Irvine Unified School District Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

September 17, 2019 6:30 PM
IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Administration Center
5050 Barranca Parkway
Irvine, CA 92604
5:00 p.m. Closed Session / 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Attendance Taken at 5:03 PM:

Present:

Lauren Brooks Betty Carroll Ira Glasky

Absent:

Paul Bokota Sharon Wallin

<u>Updated Attendance:</u>

Paul Bokota was updated to present at: 5:04 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Minutes:

None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:04 PM.

3.a. Conference with Labor Negotiators [Government Code Section 54957.6]

Minutes:

The Board discussed labor negotiations involving the Irvine Teachers Association and the California School Employees Association.

3.b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation [Government Code Section 54957]

Minutes:

The Board met with the Superintendent to review progress toward the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives for 2018-19.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

Minutes:

President Brooks reconvened the meeting at 6:31 PM.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Student Member Archana Revanaur.

Members Present:

Paul Bokota Lauren Brooks Betty Carroll Ira Glasky

Members Absent:

Sharon Wallin (excused)

Student Members Present:

Archana Revanaur Benjamin Kim Jenna Makarem Jahnvi Mehta Iman Syed

Staff Present:

Terry L. Walker, Superintendent of Schools
John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Eamonn O'Donovan, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services
Brianne Ford, Chief Technology Officer
Raianna Chavez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION

Minutes:

President Brooks reported on the discussion in Closed Session.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the following meeting(s), as presented: September 3, 2019 - Regular Meeting.

Passed with a motion by Paul Bokota and a second by Ira Glasky.

Yes Paul Bokota Yes Lauren Brooks Yes Betty Carroll Yes Ira Glasky Absent Sharon Wallin

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Adopt agenda, as presented.

Passed with a motion by Paul Bokota and a second by Ira Glasky.

Yes Paul Bokota
Yes Lauren Brooks
Yes Betty Carroll
Yes Ira Glasky
Absent Sharon Wallin

9. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Minutes:

Speaking to the topic of Northwood High School Integrated Science:

Hui Ying Marle Chen

10. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Minutes:

Student Board Members Archana Revanaur, Benjamin Kim, Jenna Makarem, Jahnvi Mehta, and Iman Syed reported on school activities.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Walker reported that staff have confirmed IUSD is the only large school district in California to receive a 100% success rating at all IUSD schools for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Additionally, 12 schools piloted the Calm Classroom program last year, which includes mindfulness based techniques. After receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from students and staff we are now utilizing the program at all elementary classrooms; we are excited about this new addition to our wellness program. Lastly, we appreciate the feedback we have been receiving on our draft Strategic Initiatives, the draft document and survey is available on our website.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Minutes:

Board Members Bokota, Brooks, Carroll and Glasky reported on school visits, conference attendance and meeting participation.

Members Brooks and Carroll requested a resolution in support of the County's Proposition 63 for financial assistance for mental health be brought to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Passed: Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 14.a. - 18.a.

Passed with a motion by Paul Bokota and a second by Betty Carroll.

Yes Paul Bokota
Yes Lauren Brooks
Yes Betty Carroll
Yes Ira Glasky
Absent Sharon Wallin

14. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business Services

- 14.a. Check Register Report
- 14.b. Contract Services Action Report 2019-20/04
- 14.c. Purchase Order Detail Report

15. CONSENT CALENDAR - Education Services

- 15.a. Education Services Settlement Agreement
- 15.b. Field Trips and Excursions
- 15.c. Participation in Outdoor Education Science Camps for the 2019-20 School Year
- 15.d. Temporary Athletic Team Coach Certification 2019-20

16. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resources

- 16.a. Certificated Personnel Action Report 2019-20/04
- 16.b. Classified Personnel Action Report 2019-20/04

17. CONSENT CALENDAR - Special Education

- 17.a. Special Education Master Contract(s)
- 17.b. Contract for Special Education Related Services
- 17.c. Special Education Settlement Agreement(s)

18. CONSENT CALENDAR - Superintendent

18.a. Conference Attendance

19. FACILITIES CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Passed: Approve Facilities Consent Calendar Item No. 19.a.

Passed with a motion by Paul Bokota and a second by Betty Carroll.

Yes Paul Bokota
Yes Lauren Brooks
Yes Betty Carroll
Yes Ira Glasky
Absent Sharon Wallin

19.a. Change Order Requests for Measure E Series 1 Improvements - Modernization Projects at Springbrook Elementary School and Westpark Elementary School

20. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

None.

21. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

21.a. Public Hearing: Irvine International Academy Charter Petition

Minutes:

Doug Husen, Chair of the Board for Western Mandarin Immersion Charter School, Inc. introduced himself and the charter petition for the Irvine International Academy Charter School. Michael Scott, Executive Director of Western Mandarin Immersion Charter School, Inc. presented to the Board of Education regarding the Irvine International Academy Charter Petition for a mandarin immersion TK-8 program.

President Brooks opened the public hearing at 7:14 PM.

Speaking in opposition to the charter petition:

Janelle Cranch, IUSD CSEA President

Yvonne Su, former mandarin immersion teacher

Peggy Chu Ammermann, IUSD Language Arts teacher / Irvine Resident

Teri Sorey, IUSD ITA President / Irvine Resident

Lauren Belcher, former charter teacher / Irvine Resident

Marie Nubia-Feliciano, Irvine Resident

Speaking in support of the charter petition:

Christina Shelby of Lakewood, CA

Marybeth Chen of Tustin, CA

Danning Shi of Irvine, CA

Tina Wu of Lake Forest, CA

Sara Yoon of Tustin. CA

Yvette Hwee of Irvine, CA

Ivorina Kim of Irvine, CA

Glenn Rogers of Laguna Niguel, CA

Board Members inquired the charter petitioners concerning: the teachers who signed the petition and if they are still meaningfully interested in joining the charter, how Dr. Scott located and identified the teachers who signed the petition, the proposed location of the charter including number of classrooms, square footage, number of students per room and lunch services, policies and practices to support mental health services, Dr. Scott's role in the operation of the school and qualifications to oversee a mandarin program, loan funding model, benefits and salaries for teachers, method for support of special needs students and ability to cover the additional support expenses, responsibility of the IIA Board, ability to open the school with 128 students based on the current 68 meaningfully interested families, integration of native speaking students, concern regarding native speaking students falling behind in learning English, use of the one-to-one classroom or students teaching students, what type of mandarin would be taught simplified or traditional, and if Dr. Scott, as overseer of the program, intends to learn mandarin.

President Brooks closed the public hearing at 9:33 PM.

21.b. First Reading - Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 6146.7: High School Graduation Requirements

Motion Passed: Approve for first reading, proposed revisions to Board Policy 6146.7: High School Graduation Requirements.

Passed with a motion by Ira Glasky and a second by Paul Bokota.

Yes Paul Bokota
Yes Lauren Brooks
Yes Betty Carroll
Yes Ira Glasky
Absent Sharon Wallin

Minutes:

Dr. Chris Weber, Director of STEM, presented the recommendations from the Graduation Requirement Review Committee. The Committee reviewed reports from industry and business sectors and universities that reported expectations for high school graduates have changed from one to two decades ago. Additionally, the new science standards will require three years of science for students to be able to master all the science requirements from the multi-dimensional frameworks.

Currently, over 85% of IUSD students take 3-4 years of math and over 70% of IUSD students take 3-4 years of science, 80% of IUSD graduates meet a-g requirements in math and science and 70% of students meet or exceed the college readiness benchmark for mathematics on the CAASPP; however, there are some subgroups of students who's percentages are lower.

In comparison to neighboring districts, three Orange County districts require three years of science and nine districts require three years of math to graduate. Half of the top districts in the state require three years of math to graduate. IUSD has the lowest total credit requirement, 215 credits, to graduate among the top 30 districts in the state and among all Orange County school districts.

The Graduation Requirements Review Committee consisted of principals, counselors, math and science teachers, a special education teacher, parents and students from every high school and various District department staff who met and participated in four interest-based meetings. Members of the Committee shared in the mutual interest of college and career readiness, student wellness and balance, equity and access, choice and flexibility, student engagement, ownership and independence, cultivating lifelong learners, student success and competence, fostering a sense of belonging and feeling supported by students.

After significant consideration, the Committee recommends increasing the college preparatory source work for both math and science from 20 to 30 credits, with the requirement of the completion of Math II and an exposure to the Physics standards. It is recommended this change take effect for current 5th grade students, class of 2027. This change would also increase the total credits to graduate from 215 to 225. This recommendation will help to provide equity, opportunity and college and career readiness and post-secondary options for all IUSD students.

Board Members stressed the need to provide additional supports for students in need and the repetitive and frequent need to communicate to families about the change. Additionally, it was recommended that high schools' course of studies clearly communicate the typical college acceptance requirements.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Minutes: None.

23. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes: None.

24. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM.

Passed with a motion by Paul Bokota and a second by Betty Carroll.

Yes Paul Bokota
Yes Lauren Brooks
Yes Betty Carroll
Yes Ira Glasky
Absent Sharon Wallin