

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
June 18, 2007

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Parham at 5:30 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Oral Communication

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

The Board discussed real property negotiations and provided direction to staff.

Reconvene Special Meeting

President Parham reconvened the Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Gwen Gross, Superintendent of Schools

Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Janelle Cranch, Ian Hanigan, Lisa Howell, Judith Mueller, Barb Petro

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as presented.

Items of Business

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

Certificated Personnel Action Report

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, the Board approved the Certificated Personnel Action Report 2006-07/17 Board as submitted for Employment.

Heritage Fields Mitigation

Deputy Superintendent Medeiros introduced Fred Woocher, of Strumwassser L& Woocher LLP, who provided an update regarding the status of negotiations with Lennar Corporation relative to mitigation for schools in the Great Park area including Heritage Fields.

Mr. Woocher advised that negotiations have yielded little progress to date, and that the District was still awaiting a response to their recent proposal for land and construction costs, which was provided at Lennar's request.

The Board expressed their frustration about the lack of response and their concern that development plans were continuing to be finalized without a mitigation plan in place for schools. The Board also expressed the need to ensure educational equity for all of its students,

and the expectation that schools in the Great Park would meet the "Irvine-quality" standard provided by The Irvine Company over the course of the district's history. Mr. Woocher also suggested the need to urge the City to step up its efforts to support the District on behalf of the schools.

The Board requested that this item be reagendaized for an update at their next regular meeting on June 26.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Mike Parham
Board President

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