acting Clerk

Acting President Huntley-Fenner appointed Member Wallin to serve as Acting Clerk.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 3-0, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2008, as presented.

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 3-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as amended:

REMOVE	Item 4 - <i>Closed Session</i> (removed by staff)
REVISE	Item 14k - <i>Field Trips and Excursions</i>
ADD	Addendum to Item 16d - <i>PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration and Adoption of Resolution No. 07-08-27 - Approving a School Facilities Needs Analysis and Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6 and 65995.7 and Making Related Findings and Determinations (Level 2&3 Fees)</i>

Items Removed from Consent Calendars for Discussion and Separate Action:

Item 14b - *Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)*

Special Presentations/Recognitions

Cans for Cash City Recycling Challenge

Joe Hoffman, Director, Maintenance & Operations introduced Sarah Mills and Angie Burgh, City of Irvine, who announced the City's receipt of the "Most Innovative Campaign Award" including a cash prize of \$5,000 which was donated to the Irvine Public Schools Foundation. Mr. Hoffman expressed appreciation to IUSD staff member Bob Barnhart for his significant support during the campaign.

Secondary Writing Project

Jeanie Fritzsche, Coordinator, Language Arts and Social Science, and teachers Janel Millers, Cathy Turner, Jim Mamer and Jeanne Jelnick provided an update on the Secondary Writing Project and highlighted the significant educational impacts of the program. The team expressed appreciation for the Board's support.

Oral Communication

None

Student Board Member Reports

Student Members Kim, McManus, Murphy, and Shih reported on school activities.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gross reported on current district activities, awards and recognitions including Irvine's first State Legislators Breakfast on March 14, and Distinguished School visits at Canyon View and Alderwood this past week. Congratulations were expressed to state level Reflections Award recipients Timothy Wu, from University High School and Alexandria Kim, from Plaza Vista.

Announcements and Acknowledgments

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

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 3-0 (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. **Amendment to the Grant Agreement with Orange County Children and Families Commission to Expand School Readiness Services, 2006-08**
Approved the contract amendment with the Orange County Children and Families Commission (2006-2008) for the purpose of promoting school readiness nurse services and programs in Irvine to children prenatal through age five and their families who are at risk for school failure.
3. **Purchase Order Detail Report**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated March 6, 2008.
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 00117328 through 00117688
 - District 50, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00001329 through 00001332
 - District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00003693 through 00003699
 - District 41, Irvine Child Care Project - Numbers 00002190 through 00002197
 - Revolving Cash - Numbers 29896, 29995 through 30057
5. **Contract Services Action Report**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Approved and/or ratified the Contract Services Action Report 2007-08/12, as submitted.
6. **Prequalification Process for Contractors**
Approved the prequalification process for school construction projects, including the nine (9) modernization projects. The District Standard form questionnaire, Financial Statement and rating summary are currently available for Board review.
7. **Classified Personnel Action Report**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Approved and/or ratified the Classified Personnel Action Report 2007-08/12, as submitted for Employment and Resignation.
8. **Certificated Personnel Action Report**

(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Approved and/or ratified the Certificated Personnel Action Report 2007-08/12, as submitted for Employment and Retirement.

9. **Gifts**

(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)

Accepted gifts to the District, as listed.

10. **Field Trips and Excursions**

Approved the following field trips funded by donations:

- 1) Sierra Vista Symphonic Band and Chamber Orchestra students to Irvine, California on March 20, 2008 for \$651.00;
- 2) Sierra Vista Symphonic Band students to Irvine, California on March 21, 2008 for \$427.00;
- 3) Sierra Vista Choral students to Buena Park, California on March 28, 2008 for \$1,643.00;
- 4) Irvine High School Mythology, Art, and Drama students to Malibu, California on April 2, 2008 for \$1,100.00;
- 5) Stone Creek 3rd grade students to Placentia, California on April 2, 2008 for \$1,491.00;
- 6) University High School Junior Statesman of America students to Los Angeles, California on April 11-13, 2008 for \$2,100.00;
- 7) Turtle Rock 6th grade students to Los Angeles, California on April 14, 2008 for \$3,640.00;
- 8) Bonita Canyon 2nd grade students to Irvine, California on April 15, 2008 for \$1,496.00;
- 9) Irvine, Northwood, University, and Woodbridge High School Legislative Action students to Sacramento, California on April 16, 2008 for \$3,200.00;
- 10) Irvine High School newspaper students to Anaheim, California on April 17-20, 2008 for \$3,900.00;
- 11) College Park 1st grade students to Dana Point, California on April 22, 2008 for \$1,240.00;
- 12) College Park 1st grade students to Dana Point, California on April 23, 2008 for \$1,240.00;
- 13) College Park 1st grade students to Dana Point, California on April 24, 2008 for \$1,240.00;
- 14) Sierra Vista band and orchestra students to Irvine, California on April 23, 2008 for \$9,520.00;
- 15) Turtle Rock 1st grade students to Santa Ana, California on May 2, 2008 for \$1,140.00;
- 16) Woodbury 6th grade students to Buena Park, California on June 18, 2008 for \$1,632.00.

