

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 17, 2009

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Huntley-Fenner at 6:05 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Oral Communication

None

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

Student Discipline Issue

The Board discussed two student discipline issues.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives for 2009-11.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

President Huntley-Fenner reconvened the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Student Member Brianne Searl and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Student Members Present:

Laura Bran, Gal Sadlik, Lucas Salzman, Brianne Searl

Student 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:

Janelle Cranch, Jeanie Fritzsche, Ian Hanigan, Paul Mills, Rick Seibert, Mark Sontag

Video Production Services:

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 5-0, the Board approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 191095319 through January 28, 2010.

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the

approved the staff recommendation to expel Student No. 191094990 through June 23, 2010, with immediate suspension of the expulsion, allowing the student to return with probationary status.

Adoption of the Agenda

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as amended:

- REVISE Item 3a - *Student Discipline Issues* (1 case removed by staff)
- REVISE Item 13g - *Receive Bids/Award Contract Woodbridge High School
Modernization Parking Lot Expansion and Fire Road Loop*
- REVISE Item 14e - *Resolution No. 09-10-35: To Establish Temporary Interfund
Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Monies*

Items Removed from Consent Calendars for Discussion and Separate Action:
Item 13g - *Receive Bids/Award Contract Woodbridge High School
Modernization Parking Lot Expansion and Fire Road Loop*

Special Presentations/Recognitions

IPSF Walk to School Day

Debbie Rugani, IPSF Vice President of Community Initiatives and Programs, presented highlights of the October 23 Walk to School Day and expressed appreciation to all who contributed to the event.

Oral Communication

None

Student Board Member Reports

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gross reported on current district activities, awards and recognitions.

Congratulations to:

- California Distinguished School Nominees – Bonita Canyon, Meadow Park, Oak Creek, Plaza Vista, Stone Creek, Stonegate, Turtle Rock, University Park
- Grammy School Finalist - Irvine High School
- University H.S. junior Hope Xu, who received a perfect 2400 SAT score
- Northwood H.S. junior Govil Gupta, for founding "Wonder Writers" and raising more than \$8,000 for CHOC and the ALS Foundation
- Woodbridge H.S. student leadership, who were recognized for their excellence by the WASC visitation team

In appreciation:

- Nancy Colocino and Debbie Bianchi for coordination of another successful Red Ribbon Week
- Lynn Kaminsky and Ryan Painter for planning and facilitating the Middle School Youth Conference held November 13
- The Irvine Korean Parents Association and the Irvine Public Schools Foundation for their remarkable fundraising efforts

Announcements:

- PTA Reflections Awards were held at City Hall on November 12

Announcements and Acknowledgments

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

Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0 (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. **Purchase Order Detail Report**
(A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.)
Approved the Purchase Order Detail Report dated November 4, 2009.
3. **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 00136971 through 00137572

District 44, Community Facilities District No. 01-1 - Numbers 00004036 through 00004045

District 50, Community Facilities District No. 86-1 - Numbers 00001425 through 00001426

Revolving Cash - Numbers 32216 through 32282

4. **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 2009-10/07, as submitted.

5. **Participation in the Orange County Department of Education Inside the Outdoors Field Program for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Approved participation of University Park Elementary School in the Inside the Outdoors Field Program with the Orange County Department of Education for the 2009-2010 school year.

6. **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 2009-10/07, as submitted for Employment, Retirements and Terminations.

7. **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 2009-10/07, as submitted for Employment.

8. **Field Trips and Excursions**

Approved the following field trips funded by donations:

- 1) Northwood High School Junior State of America students to Newport Beach, California, on November 21-22, 2009 for \$1,200.00;
- 2) University High School boys' varsity soccer team to Fresno, California, on December 4-5, 2009 for \$900.00;
- 3) Northwood High School Model United Nations students to Chicago, Illinois, on December 10-13, 2009 for \$10,500.00;
- 4) Eastshore 6th grade students to Long Beach, California, on January 4, 2010 for \$2,020.00;
- 5) Irvine High School boys' track and field students to Colorado Springs, Colorado, on January 15-17, 2010 for \$600.00;
- 6) Woodbridge High School 10th - 12th grade students to Washington, D.C., on February 14-19, 2010 for \$21,096.00;
- 7) University Park 4th grade students to Dana Point, California, on April 15-16, 2010 for

- \$3,000.00;
- 8) Stone Creek 6th grade students to Irvine, California, on June 22, 2010 for \$1,505.00.

