

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Council Chambers, City Hall
120 Vista Avenue
Piedmont, California 94611

MINUTES OF
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

January 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER	Board President Monach called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM	President June Monach, Vice President Ray Gadbois, Board Members Roy Tolles, Martha Jones, Rick Raushenbush
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION	The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss: A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent (Government Code Section 54957)
OTHERS PRESENT FOR CLOSED SESSION	Constance Hubbard, Superintendent Michael Brady, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services David Roth, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION	Board President Monach called the Regular Session of the Board of Education meeting of January 14, 2009 to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
OTHERS PRESENT AT REGULAR SESSION	Constance Hubbard, Superintendent Michael Brady, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services David Roth, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educ. Services
Report of Action Taken In Closed Session	No action taken
Agenda Adjustments	None
COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Association of Piedmont Teachers (APT)	None
California School Employees Association (CSEA)	None
Parent Clubs	None
Student Representative to the Board	Will Pritchett, Student Representative to the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student finals are coming up next week.• A Winter Formal dance will be held on January 31
PERSONS REQUESTING TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Parent Catherine Ogle questioned the posting time of agendas and agenda materials, and where is there a posting of the agendas? She requested that: 1) language be added at the top of agendas indicating when and where agendas are posted and the addresses; 2) the instructions are placed at the top of an agenda on how to access the website version; and 3) that the agenda and agenda

materials be placed on the web site at the same time as they are delivered to the Board.

Superintendent Announcements

Superintendent Hubbard announced that there will be a Special Board meeting conducted on Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers regarding the parcel tax and possible layoff issues.

Board President Announcements

President Monach announced that:

- A Martin Luther King Day Celebration will be held on Monday, January 19 at the Piedmont Community Center from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- In the current budget climate, parents will see various solicitations from fundraising groups, including the annual campaign to support schools; she encouraged everyone to respond to those solicitations

PRESENTATION

Presentation by Parcel Tax Co-Chairs
Sarah Pearson and Terry London

The Parcel Tax Co-Chairs announced that the parcel tax campaign is coming up and the current plan is to hold an election on June 2, 2009. The parcel tax is important to Piedmont's funding; it raises about \$7.8 million/year for our students. California ranks 47th in per student funding. The current parcel tax raises about \$2,100 per parcel on average. Going forward, the taxes will be looked at along with funding needs. The most important issue at this point is to hear what the community has to say about the parcel tax and how it should be used. Citizen input is being gathered at this time. Two public meetings will be held, one on Saturday, February 7th at the Veterans Hall from 9:00-11:00 a.m., and one on Monday, February 9th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Beach auditorium in order to provide an overview of the current budget, upcoming funding needs, and to receive input for a realistic recommendation.

Resident George Childs asked that the parcel tax committee exercise restraint in considering what to recommend to the Board. He urged not to increase the amount proposed for each parcel in the community because many residents have been hit badly by the economic downturn and consequently might be severely impacted if the parcel tax goes up. Also, many of the residents live on fixed incomes and may be adversely affected if the taxes go up.

REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS

Presentation and Accept 2007-08 Annual
Financial Report (Audit Report)

Terri Montgomery of the independent audit firm of Vavrinek, Trine & Day, LLC, presented the audit report as of June 2008. The purpose of the audit is to verify the numbers already seen and the unaudited actuals. Only three findings (down two from 2007) were reported and are being corrected.

The audit on the bond program will be coming at a future meeting after it goes to the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

President Monach added that six to seven percent of the budget is attributable to administration expenses, and ten percent is attributable to maintenance and operation expenses.

There was no one from the public requesting to speak.

It was moved by Vice President Gadbois, seconded by Board Member Jones, and passed unanimously to accept the 2007-08 Annual Financial Report (Audit Report) of the District.

Second Reading and Approve Proposed New Course: "AP Calculus BC", Grades 9-12, Piedmont High School

The purpose of the proposal is to add the course to Piedmont High School's approved list of course offerings. This does not mean, however, that this particular course will be automatically offered. It is hoped that it will be offered next school year, but it will depend on student signups, how the master schedule is configured, etc. Forty-two emails in support of this course were received, and an article was received. No correspondence opposing this course was received.

Resident Lili Mirels thanked the Board for their past support of changes to the science and math curriculum. It has resulted in a lot of positive changes. She urged approval of AP Calculus BC.

