Board Briefs

Highlights from this week's Board of Education meeting

Northwood students share information about their school

Northwood High students shared information and perspectives about their school in the latest presentation on IUSD's unique campuses and programs.

Accompanied by Principal Leslie Roach, students Riann Simmons, Tiffany Zhou, Tracy McGuire, Evan Shih, Robert Munoz, Peter Ellis, Bryan Changala and Joseph Lee discussed the school's horticulture program, the Science Olympiad academic team, the choral program and the Wolfpack club, which fosters friendships between developmentally disabled students and their mainstreamed counterparts.

Board authorizes contract to obtain federal funds

Board members voted unanimously to authorize Lisa Howell, assistant superintendent of Business Services, to enter into a contract with the City of Irvine in order to receive a federal Community Development Block Grant award of $420,670.

The funding, allocated by the Irvine City Council in April, will be used to finance modernization work at Santiago Hills Elementary School.

District meets state requirement with new bullying policy

Meeting a new legislative requirement, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a policy on bullying and cyber-bullying.

School districts in California are required to adopt bullying language this year as a result of Assembly Bill 86, which amended the Education Code. District policies must explicitly address bullying, whether it occurs person-to-person or by electronic means.

IUSD's new policy, which must be formalized by a second reading and adoption at a future Board meeting, defines bullying, delegates responsibilities for ensuring instances are handled appropriately and outlines a complaint procedure.

Coming Up...

Regular Meetings: *Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 in the Board Room*
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 in the Board Room

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