

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
March 25, 2008

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President McInerney at 4:07 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 Member Kuwabara and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

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:

Alan Battenfield, Barbara Belfield, Mary Bevernick, Nancy Bower, Kay Bradley,
Kay Bradley, Irene Brady, Karen Brown, Jeanette Clymer, Nancy Colocino, Monica Colunga,
Janelle Cranch, Linda Davis, Linda Davis, Donna Delap, Anita Dhume, Nancy Dusenburg,
Robbi Edmondson, Anne Fitzgerald, Joann Freeman, Jeanie Fritzsche, Jean Gibbons,
Dennis Gibbs, Ian Hanigan, Julie Hicks ,Lisa Howell ,Robin Hunter ,Lisa Kadam,
Ariel Kidder, Kaye Kingsbury, Leanne Lauritzen ,Teryl MacAllister, Gayla Massey,
Susan Miehan, Kris Moore, Judith Mueller, Kiyoo Nagatoni, Marcia Noonan, Mari Perini,
Barb Petro, Kelli Seydewitz, Alan Simsovic, Laura Smith-Black ,Gil Snachez, Mark Sontag,
Craig Spargo, Sarah Sukhov, Kelly Sunderman, Diane Tapangco, Elizabeth Taylor,
Rena Thompson, Rena Thompson, Cindy Tyson, Jason Vilorio, Susie Weber, Lynda Wilson,
Michelle Yost

Study Session – Budget

Superintendent Gross opened the meeting, stressing the importance of maintaining the District's fiscal integrity and the need to plan for worst case scenarios, currently estimated at a \$12.5 million shortfall for the District. She expressed appreciation to staff for their diligent work in identifying potential cuts for the Board's consideration and encouraged those present to contact state legislators to influence the development of the state budget.

Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros reviewed the proposed budget reductions/adjustments list and staff presented specific impacts for each item.

The Board discussed various program and service components including special education, energy conservation, class size/staffing allocations, grade 3 class size reduction, and athletics, and provided additional cost savings suggestions for consideration. The Board expressed a desire to maintain equity and avoid the loss of state funding tied to specific programs whenever possible.

Speaking to the topic:

- Michelle Yost (Athletics)
- Sharon Scott (Athletics)
- Kiyo Nagatoni (Library/Media)
- Barbara Belfield (Library/Media)
- Jordan Manage (Incentives to save)
- Lee Sisson (Class size)
- Terry Lepage (Class size)
- Kay Bradley (Clerical support)
- Janelle Cranch (Classified support; layoff)
- Jim Cavanaugh (Athletics)
- Diane Bucka (Athletics)
- Kim Axene (PTA response)
- Barb Petro (ITA response; teacher workload)
- Suzanne Bonfiglio (Gr 3 CSR)

Recess

President McInerney called a recess at 6:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Other revenue enhancement ideas and strategies discussed included incentives for energy savings, categorical flexibility, athletic transportation fee increase, facilities use fee increase, IRWD funds, and support from the City of Irvine.

Gross and Medeiros reiterated the need to cut deeply enough to ensure multi-year fiscal stability and to recognize the limited impact of one-time savings which will require additional cuts in subsequent years.

Adjournment

President McInerney adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney
Board President

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