Parent Drew Bendon also encouraged the Board to adopt this course. He felt it is important to point out that this is an opportunity to increase our course offerings at a very minimal cost.

It was moved by Board Member Jones, seconded by Board Member Tolles, and passed unanimously to approve the proposed new course, "AP Calculus BC", Grades 9-12, Piedmont High School.

Student Board Member Excused

Student Board Member Will Pritchett excused himself from the meeting.

Measure E Bond Program

1. Conduct Review of Interim Housing Options for 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 School Years, and Provide Possible Direction to Superintendent as to Next Steps

Support materials were brought to the Board's/public's attention.

The Superintendent expressed her appreciation to parent volunteers Maria Carson-Breber and Julie Moll, who assisted in the preparation of material.

The current options considered viable as of the December 10, 2008 Board meeting are:

- Vacant school site in Emery Unified School District
- Split site alternative within Piedmont sites
- Blair Park site

Between now and the January 27th Board meeting, the focus this evening was to think about the criteria that will be used to make this decision and how the criteria will be weighted.

For any specific questions, various consultants were available at tonight's meeting.

President Monach started off the PowerPoint presentation, discussing the decision-making process. The Board makes the final decision on any recommendations. The criteria for decision-making for this issue includes:

- compliance with the Measure E timeline
- compliance with the Measure E budget
- ability to deliver a safe environment
- minimizes disruption to a quality educational program

- provides proximity to Piedmont
- provides Measure E Program flexibility
- shares the burden across school communities
- minimizes the impact to the local Piedmont community

The process is iterative, with advice and input from staff, the Measure E Bond Steering Committee, the public, and City Council.

President Monach explained that due to the Brown Act, Board members are precluded from discussing agenda items amongst themselves. All issues must be discussed as a group in open session at a Board meeting.

A timeline was provided. A joint meeting between the School Board and City Council will be held on Monday, January 26th in order for the Council to have an opportunity to discuss what the School Board is proposing. Final discussion and a decision by the Board will be made at the Board of Education meeting of Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

Superintendent Hubbard discussed the directions given to staff by the Board at the Board meeting of December 10, and provided a list of all options, along with those that were later removed from consideration and why.

The Board directed the Superintendent to investigate the viability of Blair Park, the Emeryville site, and a split elementary campus within Piedmont so that not all portables would be placed on the Witter Field complex.

The locations/options originally considered were as follows:

- Dracena Park
- Reservoir areas
- Bonita Avenue between Vista and Oakland Avenues
- Bonita Avenue between Vista and Magnolia Avenues
- Magnolia Avenue
- Interior of Piedmont High School
- Witter Field: all baseball, softball, baseball/Wildwood
- Beach Play Field
- Blair Park site
- Hampton Field
- Coaches' Field
- Double-decker portables

Those dropped from consideration and reasons why are as follows:

- Bonita Avenue (traffic, fire access)
- Magnolia Avenue (topography, fire access)
- Interior PHS Campus (fire access, safety)
- Cemetery / Claremont CC (interagency / use agreement)
- Reservoirs (logistics, DSA, topography)
- Dracena Park (insufficient space)
- Tennis Courts/Vista (play area/community resource)
- Hampton Field (DSA, flood zone, fire access, ADA)
- Coaches Field (traffic, play space, parking, busing)

- Beach Turf Field (cost, open space, community resource)
- Double-decker portables (purchase of portables required)

Superintendent Hubbard advised that the City Council verified that the Blair Park site would not be available for the 2009-10 school year and would possibly be available for the 2010-2011 school year pending agreement between the City Council and school district, CEQA certification, cost analysis, and confirmation of consistency with Measure E authorization.

The City is waiting for a District decision before committing to the next level of design for the Blair Park site as a possible school use in 2011-2012. Board decisions must be made to continue participation in the process, with District funds committed to:

- CEQA process (\$10,000)
- Traffic study (\$30,000)
- Consultant support for design development (\$30,000)

Option A – Utilization of Emery Site:

After looking at options and criteria, the Emeryville site for the use of an elementary school and Havens site for use by high school students for 2009-10 appears to be the best option. One of the major factors is the District's commitment with Webcor to be the developer during the 2009-10 school year. Webcor President Andrew Ball felt it is critical to meet the expectations of staying within the budget to build a new Havens Elementary School and do the other projects as well. It is within the District's estimated budget and the most economical choice. It addresses safety issues. Police and fire response times were looked at, and any inherent safety issues of riding buses. The District looked at the appropriateness of whether or not to keep the students on the campus with a campus supervisor. Busing routes were looked at; buses would not be on a freeway route. Students would be assigned to specific buses and seats. The District has been in conversation with the Piedmont Recreation Department to make sure that before and after school childcare would still be housed in Piedmont. Additionally, each school site would share the burden of inconvenience for having to travel for one school year to the Emery site.

