

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
November 12, 2008

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President McInerney at 2:04 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 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 (Member Parham joined the meeting at 2:14 p.m.)

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:

Kira Falsetto, Dana Hamernik, Ian Hangian, Joe Hoffman, Lisa Howell, Lloyd Linton,
Sherry McGrew, Lorrie Ruiz, Lauren Sipelis, Jason Vilorio

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.

Facilities Strategic Plan Study Session

Future High School Needs

Consultant Lynne Merrick from the Lionakis Beaumont Design Group (LBDG) provided a Powerpoint presentation and reviewed preliminary high school enrollment projections, current and board policy capacity ranges, and housing options and costs. Expansion plans to address mid-range needs for Irvine, Northwood and Woodbridge high schools were presented, with projections indicating the need for a new high school in the northern sphere by 2017-18. Staff advised that based on the current economy, generation rates continue to change rapidly.

The Board discussed the School Size policy, which addresses both existing and new school capacities. For planning purposes, board members expressed a desire to use less than the 2600 maximum and the need to specify the length of time a school could stay at maximum capacity.

Other strategies to increase capacity were discussed including the use of relocatables, two-story building options, staggered starts, year round calendar, more traveling teachers, and directing students to college or online courses.

Board direction to staff:

- ▶ Proceed with the Woodbridge HS expansion project.
- ▶ Explore the Irvine HS expansion project.
- ▶ Explore the Northwood HS expansion project.
- ▶ Convene a committee to begin the site selection process for a new comprehensive high school, projected to be needed at build-out of current development plans.

A fiscal plan will be presented for the Board's consideration at the December 9th meeting.

Medeiros reiterated that the WHS pool was not included in the expansion project. At an estimated cost of \$6.5-\$7.5 million, no funding source has been identified. Two pool location options have been identified and staff will explore both options further.

Speaking to the topic:
Alan Dugard

Deerfield Modernization

Deputy Superintendent Medeiros advised the Deerfield Modernization project would be addressed at a future board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney
Board President

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