

**Irvine Unified School District**  
*Irvine, California*

**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**May 3, 2011**

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**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Kuwabara at 4:50 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Mike Parham (excused)

**Oral Communication**

None

**Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:52 p.m.

**Student Discipline Issues**

The Board discussed two (2) student discipline issues.

**Hearing of Complaints Against District Employees**

The Board heard a complaint against district employees and provided direction to staff.

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

The Board met with legal counsel to discuss the ACLU lawsuit re: student fees.

**Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives.

**Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**

**Res. No. 10-11-46: Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – First Year**

### **Probationary/Intern Teachers**

The Board discussed Resolution No. 10-11-46 directing that a notice of non-reelection be sent by the District to the specified employees on or before June 30, 2011.

### **Reconvene Regular Meeting**

President Kuwabara reconvened the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

### **Appointment of Acting Clerk**

President Kuwabara appointed Member McInerney to serve as Acting Clerk.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Huntley-Fenner and was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Irvine Home School Clerk, Sondra Newman, who passed away on April 25.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Members Present:**

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

#### **Members Absent:**

Mike Parham (excused)

#### **Student Members Present:**

Chris Allman, Brighton Charles, Jamie Ullman

#### **Student Members Absent:**

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#### **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:**

Ian Hanigan, John Pehrson, Monica Colunga, Leslie Roach, Lauren Sipelis, Brad VanPatten, Lynn Matassarini, Mark Miller, Rick Seibert, Tim Jamison

**Video Production:**

James Adling  
Brian Des Palmes

***Closed Session Report***

President Kuwabara reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

**Student Discipline Issues**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 614100016 through January 27, 2012.

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 191031572 through June 15, 2011.

***Adoption of the Agenda***

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 4-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as presented.

***Special Report***

**ACLU Lawsuit Update - Student Fees**

AALRR attorney Mark Bresee provided an update on the ACLU lawsuit relative to student fees. He emphasized the need for distinction between existing law and new mandates, pending the passage of AB 165, which will require districts to establish specific audit provisions and complaint procedures.

Keith Tuominen, Director of Secondary Education, reviewed the steps taken to date to ensure the District's compliance, including efforts to move toward a donation model with voluntary contributions.

**Speaking to the topic:**

Maureen Price  
Terry LePage  
Carole Uhlaner

## ***Special Presentations/Recognitions***

### **Young Masters Art Show - Cover Artist**

Irvine Assistance League President Mimi Zinchefsky and co-chairs MaryAnn Gankema and Meg Lloyd recognized Brywood fifth grader Zachary Labus, whose artwork was selected for the cover of this year's Young Masters Art Show. Student artwork will be on display at the Irvine Civic Center from May 7-19.

### **Imagination Celebration Poster Winners**

Patricia Wayne, Director of Programs and Education, Arts Orange County, recognized Kira Wong, Sierra Vista Middle School, and Sydney Gang, Rancho San Joaquin Middle School, whose artwork was selected to be featured at this year's Imagination Celebration arts festival.

### **2011 Irvine Teachers Association Scholarship Recipients**

President-Elect Tim Jamison announced ITA's 2011 scholarship recipients and introduced those present:

#### *Students Entering the Education Profession*

Kristina Pelekoudas - University H.S.

#### *Carrie Valderrama Memorial Scholarship*

Chase Ginther - University H.S.

Laurel Wroblicky - Northwood H.S.

#### *Irvine Teacher Memorial Scholarship*

Andrea Chaikovsky - Irvine H.S.

Madeline Page - Woodbridge H.S.

#### *Venture Scholarship*

Sharon Syau - San Joaquin H.S.

Remi Nakagawa - San Joaquin H.S.

### **Irvine Public Schools Foundation Update**

Wendy Bokota reported on the foundation's ongoing efforts to support our schools including the Donald Bren Honors Concert, K-3 Music Campaign, Mobil Giving through Texting, 365 Campaign, 10K Run and an inaugural golf tournament on May 12.

### **Irvine Unified Council PTA Update**

President Steffanie Early updated the Board on the 2011 California PTA Convention in Long Beach, which included a surprise visit by Governor Brown. Statewide advocacy efforts are in full swing under the theme of "Cuts Hurt Kids." She announced a \$4,000 city grant award in support of Safe and Sober Grad Nights and expressed appreciation to the teachers of Irvine in

recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 3.

### **Oral Communication**

None

### **Student Board Member Reports**

Student Members Allman, Charles and Ullman reported on school activities.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Gross extended congratulations to Irvine educators for their selection as recipients of the Orange County Music and Arts Education Award:

- Brad VanPatten, Top Arts Administrator in Orange County
- Zach Halop, Secondary Vocal Music
- Ranae Bettger, Secondary Theater

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Howell provided a brief budget update advising a state budget shortfall of \$15.4 billion. A number of unknowns expected to have significant impact were discussed including property tax revenues, Basic Aid Fair Share, the ACLU lawsuit and Tier III flexibility. She advised the Governor's May Revise was expected May 16.

