

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

**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**October 20, 2009**

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**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Huntley-Fenner at 5:12 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Sue Kuwabara, Carolyn McInerney, Gavin Huntley-Fenner

**Members Absent:**

Mike Parham (excused)

Sharon Wallin (excused)

**Oral Communication**

None

**Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:14 p.m.

**Student Discipline Issues**

The Board discussed two student discipline issues.

**Conference with Labor Negotiators**

The Board discussed labor negotiations and provided direction to staff.

**Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

The Board discussed real property negotiations relative to the property located at 311 West Yale Loop and provided direction to staff.

**Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

The Board discussed two existing litigation issues relative to the Stadium at University High School.

### **Reconvene Regular Meeting**

President Huntley-Fenner reconvened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Member Kuwabara and was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Debi Meriwether, daughter of 33 year employee Connie Courtney, who passed away October 13, following a courageous battle with cancer.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Members Present:**

Sue Kuwabara, Carolyn McInerney, Gavin Huntley-Fenner

#### **Members Absent:**

Mike Parham (excused)  
Sharon Wallin (excused)

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

Gal Sadlik, Lucas Salzman, Brianne Searl, Jamie Ullman

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

Laura Bran

#### **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:**

Mary Bevernick, Rhonda DeVaux, Ian Hanigan, Linda O'Neal, Rick Seibert

#### **Video Production:**

James Adling  
Brian Des Palmes

## **Closed Session Report**

President Huntley-Fenner reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

### **Student Discipline Issues**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 3-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 145020024 through June 23, 2010.

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 3-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 975285 through June 23, 2010.

## **Approval of Minutes**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 3-0, the Board approved the following Minutes, as presented:

July 14, 2009 Regular Meeting  
July 23, 2009 Special Meeting  
July 28, 2009 Special Meeting  
August 25, 2009 Regular Meeting

## **Adoption of the Agenda**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 3-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as revised.

Items Removed from Consent Calendars for Discussion and Separate Action:

Item 13h - *Grant Proposal: City of Irvine Educational Partnership Fund – Health and Guidance Services*

## **Special Presentations/Recognitions**

### **2009 Red Ribbon Prevention Activities**

Debra Bianchi, Executive Director, Irvine Community Drug Prevention; Eric Bianchi, retired Irvine Police Department Sergeant; and Nancy Colocino, Coordinator, Guidance Resources reported on this year's Red Ribbon activities focused on the theme of "Dream, Believe, Achieve, Succeed." Activities included spirit days at individual school sites, a community forum, a violence prevention conference for middle school students, and the ever-popular "Pizza Night" wherein your pizza is delivered by Irvine's finest.

### **Recognition of Retiring Director of Nutrition Services – Rhonda DeVaux**

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Howell introduced Nutrition Services Director Rhonda DeVaux, who is retiring after 33 years of service to students in the school nutrition field. DeVaux, who has been recognized for her leadership at both the state and national levels, was also applauded by the Board for her innovation, commitment and perseverance in promoting healthy food choices and increased meal participation for students within extremely limited resources.

### **IUSD Career Link Program**

Director Linda O'Neal presented a comprehensive overview of the Career Link program, which prepares special needs students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). Through collaboration with various agencies, businesses and community groups, students receive training relative to employment preparation, travel training, job coaching, post-secondary education planning and benefits planning and management.

### **Oral Communication**

None

### **Student Board Member Reports**

Student Members Sadlik, Salzman, Searl and Ullman reported on school activities.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Gross reported on current district activities including a very successful Staff Development Day held October 19, and IPSF's Walk to School Day held on October 23. She reported that the budget development process would be accelerated due to the current economic condition, with the First Interim Report to be presented on November 20. Participation in IPSF's annual fund raising campaign was encouraged and the need to remain vigilant in our efforts to protect students from the H1N1 virus was reiterated. She added her best wishes to departing IUSD staff member Rhonda DeVaux.

### **Announcements and Acknowledgments**

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

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## **Consent Calendar**

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 3-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the amended 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. **Contract for Special Education Related Services**  
Authorized payment for special education related services in an amount not to exceed \$18,430.00.
3. **Payment in Accordance with the Terms of the Settlement Agreement(s)**  
Authorized payment in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement(s).
4. **Purchase Order Detail Report**  
*(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)*  
Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated October 8, 2009.
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 00136013 through 00136513
  - District 50, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00001422 through 00001424
  - District 44, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00004020 through 00004030
  - District 41, Irvine Child Care Project - Numbers 00002386 through 00002395
  - Revolving Cash - Numbers 32066 through 32137
6. **Contract Services Action Report**  
*(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)*  
Approved and/or ratified the Contract Services Action Report 2009-10/05, as submitted.
7. **Quarterly Report on Complaints Pursuant to Ed. Code 35186(d)**  
For information.
8. **Classified Personnel Action Report**  
*(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)*  
Approved and/or ratified the Classified Personnel Action Report 2009-10/05, as

submitted for Employment.