The Emeryville site provides flexibility in that the District could lease the site for one year or three years. Flexibility becomes more important in the last six months because of the unknown financial status.

Option B – Splitting the Havens Campus:

The Havens students would be on the current Havens campus in portables and on the Vista tennis courts. Webcor has made their expectation clear that any portable on the Havens site would have to be removed at the end of the 2009-2010 school year so that the site could be fully finished for the start of the 2010-11 school year.

High school students could go to the Wildwood blacktop which would take out part of the batting cages but preserve use of the field as the one full-size field for the community. The site could be ready by the

start of the 2009-10 school year. The budget would be a minus because the District may have to move the portables from the Vista courts to Wildwood, which would be an additional expense. Safety issues can be addressed. In terms of how students travel or have assemblies, the District would have to add some signage for when students cross the street. A safety factor is added by having students being on a construction site; measures would have to be taken to make sure they are safe. This option does not provide flexibility or program quality: there would be issues of assembly space, rainy day space, and play space. The same neighborhood would continue to be impacted, which doesn't share the burden with the neighborhoods of other sites.

Option C – Havens / Wildwood Split:

This option would delay having a Havens split between current Havens campus and Wildwood campus, and delay the high school project for another year. The District is concerned that the site may not be ready in time in terms of CEQA requirements, adding to expense. The option does allow for program quality and proximity; sharing the burden between school communities would be even.

Option D – Splitting campuses between the Wildwood hardscape and the Linda Beach courts (middle – Beach playground) – tennis courts adjacent to the playfield:

The site could be ready on time; the District is concerned that CEQA issues may preclude having the site ready in 2009. The budget on this option may be more expensive. It does not provide flexibility, yet shares the school community burden. The high school students would go to Havens at the current site.

Elementary site principals Julie Valdez, Beach Elementary School; Carol Cramer, Wildwood Elementary School; and Terry Susman, Havens Elementary School, provided their perspectives on the options and how the options would affect the educational program. They all felt it is important that each school community be kept together and not be split for quality delivery of program. Relationships, shared experiences, communication, teacher collaboration, play and celebration create the heart of the school and contributes significantly to the social, emotional, and academic learning of students

President Monach said the Board must now Identify key criteria driving decision making; determine relative weights of criteria (e.g., most important criteria get highest weight); assess the ability for each option to meet criteria based on importance of criteria; determine which options are best optimized across all criteria; and deliberate and decide.

Consultant David Burke provided a perspective of program management. He stated that choosing the best available option is the solution. He provided a background of his experience/expertise. He talked about the difference between probable cost and finalization of costs with a comprehensive cost estimate. He advised that portable classroom costs involved not only the rental fee but site development; design/engineering/construction set up and

dismantling; installation of utilities, grading, and designs processed through the Division of the State Architect and local fire department. It takes a lot of planning to have all this come together and \$100,000 per portable is a good cost estimate. There are also physical challenges to placing portables in Piedmont, such as small school sites and complex building plans.

The Board asked the principals questions and had discussions on:

- Amount of time spent on buses to Emery
- Library, art, music times
- Delivery of programs cannot be done in the same way if there are split campuses; assemblies may have to be held in Alan Harvey Theater at the high school
- Pullout programs, programs with specialists, and the coordination of these programs will be more difficult with a split campus
- The sharing of resources at the host sites would require a lot of flexibility and coordination

Superintendent Hubbard advised that if additional personnel were needed due to split campuses, Measure E bond fund monies could be utilized.

CEQA consultant Amy Skewes-Cox and attorney Larry Schoenke responded to questions. There are different requirements for CEQA: the first is a categorical exemption, the second is an initial study (under this you can get a mitigated negative declaration and don't need an environmental impact report) and then the third is an actual environmental impact report if not all factors can be mitigated. A categorical exemption would make a project exempt from an environmental impact report (negative declaration). There is one category which specifically applies to schools, and this is currently being explored.

