



Board Briefs

Highlights from this week's Board of Education meeting

Irvine Teachers Association announces 2009 scholarship recipients

Jo-Ann Agapito, vice president of the Irvine Teachers Association (ITA), announced this year's ITA scholarship recipients.

The scholarship for "Students Interested in Entering the Education Profession," which goes to an IUSD senior who has been accepted to a four-year university and plans to pursue a degree in education, was awarded to Allison White of University High School. The Venture Scholarship, awarded to an IUSD senior or ITA member's child interested in continuing his or her education at a community college or a technical school, went to Darrik Baker of El Toro High.

Julie Walton (Woodbridge High), Michael Ernst (Irvine High), Stefanie Sellers (Beckman High), Lindsay McElroy (Woodbridge High) and Janelle Kassarian (Northwood High) were all named recipients of the Carrie Valderrama Memorial Scholarship, which is open to the children of ITA members.

The Board recognizes winners of this year's Edison Challenge

Board members recognized a team of sixth-graders from Eastshore Elementary School who won first place among middle schools in this year's Edison Challenge.

Eastshore fielded the only all-sixth-grade team in the annual environmental science competition and beat out 43 other middle schools with an ambitious composting project. The local contingent was led by teacher Bill Brooks and included students Danielle Krikorian, John Tudhope, Julia Eilers, Kelly Petrovich, Kenton Van Persum and Rhodri John.

Co-sponsored by Edison International and the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies, the Edison Challenge was open to middle and high school teams – each made up of six students and one teacher – within Edison's service area. Eastshore's team, which showed a PowerPoint presentation on their project at Tuesday's Board meeting, will participate in activities at the USC Wrigley Institute on Catalina Island for a week in June.

Students, community members speak in favor of a second stadium

Several IUSD students and community members spoke in support of constructing a second district stadium adjacent to University High School.

IUSD proposes to develop a new 3,600-seat athletic stadium on the north side of the campus where the school's football field and athletic track are located. An Environmental Impact Report, which will include all public input, is currently being completed and will be presented for Board discussion at an upcoming meeting.

More highlights from the May 5 Board of Education meeting:

Board approves 2009-10 High School Textbook Catalogue

Meeting a yearly Education Code requirement, the Board voted to approve new high school textbooks for 2009-10. The additional texts, selected by high school staff with the assistance of curriculum committees, will enhance existing courses and serve as resources for new classes previously approved by the Board. Content areas include English, foreign language, math, performing arts, science and social science.

Coming Up...

Budget Study Session: *4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 (Board Room)*

Regular Meetings: *7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 (Board Room)*
 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 (Board Room)

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