



IUSD Board Briefs

Highlights from the Irvine Unified School District's Dec. 10 Board of Education meeting

Board elects McInerney as new president and Huntley-Fenner as clerk

The IUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to elect Carolyn McInerney to a one-year term as president and Gavin Huntley-Fenner to a one-year term as clerk during its annual organizational meeting. Michael Parham, who served as president for the past year, was honored for his service.

As it does during each yearly organizational session, the five-member Board also approved school site liaison assignments, appointed representatives to various committees and established meeting dates through December 2008. The first two meetings of the new year are scheduled for Jan. 15 and Feb. 5.

Trustees recognize departing IPSF chief

Board members recognized the work of Tim Shaw, who recently stepped down after six years as chief executive officer of the Irvine Public Schools Foundation.

During Shaw's tenure, IPSF grew to be one of the largest public school foundations in California, and is recognized nationally as a model for education philanthropy. Board President McInerney credited Shaw with building a collaborative relationship with IUSD, supporting the elementary class-size reduction program for four successful years, developing a comprehensive health services and health education initiative, and launching and sustaining IPSF's annual house raffle, as well as a number of other accomplishments.



Newly elected school board President Carolyn McInerney recognizes departing IPSF chief Tim Shaw after six outstanding years of service.

Board approves IUSD's updated technology plan

The Board unanimously approved the district's updated technology plan following a presentation by Steve Garretson, IUSD's director of instructional technology, and Mark Reider, director of information services. Both Garretson and Reider highlighted recent accomplishments of the district's Information Technology department, including the upgrading of IUSD's computer network, the refurbishing of the district's phone system and the transformation of the former Alderwood campus into a professional development and technology training facility for staff.

The updated Technology Plan can be accessed on the district's website at http://www.iusd.org/district_news_information/TechnologyPlan.html.

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Board certifies Irvine Unified's First Interim Report of 2007-08

The Board voted to certify IUSD's First Interim Report of 2007-08 as "positive," meaning the district is projected to meet all of its financial obligations through 2009-10.

The Orange County Superintendent of Schools' Office requires that each district examine and certify its financial condition as "positive," "qualified" or "negative" twice during each fiscal year. A qualified certification indicates that a district *may* not be able to meet its financial obligations for the current year and the next two subsequent years; a negative certification indicates that a district *will not* be able to meet its financial obligations over this period.

IUSD's first interim report reflects the district's financial health as of Oct. 31 and is due at the Orange County Department of Education no later than Dec. 15. The second report will indicate the district's condition as of Jan. 31 and is due on March 15.

Board votes to ratify contract agreements with CSEA, ITA

Board members voted unanimously to approve agreements between IUSD and its two main collective bargaining organizations – the California School Employees Association and the Irvine Teachers Association.

Both agreements call for a 3.5 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2007 and an additional 0.5 percent increase effective Jan. 1, 2008, as well as an increase in the district's health and welfare benefits contribution to \$8,443 per eligible unit member. The Board also approved similar salary settlements with the Irvine Administrative Assistants to the Principals and the Irvine Supervisory Association.

Coming Up:

Regular Meetings: *Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008 in the Board Room*
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 in the Board Room