

**Irvine Unified School District**  
Irvine, California

**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**January 7, 2010**

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**Call to Order**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Wallin at 7:32 a.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 Huntley-Fenner and was followed by a moment of silence.

**Roll Call**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mike Parham (excused)

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, Ian Hanigan, Rick Seibert, Lauren Sipelis

**Adoption of the Agenda**

On the motion of Member Kuwabara, seconded by Member McInerney and carried 4-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as presented.

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**Items of Business**

**California's Race to the Top Participating Local Agency Memorandum of Understanding**

Assistant Superintendent Parham expressed support for signing California's Race to the Top (RTTT) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and reviewed components of the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives and the District's Continuous Improvement Efforts which already directly support the core reform areas of the RTTT program.

Speaking to the topic:

Rick Seibert, ITA President

Board members expressed various viewpoints and discussed the benefits and concerns relative to signing the MOU. Member Huntley-Fenner discussed the rationale to support signing including alignment with the district's MOU and the District's Continuous Improvement Efforts.

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