9. **Certificated Personnel Action Report**

*(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)*

Approved and/or ratified the Certificated Personnel Action Report 2009-10/05, as submitted for Employment.

10. **Field Trips and Excursions**

Approved the following field trips funded by donations —

- 1) Woodbridge High School Latin students to Newport Coast, California, on October 24, 2009 for \$1,920.00;
- 2) Eastshore 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to San Juan Capistrano, California, on October 29, 2009 for \$1,840.00;
- 3) Vista Verde Kindergarten students to Irvine, California, on October 30, 2009 for \$1,683.00;
- 4) Turtle Rock 3rd grade students to Laguna Beach, California, on November 13, 2009 for \$2,071.00;
- 5) Turtle Rock 1st grade students to Irvine, California, on December 20, 2009 for \$1,850.00;
- 6) Woodbury 1st grade students to Santa Ana, California, on December 16, 2009 for \$1,696.00;
- 7) University High School girls basketball to Orlando, Florida, on December 27-31, 2009 for \$13,200.00;
- 8) University Park 5th grade students to Buena Park, California, on March 10, 2010 for \$1,850.00;
- 9) Vista Verde 7th and 8th grade students to Catalina Island, California, on May 10-12, 2010 for \$21,760.00;
- 10) University Park 6th grade students to Irvine, California, on June 22, 2010 for \$2,300.00.

**Consent Calendar Resolutions**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 3-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board took the following action on the Consent Calendar Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-29: Proclaiming October 24 – November 1, 2009 as Red Ribbon Week**

Adopted Resolution No. 09-10-29, proclaiming October 24 – November 1, 2009 Red Ribbon Week and encouraged participation in alcohol, tobacco, other drug and violence prevention and education activities.

AYES: Members Kuwabara, McInerney, Huntley-Fenner

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NOES: None  
ABSENT: Members Parham, Wallin

### **CFD Consent Calendar**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 3-0, the Board, acting as the governing body of Community Facilities District No 86-1, took the following action on the CFD Consent Calendar:

1. **Authorization to Renew Lease of Two (2) Relocatable Classrooms at College Park Elementary School**  
Authorized the Assistant Superintendent/CFO of Business Services to enter into a contract with Mobile Modular Management Corporation to renew the lease for two (2) 24' x 40' DSA approved relocatable classrooms at College Park Elementary School.
2. **Authorization to Renew Lease of Two (2) Relocatable Classrooms at Alderwood Basics Plus Elementary School**  
Authorized the Assistant Superintendent/CFO of Business Services to enter into a contract with Mobile Modular Management Corporation to renew the lease for two (2) 24' x 40' DSA approved relocatable classrooms at Alderwood Basics Plus Elementary School.
3. **Change Orders – Stone Creek Elementary School Modernization Project**  
Approved the listed change orders in the amount of \$108,223.00, at the Stone Creek Elementary School Modernization project. No change to the completion date.
4. **Notices of Completion – Stone Creek Elementary School Modernization Project**  
Accepted the contracts of the listed contractors for the Stone Creek Elementary School Modernization project as complete and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.
5. **Change Orders – Woodbridge High School Modernization**  
Approved the listed change orders in the amount of \$35,992.00, at the Woodbridge High School Modernization project. No change to the completion date.

### **Items Removed From Consent Calendars**

#### **Grant Proposal: City of Irvine Educational Partnership Fund – Health and Guidance Services**

Member Huntley-Fenner requested an update on the efficacy of the programs being funded by the Educational Partnership grants, and stressed the increased need for these core programs.

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 3-0, the

Board:

- 1) Approved the submission of four Irvine Unified School District grant proposals to the City of Irvine for the purpose of providing a) Guidance Assistant services to support at-risk students in grades K-3, b) Guidance Assistant services to support at-risk students in grades 4-6, c) Project Success intervention services for at-risk middle school students, and d) Project Success intervention services for at-risk high school students.
- 2) Acknowledged the submission of two Irvine Public Schools Foundation grant proposals for the purpose of providing a) enhanced, specialized district-wide school nurse services, and b) additional health clerks.

### **Items of Business**

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-30: Tier III Categorical Flexibility**

Assistant Superintendent Howell reviewed the Tier III categorical flexibility funds totaling \$11.6 million and advised those programs currently being funded would continue for 2009-10, but at a 20% reduction. Assistant Superintendent Parham reported that a committee had been convened to develop recommendations for 2010-11, which will be determined based on Board identified priorities, federal and state mandates, and staff identified needs.

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 3-0, the Board, after holding a public hearing and receiving no comments, adopted Resolution No. 09-10-30, Tier III Categorical Flexibility.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-31: Eliminating a Position and Ordering a Layoff in the Classified Service Due to Lack of Work and/or Lack of Funds**

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 3-0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 09-10-31, Eliminating a Position and Ordering a Layoff in the Classified Service due to Lack of Work and/or Lack of Funds, thereby authorizing the Superintendent or designee to identify the individual within this classification for layoff and to proceed with the reduction in force process.

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



**Oral Communication**

None

**Adjournment**

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 3-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Ph.D.  
Board President

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