



IUSD Board Briefs

Highlights from the June 5 Board of Education meeting

Board members praise this year's Classified Employees of the Year

The Irvine Unified School District's Board of Education recognized the following 2007 Classified Employees of the Year: Laurie Marrujo, an administrative secretary in Health Services; Donna Moussalli, an instructional assistant at College Park Elementary School who works afternoons at the District Office; Ginny Nasitka, an instructional assistant at Stone Creek Elementary; Ruth Romero, an administrative secretary for Elementary Education; and Barbara Smith, a records clerk at University High School. All five received glass plaques and cash awards courtesy of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and local sponsors.

Service of student Board members acknowledged

Student trustees Max Bloom, Nivedita Kar, Madison Murphy and Tom Poulos were recognized with words of appreciation at their final meeting of the 2006-07 school year. Murphy plans to return as a student board member next year.

PTA president spotlights the work of IUSD volunteers

Sheli Easton, president of IUSD's PTA Council, told the Board that parents, teachers and students volunteered 264,694 hours this year on behalf of Irvine schools. Easton also announced that Rancho San Joaquin Middle School this week became the final IUSD school to form an official PTA.

Irvine Public Schools Foundation donates Korean costume books

Jaimee Niles, chief development officer for the Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF), announced that IPSF has donated Korean costume books to IUSD's middle and high school libraries. Niles also recognized the leadership of Carol Choi and the Irvine Korean Parents Association (IKPA).

Deputy Superintendent offers a facilities update

Deputy Superintendent Vern Medeiros, who oversees Business Services, presented an update on several IUSD facilities projects. The Board was briefed about the new home of the Creekside Alternative Education Center at Harvard Avenue and Barranca Parkway; a classroom building at University High School that will be partially funded by the county, which in turn will use some space to house students enrolled in its Deaf and Hard of Hearing program; the new Woodbury Elementary School; and modernization work at several campuses.

IUSD adopts a new policy related to the acceptance of gifts

The Board unanimously approved guidelines covering the acceptance of gifts by district personnel. Crafted with input from certificated and classified leadership, the new policy "discourages students and parents/guardians from giving gifts to staff members, and instead encourages them to write personal notes and letters of appreciation." While the Board did not restrict the acceptance of gifts of minimal value, the policy states that employees are expected to exercise sound professional judgment.



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Board votes to make lacrosse a CIF sport for 2007-08

After several meetings and much deliberation, the Board of Education voted to make lacrosse a CIF sport beginning with the 2007-08 school year. All four comprehensive high schools will field boys' and girls' varsity squads, to be funded jointly by parents and IUSD. Remaining issues pertaining to field space and supervision will be addressed in the weeks and months ahead.

Coming Up:

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 in the Board Room

Tuesday, July 17, 2007 in the Board Room