Facilities Consent Calendar

On the motion of Member Wallin, seconded by Member Parham and carried 5-0, the Board took the following action on the Facilities Consent Calendar:

1. **Change Order – Stonegate Elementary School**
Approved the listed Change Order in the deductive amount of <\$956.00>, at the Stonegate Elementary School project. No change to the completion date.
2. **Notice of Completion – Stonegate Elementary School**
Accepted the contract of the listed contractor for the Stonegate Elementary School project as complete and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.
3. **Change Orders – Stone Creek Elementary School Modernization Project**
Approved the listed change orders in the cumulative amount of \$31,184.00, at the Stone Creek Elementary School Modernization project. No change to the completion date.
4. **Notice of Completion – Stone Creek Elementary School Modernization Project**
Accepted the contract of the listed contractor 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 Project**
Approved the listed change orders in the cumulative amount of \$17,981.00, at the Woodbridge High School Modernization project. No change to the completion date.
6. **Notice of Completion – Modular Classrooms Project Vista Verde K-8 School**
Accepted the contract of the listed contractor for the Vista Verde K-8 Modular Classrooms project as complete and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Orange Recorder's Office.
7. **Community Development Block Grant Contract for Grant Award Sierra Vista Middle School Modernization Project**
Authorized the Assistant Superintendent/CFO of Business Services to enter into a contract with the City of Irvine for the Community Development Block Grant for the grant award amount of \$550,521.00 for the Sierra Vista Middle School Modernization project.

Items Removed From Consent Calendars

Receive Bids/Award Contract – Woodbridge High School Modernization Parking Lot Expansion and Fire Road Loop

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board authorized the Assistant Superintendent/CFO of Business Services to award the contract for the Woodbridge High School Modernization Parking Lot Expansion and Fire Road Loop project for each bid category as listed in the board report.

Items of Business

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

Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to Offer a Supplementary Retirement Plan for Eligible Certificated Non-Management Employees

Assistant Superintendent Terry Walker highlighted key elements of the supplementary retirement plan for certificated teachers, reporting 69 participants out of 394 eligible employees. He advised a projected savings of \$1.5 million in year 1, with a \$1 million net over five years. A recommendation to reopen the enrollment window and extend the deadline to December 4 was also made.

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 4-1 (Member McInerney voting "No"), the Board authorized Irvine Unified School District to enter into an agreement with Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to offer a Supplementary Retirement Plan for eligible Certificated Non-Management employees for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-34: Approval of Solar Power Services and Site Lease Agreement Between District and Sun Edison for Construction, Installation, Maintenance and Operation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems on Selected School Sites

Following a biographical introduction of SunEdison and SPG Solar, Curriculum Coordinator Mark Sontag reviewed the key points of an agreement to establish energy-generating solar power systems at 21 sites district-wide. The project is reported to be the largest solar deployment for a public school system in California. There are no up-front costs for the District and projected savings are approximately \$17 million over 20 years.

SunEdison Regional Sales Manager Sam Youneszadeh was introduced and responded to questions from the Board.

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0 (Student Members voting "Yes"), the Board adopted Resolution 09-10-34 authorizing the District to enter into the Solar Power Services & Site Lease Agreement between District and SunEdison ("Agreement"), subject to adoption of formal findings required by Government Code section 4217.10. Under the Agreement, the District will lease a portion of its property on selected sites to SunEdison, which will, at its own cost, construct, install, operate and maintain solar photovoltaic

systems. The District will purchase solar services generated by the systems at a set price comparable to or below current retail rates to supplement its energy needs.

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

Adoption of 2009 English-Language Arts Houghton Mifflin Medallion Series

Assistant Superintendent Cassie Parham reviewed the rationale for the recommendation to adopt the Houghton Mifflin Medallion series for English-Language Arts, advising that ongoing costs of consumables under the previous adoption were greater than the overall costs of the new series because it includes free consumables for life.

English-Language Arts Coordinator Jeanie Fritzsche responded to questions from the Board and reported that efforts are underway to establish a uniform Language Arts program that is tied to state, not national, standards.

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, the Board approved adoption of the of 2009 English-Language Arts Adoption K-8.

First Interim Report of 2009-10 (AB 1200, Chapter 1213, Statutes of 1991)

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Howell presented the First Interim Report, including financial reporting timelines and budget assumptions/projections. She advised that for the first time in the District's history, the District would need to file a "qualified" report, indicating it may not be able to meet its financial obligations for the current and next two subsequent years without corrective action. The impacts of deteriorating state revenues, previous budget reductions, property tax fluctuations, and use of one-time funds were also discussed.

The Board discussed the need for a public forum to gather input relative to further budget reductions and their resolve to make the cuts necessary to close the gap.

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board certified the First Interim Report of 2009-10 as "Qualified" based on information presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-35: To Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Monies

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Kuwabara and carried 5-0, the Board adopted Resolution 09-10-35 to Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Monies.

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

Oral Communication

None

Adjournment

On the motion of Member Parham, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 5-0, there being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Ph.D.
Board President

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