



Board Briefs

Highlights from this week's Board of Education meeting

Board recognizes championship team from University High

The Irvine Unified School District Board of Education congratulated University High's Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) program, which recently won the national Academic Bowl championship in Washington, D.C.

Over 80 schools from across the country competed in the quiz-style tournament established by Gallaudet University. By the end of the competition, which held its finals the last weekend of April, University had emerged victorious with a 37-36 win over the Indiana School for the Deaf. Overall, Uni went 8-1 in the tournament.



Board members congratulate students and staff from University High School's Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) program, which won this year's national Academic Bowl championship in Washington, D.C.

DHH Principal Jon Levy and coaches Kay Anderson and Scott Kramer were on hand to celebrate the Uni team, which includes members Manuel Alvarado, Emily Schwartz, Moises Jaramillo, Gianni Mangianelli and Jessica Walker.

Board members commend Classified Employees of the Year

The Board proudly recognized five outstanding Classified Employees of the Year.

Selected by local representatives of the California School Employees Association in conjunction with IUSD, this year's honorees are: Jose Garcia, head custodian at the Creekside Education Center; Rosemarie Klucsar, nutrition services assistant at Venado Middle School; Raul Manriquez, head custodian at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School; David Smallwood, lead night custodian at University High School; and Mary Titus, an instructional assistant for IUSD's Visual and Performing Arts department.

All five received special plaques and cash awards of \$1,000 courtesy of the Irvine Public Schools Foundation.

Departing student Board members honored at final meeting

Student trustees Patrick Chew (University High School), Alaina Judd (Woodbridge High), Eduardo Mier y Teran (Irvine High) and Riann Simmons (Northwood High) were recognized at their final meeting of the 2008-09 school year.

Each received keepsake plaques as a token of appreciation for their service this year.

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More highlights from the June 2 Board of Education meeting:

IPSF closes in on matching sizeable City grant

Debbie Rugani, interim CEO of the Irvine Public Schools Foundation, said the foundation needed just \$5,000 more in donations to match a grant from the City of Irvine, which put up approximately \$900,000 last year to maintain effective class sizes.

Monday, June 8, is the deadline for IPSF to leverage the City's full dollar-for-dollar grant. With less than a week to go, Rugani praised the Irvine Unified Council PTA for its generous contributions and thanked the South Coast Chinese Cultural Association and the Irvine Chinese School, which recently donated \$10,000.

Rugani also noted that another significant deadline is coming up. Friday, June 5, is the last day to purchase a ticket for IPSF's 6th Annual Dream Raffle, which has a grand prize of \$500,000. To learn more, visit www.ipsf.net.

Board amends purchase agreement for two properties

The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the purchase and sale agreements for two surplus properties.

Under the revised terms, William Lyon Homes has agreed to pay \$29,075,000 for IUSD's Alderwood and Vista Verde campuses. That amounts to a net reduction of 6.51 percent for each property since the initial purchase agreement was approved in February. However, the company also consented to a shorter escrow period and was scheduled to transfer a nonrefundable sum of \$1.7 million into an escrow account the following day.

Board moves to establish a Community Facilities District

The Board adopted a resolution signaling its intent to establish a Community Facilities District in Irvine's "Northern Sphere" planning area.

Developed in concert with the Irvine Company, this has become a typical funding mechanism for IUSD. If ultimately approved, the district would levy special taxes that will be used to provide quality facilities for the students who will reside in these communities. Staff was authorized to schedule a public hearing for July 14.

Coming Up...

Special Meetings: *Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in the Board Room (Proposed Stadium EIR)*
 Tuesday, June 16, 2009 in the Board Room (Budget Study Session)

Regular Meetings: *Tuesday, June 23, 2009 in the Board Room*
 Tuesday, July 14, 2009 in the Board Room

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