



# Board Briefs

Highlights from this week's Board of Education meeting

**Dr. Gavin Huntley-Fenner elected as IUSD's newest Board president**

During its annual organizational meeting, the Board of Education voted unanimously to elect Dr. Gavin Huntley-Fenner to a one-year term as president and Sharon Wallin to a one-year term as clerk. Carolyn McInerney, who was president this past year, was honored for her service.

The five-member Board, as it does each year, also approved school site liaison assignments, appointed representatives to various committees and established meeting dates through December 2009. The next two meetings are scheduled for Jan. 13 and Feb. 3.

**Trustees praise departing Deputy Superintendent of Business Services**

The Board honored Dr. Vernon Medeiros, who will retire this month after seven years as IUSD's Deputy Superintendent of Business Services.

President Huntley-Fenner credited Medeiros with maintaining IUSD's financial health in the wake of the state's fiscal crisis. Moreover, he praised the departing deputy superintendent as a person of integrity and wisdom, "with an incredible work ethic."

Medeiros will be succeeded by Lisa Howell, a veteran of school finance who has served as IUSD's Director of Fiscal Services since 2001.

**Students share information and perspectives from Woodbridge High**

As part of a continuing series of presentations about IUSD's unique campuses and programs, students from Woodbridge High School joined Principal Jason Vilorio to share information and perspectives about "the Way of the Warrior."

ASB President Nick McCain introduced a brief video about Woodbridge before turning over the podium to six of his peers. Students Nicole Jazayeri, Erin O'Conner, Matt Ho, Krystal Ngo, Monique Baker and Madison Murphy shared information about Woodbridge's Spirit Squad, its community service activities, the visual and performing arts, academics and a mentor program for new students.

**Board approves independent financial audit for 2007-08**

Meeting a requirement of the state Education Code, Board members voted to receive and file a financial audit of IUSD for the 2007-08 fiscal year. The audit was conducted by the independent firm Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co.

**District identifies potential buyer for two surplus properties**

The Board took a significant step toward selling two surplus properties by confirming that William Lyon Homes has submitted the most attractive offer for the Vista Verde and Alderwood campuses.

In one of 18 bids to the district, William Lyon Homes offered \$31.1 million for both sites. The fig-

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## More highlights from IUSD's Dec. 9 Board of Education meeting:

ure includes more than \$13 million for Alderwood, located at 2 Alderwood, and more than \$18 million for Vista Verde, which is at 5144 Michelson Drive.

Staff was directed to bring back a purchase and sale agreement at the January Board meeting. Should the district ultimately execute a sale, proceeds can only be used to facilitate capital projects, such as construction or modernization, per the state's Education Code.

### **Board votes on a modernization plan for Deerfield Elementary**

Triggering a round of applause from the audience, the Board voted to proceed with a modernization and renovation plan for Deerfield Elementary School, one that will expand and enclose classrooms, enlarge the multipurpose room and provide a new administration wing and teacher workroom.

Though the existing floor plan at Deerfield presents some challenges, staff had outlined two proposals to renovate the aging campus. The option approved by the Board will cost approximately \$12.6 million, with roughly \$2.6 million available in state funding. The balance will come from a combination of developer fees and surplus site revenue, which by law must be spent on capital needs.

### **Woodbridge High moves closer to getting a swimming pool**

Woodbridge High School is on track to receive its long awaited swimming pool following the Board's unanimous vote to authorize staff to enter into contracts with a consulting firm and an architect. The vote was once again cheered, this time by audience members from the Woodbridge community.

Redevelopment agency dollars will be used to fund the project, which is expected to cost between \$7 million and \$8.5 million. Given the planning and staging necessary for a pool, construction is expected to begin as early as June 2010, with completion anticipated the following March.

IUSD has tapped the expertise of tBP/Architecture, which was also contracted for Woodbridge's broader modernization work. Rowley International Inc. will review possible locations and energy conservation strategies as part of its consulting duties.

### **Coming Up...**

*Regular Meetings:*

*Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 in the Board Room*

*Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 in the Board Room*

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