She advised that the Emeryville site is the smoothest option to use (Option A); second is the Vista courts with the Havens portables being used (Option B). Option C would work but would take an additional year and it would impact traffic.

Option D (Wildwood / Beach split using Linda tennis court and PHS students at Havens): the issue would be that there would possibly be additional traffic at the high school, requiring a greater CEQA study which would delay the project until 2010. If the District wants to start the project in 2009, Option D should be taken off the table.

Option B would work (tennis courts at Vista) because the tennis courts are presently being used by the school district as a school site.

Both Options C would delay the start of the high school project and Option D would delay the start of the Havens project.

David Burke added that with the various alternates, how quickly things could be ready. This brings us back to the point of probable cost vs. cost estimates. In order to keep other options marching concurrently in terms of production, there would be a huge expense because the architects would have to be engaged to get into the

design process for DSA. There are four sites we are looking at placing portables at. To keep the other projects moving forward, we would have to work with the local utility providers. There are very long lead processes as far as getting new services such as power, sewer, etc.

A question was asked about the timeline for getting City approval for the tennis courts. In preliminary discussions, Mr. Burke felt that the Beach tennis courts would not be a big issue. At the January 26th joint Council-School Board meeting, the Council would provide an indication of their willingness to let the school district use Vista tennis courts. The Davies tennis courts (owned by the City of Oakland, but located in Piedmont) were contacted regarding possible use for our citizens by renting out blocks of time and an answer is not yet available. He thinks the fire/life access for the Fire Department is an issue and that it would need to go through the CEQA process.

Ray asked what could be done to address safety issues.

Board Member Tolles did not see Option D as a good solution. He stated that he does not mind delaying a project. A big consideration for him is the Havens' parents' opinions. Havens School is bigger than the Emery site; he has a problem with busing kindergarteners and first graders as a safety issue. He wondered if there is a way to mitigate the anxieties.

Board Member Jones stated that the teaching staff has been very clear that it would be easier and better for them and the educational program if classes were held in Emeryville. It may mean less volunteer services and this may have an impact.

Board Member Raushenbush said that in looking at the evaluation criteria, he feels the District must stay within the Measure E guidelines. He does not favor the construction delay of Havens and by doing so, the District would lose its contract with Webcor Builders. These are both prerequisites to him, along with the high school work. Staying within budget is an important weighting factor to him, also. The quality of the educational program is more important than what building students are in.

At this time, public input was solicited. President Monach requested that comments be kept to two minutes.

Parents and community members expressed the following:

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Against Emeryville Option:

- Community and closeness of schools very high in choosing Piedmont as a place to live
- Think about volunteer help you will lose
- Concerned about earthquake and disaster planning scenario at Emeryville
- Busing children to Emery is "beyond belief". There will be less time for students to play, study and sleep. Will be an unmitigated disaster and will be a tremendous burden on the students and the parents; students will be exposed to traffic hazards on the buses in inclement weather

- The geological map shows the Emeryville site is on a high shake area – strong danger of an earthquake
- The Emeryville school has a wire fence and some barbed wire – they didn't put it there for nothing; lots of youths hang out around those blocks
- There are a lot of sex offenders who live in close proximity to the Emeryville school being proposed
- Emeryville has drug abuse, drive-by shootings and is a high-crime area
- Crime statistics: what is the per capita rate; we are talking about risks and we are talking about elevated risk by sending the students to Emeryville
- Think about what's best for all the children as a whole; Piedmont is about its schools; don't choose to move the children out of town; we would be willing to give up more time and money if the students can be kept in town
- On the safety issue: *how* can you make the children safe in Emeryville? The key variable missing is the consistency with the community spirit. Quantify the cost issue
- The obvious two priorities are that the Havens site is ready in 2009 and that it meet the budget; safety is next priority; do not need statistics on child molesters or crime to know that by busing the students into Emeryville, you are injecting into students' lives a risk that they would not have if they stayed in Piedmont
- Important to listen to the teachers; if the portables are kept at Vista, the teachers can work out the educational program
- Less ability to attend school functions (at Emery)
- Proximity is #1 and safety. There is an increased level of risk by going to Emeryville
- Emeryville seismic analysis of December 2003 says: "Several aspects of the lateral force resisting systems of the buildings on the Emeryville Middle School campus do not, in our opinion, provide adequate resistance to seismic forces to satisfy the life safety performance objective. In order to achieve the desired performance, the existing wood shear walls should be strengthened or existing openings should be infilled to create longer shear walls. New footings may be required if the existing footings are insufficient. Additionally, the shear transfer of connection between the high roof and the low roof should be improved." Parent wants reassurance from the Board that these factors have been addressed.
- 20 to 1 of Havens parents want to keep students in Piedmont
- Parental involvement will greatly diminish if the move to Emeryville is selected, and it will diminish the school experience for the school and teachers

