

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
May 28, 2008

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President McInerney at 3:34 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 (excused)

Oral Communication

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 3:36 p.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation In the Matter of the Accusation Against Certificated Employees, OAH Case No. 2008030557

The Board discussed existing litigation with legal counsel.

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-50: Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – 1st Year Probationary Employees; Intern; and Other Certificated Employees

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-08-50 directing that a notice of non-reelection be sent by the District to specified employees on or before June 30, 2008.

AYES: Members Huntley-Fenner, Kuwabara, Wallin, McInerney

NOES: None

ABSENT: Member Parham

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-51: Release/Reassignment of Administrator

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 3-1 (Member Wallin voting "No"), the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-08-51 directing the Superintendent or a designee to send notices of reassignment, in accordance with the provisions of Ed Code section 44951, to specified employees before June 30, 2008.

AYES: Members Huntley-Fenner, Kuwabara, McInerney

NOES: Member Wallin

ABSENT: Member Parham

Reconvene Special Meeting

President McInerney reconvened the special meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mike Parham (excused)

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:

Mary Bevernick, Kira Falsetto, Dennis Gibbs, Dana Hamernik, Ian Hanigan, Joe Hoffman,
Lisa Howell, Kris Moore, Barb Petro, Lorrie Ruiz, Rena Thompson, Anne Trefz

Closed Session Report

President McInerney reported on the discussion and action in Closed Session.

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as presented.

Oral Communication

None

Items of Business

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-49: Eliminating Positions and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service Due to Lack of Work and/or Lack of Funds

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-08-49 Eliminating Positions and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service Due to Lack of Work and/or Lack of Funds, thereby authorizing the Superintendent or designee to identify the individuals within these classifications for layoff and to proceed with the reduction in force process.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-52: Final Resolution Regarding Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services and Release of Employees; Adoption, Modification, and/or Rejection of Certain Findings of Fact and Law by Administrative Law Judge

Speaking to the topic:
Joyce Stenberg
Donna Linzey
Barbara Petro

Legal counsel Tony DeMarco reviewed the rationale and process for the formal hearing conducted on April 30, 2008 before Administrative Law Judge Michael A. Scarlett relative to a reduction in certificated services.

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-08-52: Final Resolution Regarding Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services and Release of Employees; Adoption, Modification, and/or Rejection of Certain Findings of Fact and Law by Administrative Law Judge.

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

Study Session

Facilities Strategic Plan - Capacity/Enrollment Elementary and K-8 Schools

Consultants Lynne Merrick, Lionakis Beaumont Design Group (LBDG), and Benjamin Dolinka, Dolinka Group, presented the fourth in a series of study sessions regarding facilities. Merrick provided a site-by-site review of existing elementary and K-8 facilities and discussed potential solutions to address specific issues including under-sized classrooms, dedicated science classrooms, dedicated computer labs, multipurpose room size and stage configuration, and library size.

The Board discussed the challenges of establishing standard facility parameters for schools with a wide range of existing facilities and space, and the need to consider school program priorities and district-wide parity. The Board also discussed the need for well defined open enrollment guidelines which address capacity limitations.

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Kuwbara, seconded by Member Huntley-Fenner and carried 4-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney
Board President

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