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PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education

SPECIAL MEETING – OPEN SESSION

Tuesday, September 15, 2009
4:00-6:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers
120 Vista Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611

A G E N D A

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- 4:00 p.m. I. CALL TO ORDER
 A. Establishment of Quorum
 B. Call to Order
 C. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4:01 p.m. II. REVIEW AND ACTION ITEM
 A. Conduct Public Hearing and Possible Action by Board on
 Location of *SchoolMates* Portable at Beach Elementary School

As part of the plans to accommodate elementary students who would be displaced by construction being done to seismically strengthen all sites, the Board agreed on the following:

- Secure a temporary site to house students during their year of construction. The Emery site is under lease for the Havens' students in 2009-10 with the option for use when Wildwood and Beach are under construction planned for the next phase.
- Before and after school care provided by the City of Piedmont Recreation Department (*SchoolMates*) for all three elementary sites would be housed on sites not under construction in the City of Piedmont.
- Bussing would be provided for students assigned to the Emeryville site including between Emeryville and *SchoolMates*.
- The kindergarteners from Havens would be assigned to the Beach campus for 2009-10.
- The *SchoolMates* program for Beach and Havens students would be provided on and/or adjacent to Beach school.

- All temporary housing and transportation plans needed to be ready by the first day of school on August 26, 2009.

The plans for 2009-10 included the placement of a *SchoolMates* portable to serve the “visiting school” adjacent to the bridge area at the east end of the City-owned Linda Beach playfield. The *SchoolMates* portable on the Beach playground would continue to serve Beach students. The concept included the *SchoolMates* children using the grassy field during regular school hours to minimize the noise and number of children on the Beach blacktop during school hours. The increased enrollment at the Beach site required the addition of 3 portables that have a significant impact on the play space. Playground space is reduced as student population increases.

In the last week of July, as the plans for the placement of the *SchoolMates* portable installation were in the process of being finalized, PG&E confirmed that the portable could not be placed where planned because of an active 12-inch gas line that they had previously identified as a four inch abandoned line. On-site alternatives including the relocation of the gas main, reconfiguration of the portable, and alternative placement were explored. The cost and timeline made the site unacceptable for the safe placement of a building to house children.

The Board will conduct a public hearing to allow opportunity for input before a final decision as to the permanent location of the portable. The permanent placement requires the connection to the sewer lines and electrical service including a fire alarm system linked to the school. Staff will present information on the feasibility, costs and access of possible alternate locations including the City tennis courts on Linda Avenue and an area of City-owned property located at Beach; and the cost/feasibility of relocating the gas line. Based on parent/community input and the information presented by the consultants, the Board will provide direction to staff as to next steps. Options include: further study on information requested; formal request for use of City property for *SchoolMates* (City tennis courts or City-owned adjacent property at Beach); proceed with permanent placement at current location on blacktop; relocate gasline to place portable adjacent to bridge; or other alternative

6:00 p.m. IV. ADJOURNMENT

Next *Regular* Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
7:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont

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