

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
November 10, 2010

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Wallin at 4:00 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 Parham and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

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, Jeff Dixon, Dana Hamernik, Ian Hanigan, Joe Hoffman, Susana Lopez,
Sherry McGrew, Lorrie Ruiz, Mark Sontag, Anne Trefz, Keith Tuominen, Brad Van Patten,
Scott Wilkeson

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board adopted the agenda as presented.

Facilities Study Session

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Howell provided an overview of the topics to be discussed, as outlined in the Powerpoint presentation.

Facilities Master Plan

Director Lloyd Linton reviewed the purpose, scope of services, timeline and committee selection process for the Facilities Master Plan. Members Parham and Wallin volunteered to serve on the screening committee for architect selection and staff presented a recommended selection process for the Advisory Committee.

Enrollment Update

Lorrie Ruiz, Director of Facilities, provided an update on enrollment reporting a 537 student increase K-12. She reported that actual enrollment exceeded both conservative and moderate projections due to an earlier than expected resurgence of new development, which is expected to produce a 44% increase in enrollment over the next ten years. A timeline for new schools and expansions was presented.

Space Allocation Committee

The mission of the Space Allocation Committee was reviewed and options to address the impacts of new student growth from PA 18 and PA 39 were discussed. Member McInerney expressed the need for the Irvine Company to provide a school when needed, as has been their longstanding practice.

Board members also expressed concern about the impacts of new development in the Great Park and the Irvine Business Complex and requested staff to review board policy relative to school size to determine if revisions are needed.

The Board expressed a desire for more frequent and in depth enrollment data. Staff reported a need for additional consulting support relative to projections and options were discussed including expanding the current contract with DecisionInsite or hiring an additional consultant.

Project Updates

Lloyd Linton provided an overview of recently completed projects and projects under construction.

Future projects were also discussed including the Maintenance and Operations expansion, University High School Stadium and Group 4 Modernizations. The Board directed staff to proceed with planning for the Stadium through DSA approval at a cost of \$500,000.

Creekside Education Center

Staff requested board direction relative to the development of the remaining 12 acres at the Creekside Education Center site (Harvard/Barranca), advising that a progress report is due to the U.S. Department of Education by March 1, 2011.

IRWD Cienega Selenium and Nitrate Removal Project

IRWD representative Paul Weghorst reviewed a proposal to revise the existing easement to reduce the current 3.75 acres of subsurface use and develop a 1.6 acre above ground facility. Benefits to the district were presented including a return of 2.15 acres of the existing easement, construction of a public restroom, an educational display, and a joint use turn-out and driveway from Barranca. He advised that State Architect approval was needed by February 2011 in order to qualify for \$5.5 million in ARRA funding, and that construction must be substantially complete in 2011.

Board members discussed concerns including late notification by IRWD, reduced flexibility to develop the site, and potential vandalism and upkeep of the public restroom. The Board directed staff to engage in negotiations with IRWD and initiate a planning process for development of the remaining site acreage.

Approved Projects Funding Sources

Assistant Superintendent Howell provided an overview of funding sources for approved projects.

Next Steps

Howell summarized next steps including:

- Appointment of the Facilities Master Plan committee members
- Consideration of PA 18 and PA 39 transitional recommendations
- Scheduling of follow-up Facilities Study Session - Feb 2011
- Authorization of Group 4 Modernization Projects
- Completion of Stadium planning through DSA approval
- Development of a Master Plan for the Creekside Education Center site
- Expansion of DecisionInsite's scope of services

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Huntley-Fenner, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Sharon Wallin
Board President

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