

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
January 30, 2006

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Kuwabara at 4:04 p.m., in the District Administration Center, 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Member Huntley-Fenner and was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Dean Waldfogel, Superintendent of Schools
Vern Medeiros, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Dave Hatton, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources
Lee Brooks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Other Staff:

Mary Cliff, Nancy Colocino, Janelle Cranch, Dennis Gibbs, Kris Moore, Judy Mueller,
Marcia Noonan, Barb Petro

Oral Communication

None

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Board Study Session

Role of the Health Advisory Committee

Staff presented an overview and comparison of the three health-related committees currently convened.

Health Advisory Committee

Charge: To review sensitive topic materials and make recommendations to the Board of Education regarding their approval for use.

Marcia Noonan, Coordinator, Health Services, and Nancy Colocino, Coordinator, Guidance Resources responded to questions from the Board regarding current committee activity.

High School Health Curriculum Committee

Charge: To identify essential learning components for a 9 and 18 week high school health class.

Board members expressed interest in a greater emphasis on human sexuality and mental health issues.

Wellness Committee

Charge: To meet federal guidelines regarding physical education, health and nutrition, and wellness for students and staff .

Dennis Gibbs, Director, Elementary Education, reviewed the Strategic Initiative regarding Nutrition, Fitness and Wellness drafted by the committee in preparation for the adoption of federally required board policies later in the year.

The idea of expanding committee roles to include review of all district-wide health related proposals was suggested. The Board also discussed a need to address associated risk and liability issues.

Speaking to the topic:
David Vered, IPSF

Based on the Board's discussion, Superintendent Waldfogel recommended the following:

- 1) No change to the Health Advisory Committee unless other perennial responsibilities can be identified
- 2) Expand the charge of the Wellness Committee to include ad hoc and policy issues

Specific recommendations will be brought back to the Board regarding:

- 1) Health Clerk ratio
- 2) Risk Management
- 3) Focus of health curriculum (i.e., Mental Health)

Finance Committee

Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros reported on the evolving role of the Finance Committee, originally formed to provide oversight during the Orange County Bankruptcy, and currently serving as an independent advisory committee regarding the District's financial affairs.