General comments:

- Costs for buses, libraries needs to be known
- Make sure decision is fact-based; teachers' perspective should be considered
- Cost is important; if the Emeryville option is a savings, we have to look at that
- Safety is the highest priority; also, stay within the timeline and on budget
- Results of an informal poll taken at a recent Beach Parent Organization meeting:

Poll based on “Open to any option”; “Prefer Emeryville Option”; and “Prefer Split Option”. Total vote was 22; 3 abstained.

7 voted for any option the Board selected

15 voted for Emeryville option

0 voted for an exclusive in-town option

- Doesn't see how a decision could be made in two weeks; the planning process was flawed; was not well-defined and symptomatic of the Measure E Bond campaign. Board abdicated its leadership, with the District administration defacto making the decisions.
- A tri-school committee has been formed to facilitate and support whatever decision the Board makes. They would like 2-3 members from each site to be on the committee. Will provide feedback to the Board and share information amongst the three elementary schools
- Timeline and budget are tied very closely together and are the main priorities; safety is a given
- You are not going to make everyone happy
- Thanked the Board and Superintendent for their thoughtful time on this issue, and their willingness and accessibility to provide information. Regarding the results of a Wildwood parent's poll: the parents are equally divided between on-site splits and relocation to Emeryville. However, regardless of site preference, they will support either option
- (Wildwood) waiting to hear results of traffic study
- Please make a decision expeditiously
- After year one, are we still going to have enough money? We don't want to be put into a situation where portables are stuck on a field because we don't have the money to get rid of them
- There would be a very complicated environmental impact process if the Blair Park site is chosen
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- Reintroduce Witter Field as a potential site [CEQA impact would kick in if all portables moved there]
- Request that the Board make decisions based on reason and balance; there is a lot of emotion on this aspect
- Parking, traffic, fire and life safety numbers for the Witter/Wildwood site – concerned about the tight access in that area. (Superintendent Hubbard advised that the traffic engineer work on the Witter Field area is currently in progress).
- Options A and D should be removed from consideration. Option B is one of the best options; Option C should be Havens split with Vista courts, although this would delay the high school project
- I trust the school system; listen to the professionals – give them more weight than the parents

Okay with Emeryville Option:

- It's only one year of inconvenience for each elementary school
- Comfortable with Emeryville option and the recommendations of the teachers and principals should be heavily weighted because the educational programs are the most important issue
- Safety and security are “table sticks”; none of these options

would be on the table if the Board wasn't confident that the same level of safety could be provided in Emeryville as in Piedmont; staying on time and on budget are important; program quality is a priority and one of the reasons for moving to Piedmont

- Could be an adventure for students
- There are risks everywhere; trusts the administration to keep the children safe in Emeryville
- (teacher from Emeryville): safety fear has to be alleviated; he is there many times late; has left his car on the street and never had it broken into. Also, children are very resilient. "It's okay over there [Emeryville]."
- (tutor at Emeryville): Quality of education, budget and timeline; safety is a deal-breaker – has never had any safety issues at Emeryville
- Opposes split school option that would place children on a construction site, due to child's asthma
- Busing is a reality in the East Coast and Midwest. In a *School Transportation News* report, approximately 53% of all K-12 students in the country ride school buses every year (November 2008 issue). The federal government considers school buses to be nine times safer than other passenger vehicles during the normal school commute. Riding a school bus is six times safer than riding an airplane
- (Piedmont resident working in Emeryville): Takes him only 16-20 minutes by car to get to work. He has had more crime-related issues at his home in Piedmont while having nothing happen to him or his car while he has worked in Emeryville. He has come in early and stayed late in Emeryville with no problems. He vehemently disagrees with some earlier comments made about Emeryville
- Emeryville option would give more of an urban experience for students; disappointed in general fear-mongering remarks

John Nelson, President of *murakami*-Nelson Architects, advised that some preliminary investigation has already been done on the Emeryville site and he has spoken with one of the geotechnical engineers. They feel the liquefaction potential on that site is low. They have some recent geotechnical information from just a couple of blocks away and in their estimation, the hazard is low. More investigation will be done if this site is chosen. Their structural engineer also toured the buildings. Drawings will be obtained from Emery along with other reports for assessments of the buildings, as well as structural calculations and geotechnical reports. They will report back to the District when the investigation is completed.

