

Irvine Unified School District
Irvine, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Special Meeting
May 12, 2009

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Huntley-Fenner at 4:05 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:

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

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
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Item of Business

(Written report was included with the agenda and are on file in the District Office.)

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-63: Final Resolution Regarding Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services and Release of Employees; Adoption, Modification, and/or Rejection of Certain Findings of Fact and Law by Administrative Law Judge

On the motion of Member McInerney, seconded by Member Wallin and carried 5-0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 08-09-63: Final Resolution Regarding Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services and Release of Employees; Adoption, Modification, and/or rejection of Certain Findings of Fact and Law by Administrative Law Judge.

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

Budget Study Session

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Howell provided a state budget update, including an estimated shortfall which could exceed \$20 billion. She advised that the District's basic aid status was intact for 2008-09, but unlikely for 2009-10 due to unforeseen fluctuations in property taxes. The impact of federal stimulus dollars was discussed and the need to identify highest priorities was reiterated.

Assistant Superintendent Cassie Parham reported on the process used with the Leadership Team to prioritize the services and programs currently funded by Tier III categoricals and to identify those with the greatest impact on student learning.

Coordinator Catherine Holmes provided an overview of the state's Tier III categorical programs, now authorized to be used for any educational purpose through 2013, and discussed potential impacts of total flexibility.

Next steps and recommended timelines were presented including 1) identifying highest priorities, 2) aligning resources to priorities, and 3) redesigning program to maximize dollars and program effectiveness.

Based on the cumulative effect of two years of budget freezes, staff recommended no freeze to unrestricted site supply allocations for 2009-10 and discussed the possibility of releasing a portion of the Tier 3 SLIP funds to allow 2009-10 staffing to move forward. The Board expressed a strong desire to be involved in the decision-making process up front and reiterated the need for specific impacts of potential adjustments.

Speaking to the topic:
Susanna Wilkinson

Janelle Cranch
Wendy Bokota

Opportunities for all constituents to provide input were reviewed and President Huntley-Fenner reiterated that, as elected officials of the greater community, priority setting was ultimately the Board's responsibility.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Ph.D.
Board President

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