Consent Calendar Resolutions

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 3-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-28: Signature Authorization and Submission of Child Care and Development Services Contract Amendment, Early Childhood Learning Center, Alderwood and Turtle Rock Schools, 2007-08

Adopted Resolution No. 07-08-28 for signature authorization and submission of Child Care and Development Services Contract Amendment, Early Childhood Learning Center, Alderwood and Turtle Rock schools, 2007-08.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-29: Signature Authorization and Submission of Instructional Materials Grant, Early Start, Early Childhood Learning Center, 2007-08

Adopted Resolution No. 07-08-29 for signature authorization and submission of Instructional Materials Grant, Early Start, Early Childhood Learning Center, 2007-08.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-30: Signature Authorization and Submission of School Age Child Care Resource Grant, Alderwood and Turtle Rock Schools, 2007-08

Adopted Resolution No. 07-08-30 for signature authorization and submission of School Age Child Care Resource Grant, Alderwood and Turtle Rock schools, 2007-08.

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

Items Removed From Consent Calendars

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

Member Parham requested clarification regarding the settlement agreement process and the possible need for more assertive legal representation.

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 3-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$8,395.00 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.)

Secondary Course of Study Grades 7-12 for 2008-09

Assistant Superintendent Parham reviewed the proposed Secondary Course of Study and

responded to questions from the Board regarding course titles, parity, and the award of credit for courses taken outside the district. Curriculum Coordinator Mark Sontag reported on the upcoming math adoption and provided clarification regarding the middle school math curriculum.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 3-0, the Board approved the Secondary Course of Study – Grades 7-12 for the 2008-09 school year.

Selection of Auditor for District Funds

Deputy Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the rationale for the recommendation to remain with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., including a change in lead auditor, and responded to questions from the Board regarding the RFP.

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 3-0, the Board authorized the Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, to enter into a three-year contract with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. for auditing services.

PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration and Adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-26 - Statutory School Fee Increase

Larry Ferchaw, representing The Dolinka Group, provided clarification regarding the fee calculation as determined by the State Allocation Board.

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 3-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, adopted Resolution No. 07-08-26 increasing and readopting the school facilities fee on both residential and commercial/industrial development within the non-CFD areas of Irvine Unified School District.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration and Adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-27 - Approving a School Facilities Needs Analysis and Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6 and 65995.7 and Making Related Findings and Determinations (Level 2 & 3 Fees)

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 3-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, adopted Resolution No. 07-08-27 approving a School Facilities Needs Analysis and Adopting

Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6, and 65995.7 and Making Related Findings and Determinations (Level 2 and 3 Fees).

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Joint Bargaining Proposal – Health and Welfare Benefits, California School Employees Association, Chapter 517 and the Irvine Unified School District

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 3-0, the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, approved the initial joint proposal of the California School Employees Association, Chapter 517 and the Irvine Unified School District in order to initiate the bargaining process.

PUBLIC Hearing: Joint Bargaining Proposal – Benefits Management Board (BMB), Irvine Teachers Association and the Irvine Unified School District

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 3-0, the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, approved the initial joint proposal of the Irvine Teachers Association and the Irvine Unified School District in order to initiate the bargaining process.

Proposed Budget Reductions/Adjustments 2008-09

Deputy Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the proposed Budget Reduction/Adjustments list for 2008-09.

Speaking to the topic:

Terry LePage
Carole Uhlaner
Claudia Shambaugh
Michelle Yost
Mary Thomas-Vallens
Nickie Martin
Wendy Bokota
Hara Waldman

The Board discussed decision timelines, cost savings/revenue enhancement strategies, impacts of potential legislative relief and a desire to maximize public input opportunities. Medeiros announced the upcoming Board Study Session scheduled for March 25, 2008 to provide an opportunity for further discussion and input.

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 3-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Gavin Huntley-Fenner
Acting Board President

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