Piedmont parent Danielle Hilton is a parent and an Alameda County Deputy District Attorney assigned to the sexual assault unit. In listening to comments at a recent Havens Parent Club meeting, she found they were not consistent with her experience with child sexual assault and with her areas of Emeryville. She took a closer look by going to the statistical analysis person at Emeryville. Ms. Hilton limited her search of the data to address particular issues. The school is in District 1 and she broadened it to the district next to it to give a broader view. She also got in touch with Oakland for their statistics and they are comparable. She made a comparison with Piedmont. She pulled all the sex crimes. She did it by agency and

further broke it down to children under 12 and children over 12. In 2008, Emeryville had zero child sexual assaults. Because of the use of the term "pedophile", she went to a breakdown of the relationship with the victim. She then researched any sex crime in Emeryville and broke it down to what happened in the day time. She spoke with the Oakland Police Department station nearby Emeryville. They advised their area next to Emeryville does not have the crime that other parts of Oakland have, and in their area, they do not have to dedicate resources for that.

Five Minute Recess

President Monach called for a five minute recess at 12:25 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

President Monach reminded the audience that a special Board meeting will be held on January 22, 2009 for the Board to have additional discussion about weighting the criteria, and narrowing the options to one or two to bring before bringing them to the City Council for consideration.

The Board workshop initially scheduled for January 20th has been cancelled.

Board Member Raushenbush thanked Superintendent Hubbard and Assistant Superintendent Brady for the amount of time they have put into this project. The public does not grasp both administrators already have a full time job running the school district and now we have layered on top of that thousands of hours running Measure E. They are the ones out in front of the public and tend to get the brunt of people being dissatisfied with the alternatives put forward. Sometimes there has been respectful disagreement but he has also witnessed disrespectful disagreement. The District and community all owe Superintendent Hubbard and Assistant Superintendent Brady a huge thank you for their efforts.

Board Member Raushenbush also thanked the City of Emeryville for having made this option available to our District, whether or not this option is chosen.

Approve Proposal Between the District and Bollo Construction Inc. for Facilities Planning and Consulting Services for the Measure E Bond Program Projects

It was moved by Vice President Gadbois and seconded by Board Member Raushenbush to approve the proposal between the District and Bollo Construction Inc. (David Burke) for facilities planning and consulting services for the Measure E Bond Program projects, effective January 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000.

There was no one from the public requesting to speak.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve District Reimbursement to City for CEQA Services, Blair Park Site (Amount: \$10,000)

The City is going forward with the CEQA process on the Blair Park site. The City wants to know if the District wants to be included as part of the project description. Any options the District would be talking about would be for the 2010-2011 school year. If the District chooses not to be included, the City may decide not to go forward with the design for which they have money donated, or may not do some of the studies that they have fast-tracked.

It was moved by Board Member Raushenbush and seconded by Vice President Gadbois to take no action on Item C. 1. b.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

The motion passed unanimously. The item will be brought back on a subsequent Board agenda.

A Piedmont resident who works in Emeryville came to the podium to state that she works a block away from the Emery school site. She was listening tonight to the video streaming of the school board meeting while she was at work and heard the comments related to concern for safety in Emeryville. She said she has worked in Emeryville for six years and she was at work tonight until midnight so she obviously feels very safe working there and the area is not "scary". She wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

Approve District Portion of Traffic Studies as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for Possible Temporary Housing Options (contract with City of Piedmont and Fehr & Peers) (NTE \$80,000)

The contract for the traffic consultant is with the City because they had some other traffic studies being worked on and the District wanted to piggy-back with the same consultant. Therefore, the contract is through the City. The District portion being worked on is Wildwood, with the possible of moving 200 elementary students there, and Vista with the idea of looking at Beach in the event we end up with a split campus at Beach. The traffic consultant is also working with the District's CEQA consultant to make sure the traffic studies meet the CEQA requirements for a categorical exemption. Also on the list is whether or not the traffic consultant would increase the traffic study on Moraga Avenue through Montclair if portables were to be placed on the Blair Park site, which the consultant has not yet started working on.

