

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
March 18, 2009

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Huntley-Fenner at 4:10 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

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:

Christine Amoroso, Alan Battenfield, Robin Beacham, Jenna Berumen, Irene Brady,
Barbara Causee, Monica Colunga, Ian Hanigan, Erica Hoegh, Joe Hoffman,
Catherine Holmes, Ken Horner, Eamon Kane, Liz Krogsdale, Paul Mills, John Pehrson,
Barb Petro, Leslie Roach, Lauren Sipelis, Mark Sontag, Rena Thompson, Anne Trefz,
Brad VanPatten, Peter Wong

Budget Study Session

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Howell reported on the current status of the state budget, including a projected \$49.5 billion shortfall, and provided an overview of the district's multi-

year projections for the unrestricted general fund. She advised that the impact of federal stimulus dollars was unknown at this time.

Assistant Superintendent Terry Walker reviewed the criteria for budget adjustments as established by the Budget Crisis Committee and a preliminary list of options was presented. Following a review of cost saving initiatives already in process, the staff recommendation for Phase I adjustments was presented.

Speaking to the topic:

Sheila Mallow
Leslie Roach
Monica Colunga
John Pehrson
Wendy Bokota

The Board discussed other challenges related to categorical and class size flexibility (i.e., facility limitations, class cohort variances) and requested additional information relative to class size reduction penalties and potential savings.

Residency Verification

The Board discussed the recently implemented residency verification process and members expressed differing views regarding privacy, potential impacts on funding, additional staff time required to process, and the displacement of students.

Inter-District Transfers

Options relative to the acceptance of Inter-District Transfers were discussed including:

- ▶ No new (except staff)
- ▶ Allow staff children
- ▶ One year grace period
- ▶ Remove at level change (gr 6, gr 8)
- ▶ Last 2 years at level (5-6; 7-8; 11-12)

Staff to bring back recommendation at the April 7 regular meeting.

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 3-0 (Members McInerney and Parham left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.), there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Community Forum

The Community Forum was convened by President Huntley-Fenner at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

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, Ian Hanigan, Erica Hoegh, Catherine Holmes, Lauren Sipelis, Mark Sontag,
Brad VanPatten

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Howell provided an overview of the presentation from the earlier Study Session.

Speaking to the topic:

Lauren Sipelis

The Board continued their discussion and directed staff to 1) determine a process for budget reduction decision-making, and 2) refine the Phase I budget reduction list to include:

- ▶ Budget Freeze 2007-08
- ▶ Budget Freeze 2008-09
- ▶ Class Size Reduction Flexibility (as described in staff recommendation)
- ▶ Summer School Consolidation
- ▶ Residency Verification
- ▶ Reduction of IOLA Contract
- ▶ Dependent Audit
- ▶ Adult Ed Support Fee

Items for future consideration:

- ▶ Remaining items on the Budget Reduction/Adjustment List
- ▶ Elimination of K-3 Class Size Reduction

Adjournment

The Community Forum was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Ph.D.
Board President

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