### **Announcements and Acknowledgments**

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

### **Consent Calendar**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the 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. **Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)**  
Authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$4,250.00 in accordance with the terms

of the Settlement Agreement(s).

3. **Submit Bilingual Assessor Waiver Request to California State Superintendent of Education**  
Approved the submittal of Bilingual Tester Waiver Request to California State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
4. **Purchase Order Detail Report**  
*(A written report is on file in the District Office.)*  
Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated April 13, 2011.
5. **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 00154801 through 00155355  
District 50, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00001492  
District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00004467 through 00004474  
District 41, Irvine Child Care Project - Numbers 00002563  
Revolving Cash - Numbers 34625 through 34701
6. **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 2010-11/14, as submitted.
7. **Classified Personnel Action Report**  
*(A written report was included with the agenda and is on file in the District Office.)*  
Approve and/or ratify the Classified Personnel Action Report 2010-11/14, 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 2010-11/14, as submitted for Employment, Leaves of Absence and Resignations.
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) Melissa Figue to Austin, Texas from July 19-21, 2011 for \$1,945.00.
11. **Field Trips and Excursions**

Approved the following field trips funded by donations —

- 1) Woodbridge High School Way Of the Warrior (WOW) students to Orange, California, on May 9 for \$320.00;
- 2) Irvine High School seniors to Universal City, California, on May 16, 2011 for \$7,300.00;
- 3) Stone Creek 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to Anaheim, California, on May 25, 2011 for \$3,200.00;
- 4) Stone Creek 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to Irvine, California, on June 15, 2011 for \$1,806.00;
- 5) University High School cross country team to Yosemite, California, on August 2-6, 2011 for \$6,475.00.

### **Consent Calendar Resolutions**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-41: Signature Authorization and Submission of Grant Proposal: State Council on Developmental Disabilities Area Board XI Program Development Grant (PDG) Cycle 34, Federal Fiscal Year 2011-12**

Adopted Resolution No. 10-11-41 for signature authorization and approved submission of the grant proposal for State Council on Developmental Disabilities Area Board XI Program Development Grant (PDG) Cycle 34, Federal Fiscal Year 2011-12.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-42: Approving the Report of the Engineer In Connection with The Levy And Collection Of Assessments Within the Irvine Unified School District Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2011-12**

Adopted Resolution No. 10-11-42 which approves the Report of the Engineer in connection with the Irvine Unified School District Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District, as filed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-43: Declaring Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments Within the Irvine Unified School District Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and Appointing a Date and Time for a Public Hearing**

Adopted Resolution No. 10-11-43 Declaring Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments Within the Irvine Unified School District Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and setting the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-44: Final Resolution Regarding Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services and Release of Employees**

Adopted Resolution No. 10-11-44 Regarding Final Resolution Regarding Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services and Release of Employees.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10-11-45: Proclaiming May 16-20, 2011 "Classified School Employee Week"**

Adopted Resolution No. 10-11-45 Proclaiming May 16-20, 2011 "Classified School Employee Week."

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

***Facilities Consent Calendar***

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, the Board took the following action on the Facilities Consent Calendar:

1. **Notices of Completion – Deerfield Elementary School Modernization Project**  
Accepted the contracts of the listed contractors for the Deerfield Elementary School Modernization project as complete and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.

***Items of Business***

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

**First Reading: Revision to Board Policy 6154 – Homework**

Following an in-depth staff presentation at the April 12, 2011 meeting, Assistant Superintendent Parham summarized the comprehensive process undertaken by the Curriculum Council to develop a Homework policy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

On the motion of Member McNerney, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board approved for first reading revised Board Policy 6154 – Homework.

**Annual Review of District-Wide Continuous Improvement Efforts for 2011-12**

Following an in-depth staff presentation at the April 12, 2011 meeting, Assistant Superintendent Parham summarized the process whereby the Curriculum Council identifies important directions across a wide scope of school programs.

On the motion of Member McNerney, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board 1) approved the Continuous Improvement Efforts for 2011-12, as presented, and 2) expressed appreciation to the members of the 2011-12 Curriculum Council for their work.

**High School Textbook Adoption 2011-12**



Assistant Superintendent Parham reviewed the high school textbook adoption process and proposed new textbooks.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 4-0, the Board approved the 2011-12 IUSD High School Textbook Catalogue.

### **Architectural Services for Development of Irvine Unified School District Facilities Master Plan**

Assistant Superintendent Howell reviewed the proposed contract and introduced LPA Principal Don Pender, who was present for questions.

The Board discussed optional funding sources and requested clarification relative to Board representation and involvement in the comprehensive Facilities Master Planning process. The idea of a "visioning" study session was suggested.

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, the Board authorized the Assistant Superintendent/CFO of Business Services to enter into a contract with LPA, Inc., to provide the scope of services as outlined above for the development of the Irvine Unified School District Facilities Master Plan for a fee of \$690,300.00.

### ***Oral Communication***

None

### ***Adjournment***

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Sue Kuwabara  
Board President

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