It was moved by Vice President Gadbois, and seconded by Board Member Tolles to approve the District portion of the traffic studies as part of the CEQA process, for possible temporary housing options, with the exclusion of the Blair Park site.

There was no one from the public requesting to speak.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board asked the Supt to find out when the traffic study report will be available and added that it would be helpful to have the traffic analysis by the time of the joint meeting with the City Council on January 26th.

Ratify Contract Between District and CEQA Consultant Amy Skewes-Cox for the Proposed Development Options of a Temporary Campus

It was moved by Board Member Raushenbush and seconded by Board Member Jones to ratify the contract between the District and CEQA Consultant Amy Skewes-Cox for the proposed development options of a temporary campus, effective December 11, 2008 through June 30, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.

There was no one from the public requesting to speak.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ratify Contract with *murakami*/Nelson Architects to Work with ELS Architects Regarding the Feasibility of Blair Park as a Temporary Housing Site

The Superintendent advised that she had already entered into this contract with *murakami*/Nelson so some work had been done. The consultant has since been advised to stop any work regarding this contract, but some monies are owed for work to date.

It was moved by Board Member Tolles and seconded by Board Member Raushenbush to ratify the contract between the District and *murakami*/Nelson Architects to work with ELS Architects regarding the feasibility of Blair Park as a temporary housing site, effective January 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$20,000.

Amendment to Motion

Board Member Tolles requested to amend his motion to include direction to staff that any feasibility work on the Blair Park site be discontinued until further notice.

Board Member Raushenbush accepted the amendment to the motion.

There was no one from the audience requesting to speak.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Proposal Between the District and ATI Architects & Engineers for Architectural and Engineering Services including Programming, Schematic Design, Construction Documents, and Construction Administration for Interim Housing at Havens Elementary School for Use by Havens or PHS students – to be determined (ATI Proposal 08-427B)

Superintendent Hubbard advised the proposal is for the purpose of repositioning the current portables on the Havens site. The District needs to move forward as soon as possible because the portables need to be moved as far away from the construction staging area as possible.

It was moved by Vice President Gadbois, and seconded by Board Member Raushenbush to approve the proposal between the District and ATI Architects as stated, effective January 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009, for a total cost not to exceed \$61,000.

There was no one from the public requesting to speak.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Proposal Between the District and ATI Architects & Engineers to provide a feasibility report to assist the District in determining the appropriate course of action such as: suitability and location of portables; site grading and utility infrastructure requirements; estimated schedule for design, approvals and construction; and agency issues related to the projects (Fire Department, City of Piedmont, Division of the State Architect), effective January 15, 2009 through January 30, 2009 (ATI Proposal 08-474)

Part of the money on this project has been spent because the consultant had to do some layouts as to what will fit on the site; they are looking at the tennis court layout and the Wildwood layout and they have done some work on the Beach layout.

It was moved by Board Member Raushenbush and seconded by Vice President Gadbois to approve this proposal as stated, effective January 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.

There was no one from the public requesting to speak.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution 08-2008-09, "Black History Month – February", and Announcement of Annual Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

President Monach had announced at the beginning of the meeting that the Annual Celebration of the Life and Teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at the Piedmont Community Hall, 711 Highland Avenue, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19th. The event is free and for more information, contact Lois Corrin at lcorrin@gmail.com.

It was moved by Vice President Gadbois and seconded by Board Member Jones to adopt Resolution 08-2008-09, "Black History Month – February".

