



IUSD Board Briefs

Highlights from the Irvine Unified School District's Nov. 5 Board of Education meeting

IUSD Board discusses long-range facilities plans

The Irvine Unified School District's Board of Education held a special meeting on Nov. 5 to discuss the district's long-range facilities plans. With input from the Lionakis Beaumont Design Group, a contracted firm that recently reviewed IUSD's facilities master plan, Board members identified several priorities for further study.

Specifically, discussions centered on the possibility of building an additional high school to accommodate a projected surge in enrollment in grades nine through 12; options for enhancing sixth-grade science districtwide; the potential impact of new residential development adjacent to the Great Park and in the Irvine Business Complex; and the need for a second district stadium. These topics were referred to staff for additional research.

Board members and district staff affirmed that all facilities projects will continue to be driven by the district's educational mission in conjunction with available funding.

Though funding sources generally vary for capital projects, it's important to note that facilities are not financed from the same revenue sources that pay for operating essentials such as teachers, books and classroom supplies. A separate consulting firm, the Dolinka Group, will continue its scope of work with IUSD to explore and define potential revenue sources for future construction needs.

Coming Up:

Regular Meetings: *Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007 in the Board Room*
Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 in the Board Room

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