The Board was polled and the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS
State Budget Update 2008

A Governor's Budget Workshop was held on January 12th resulting in the following information as it affects the District's 2008-09 budget:

- Projected mid-year cuts represent a -5.17% loss in 08-09 revenue
- The Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for 2009-10 remains at 0% but with additional deficit factor resulting in a -7.53% loss in 2009-10 revenue
- COLA for 2010-11 reduced from 3.5% to 0.5%
- Total revenue loss by 2011 is -10.15% using enrollment projections based on 2008-09 levels
- 2008-09 budget proposals include flexibility:
 - ability to transfer categorical funds
 - allow prior year restricted balances to transfer to the unrestricted General Fund
 - eliminate Deferred Maintenance match
 - cut budget reserve requirements in half, but must be repaid
- 2009-10 budget proposals would allow school districts to reduce the instructional calendar by up to five days. This would need to be negotiated (\$450,000)
- Statutory COLAs for 2008-09 and 2009-10 are eliminated by the deficit factor

At the time of the District's First Interim Financial Report, the revenue was at \$14,744,395. Now, the revenue limit is under \$14 million, so coupled with the \$762,000 plus the 2.5% revenue limit cut for 2009-10 (\$338,000), the District has a deficit revenue limit reduction of \$1.1 million.

Vice President Gadbois asked to begin discussion on possible cuts at the next Board meeting, with discussions at the Budget Advisory Committee meetings and parent club meetings.

Superintendent Hubbard stated there will be opportunity for public discussion at the January 27th Board meeting, the February 11th Board meeting and the added Special Board Meeting of February 24, and that any reductions in force would have to be voted on at the March 11th Board meeting. Reductions in force will also be mentioned at the parcel tax meetings of February 7th and 9th.

Superintendent Hubbard cautioned that, as much as the Board would like to have a broad list out, people in a District this size know who they are and attach themselves to that broad list. If a list is put out, we are sending a message that we may not want to send. We can possibly lose employees.

It was a consensus of the Board that a general list of possible reductions be provided at the next Board meeting.

President Monach added that the parent clubs are organizing a letter-writing campaign whereby parents/community members can write to the Governor immediately and fax the Governor's office, with copies of both to Doug Maclean, the communications analyst for Assemblymember Swanson's office, and they will hand-carry all of them to the Governor's office. At this time, a hard copy is better than email.

Announcement of January 27, 2009 Board Meeting

President Monach advised that the second Board meeting in January will be held on Tuesday, rather than Wednesday, due to the statewide Superintendents' Symposium that Superintendent Hubbard will be attending from Wednesday through Friday.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Monach announced that the interim housing issue generated over 132 emails between December 11, 2008 and today's meeting; and 42 emails were received regarding the AP Calculus BC course.

Board Member Raushenbush added that Board members should be reading all of their emails.

BOARD REPORTS

None

It was moved by Board Member Raushenbush, seconded by Board Member Tolles, and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, to include:

- A. Adopt Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2008
- B. Approve Monthly Financial Report of the District for December 2008
- C. Approve Personnel Action Report
- D. Approve Quarterly Report of Complaints Received Under Williams Settlement Agreement for Period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008
- E. Approve Out-of-State Field Trip for Piedmont High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team to attend tournament in Arizona, December 17-21, 2008
- F. Ratify Contract Between the District and Godbe Research to Conduct Parcel Tax Polling Survey, effective January 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at a total cost not to exceed \$17,540
- G. Approve 2008-09 Summary Report for the Arts and Music Block Grant Funds
- H. Approve one Master Contract and one Individual Service Agreement with Quality Behavioral Outcomes, to conduct an assessment and attend subsequent IEP meeting for one elementary school student, effective January 16, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at a total cost not to exceed \$5,000
- I. Approve one Consultant Services Contract with Amy Lewellyn, M.A. for substitute school psychologist services, effective January 16, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at a total cost not to exceed \$18,000
- J. Approve one Master Contract and one Individual Service Agreement with STE Consultants, to conduct an assessment and attend subsequent IEP meeting for one elementary school student, effective January 16, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,750.

FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

President Monach advised the public that future agenda items shown are always subject to change. They may be delayed and not on the agenda for the date shown.

- Adopt Yearly Budget Development Calendar (Jan 27)
- Approve Increase in Hourly Rate of Pay for Certificated Substitute Hires (Jan 27)
- Accept SARC's (Student Accountability Report Cards) (Jan 27)
- Approve Waiver Document under the Special Education Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement (Jan 27)
- Mid-year assessment on goals and objectives (Jan/Feb)
- *Everyday Math* Program Review (Feb)
- Review of Board Bylaws (Section 9000) (TDB)
- Board Policy/Administrative Regulations 6163.4, "Acceptable Use of Technology" (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and with no objections by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 a.m.

JUNE MONACH, Board President
Piedmont Unified School District
Board of Education

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Secretary, Piedmont Unified School District
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