

**PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education**

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Council Chambers, City Hall
120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.
Regular Session: 7:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 6:00 p.m. I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
A majority of the Governing Board must be present in order to establish a quorum, allowing the Board to conduct business.
- 6:01 p.m. III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION
Members of the public may speak to any Closed Session item on the agenda. The Board President may limit speaker time.
- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent
(Government Code Section 54957)
- B. Conference with District Labor Negotiator Constance Hubbard
Regarding Negotiations with the Association of Piedmont
Teachers (APT) (Government Code Section 54956.6)
- 7:00 p.m. IV. REGULAR OPEN SESSION
- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
- D. Agenda Adjustments
- V. COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS
The comments are informational only, covering items of interest to the Board, staff and community.
- A. Association of Piedmont Teachers (APT)
- B. California School Employees Association (CSEA)
- C. Parent Clubs
- D. Student Representative to the Board
- E. Persons Wishing to Speak to Any Item Not Listed on the Agenda
- F. Superintendent
- G. President, Board of Education
- VI. PRESENTATION
- A. Actuarial Valuation Study (GASB 45)
School districts are required to report long-term fiscal obligations for other post-employment benefits as part of independent auditing requirements. The first step in this process is an actuarial study to determine a district's liability. Ira Summer, an expert in the field and

community member, will make a presentation about this requirement and how it affects the Piedmont Unified School District.

VII. REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS

(The Board President may limit speaker time)

A. Bond Program:

1. *Presentation of Repair Options and Cost Estimates for Havens Elementary School (Information)
(John Nelson, President, *murakami*/Nelson Architects)
Discussion will also continue at the regular Board meetings of May 9 and May 23, 2007, and the Board Workshop of April 23, 2007.

2. *Adopt Resolution 19-2006-07, "Resolution of Futility Regarding the Need to Formally Bid the Roof Replacement Work at Piedmont High School During the Piedmont Unified School District (PUSD) Bond Program as Authorized by Measure E (2006)" (Action)
(Superintendent Hubbard)
The Board will be requested to adopt an emergency resolution to authorize the Superintendent/designee to proceed with work on the roof replacement at Piedmont High School due to insufficient time to go out to bid on the project. The cost of the project is not to exceed \$500,000. Funding Source: Measure E Bond Fund

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3. Update by Board Subcommittee on Public Engagement Process
(Vice President June Monach / Board Member Ray Gadbois)
If needed, the subcommittee will provide a brief update on public engagement. The web site for information on the bond program is: www.pusdbond.org. Joint school district/city community meetings regarding Master Planning are being held on Monday, April 30 and Thursday, May 10, 2007, both 7:30 p.m. at the Piedmont Community Hall

- C. *Adopt Resolution 20-2006-07, "Resolution of Futility Regarding the Need to Formally Bid the Work for the Replacement of the Witter Field Complex, Field Turf Playing Field and Track" (Superintendent Hubbard)
At the Board meeting of March 14, 2007, the Board authorized the Superintendent to proceed with making arrangements with the company *Field Turf* for the renovation of the football field and track areas. Final negotiations had not been completed by the March 28, 2007 Board meeting to bring forth a contract as hoped. The resolution will solidify the District's intent and a formal contract with the company "Field Turf" is still in negotiations.
Funding Source: Bond proceeds originally issued in 1996 for the installation of Witter Field and other construction projects in the District; the Capital Facilities Fund; and from financing not to exceed \$200,000 which will release current lease obligations already designated for Witter Field.

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- D. *Conduct Review of Proposed Textbooks for Adoption, Grades K-12:
 - "Full Option Science System", Grades K-5
 - "Focus on Earth Science, Grade 6
 - "Focus on Physical Science", Grade 8

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- “Physical Science with Earth Science”, Grade 9
- “Chemistry”, Grades 10, 11, 12
- “California Science”, Grades 4-5
- “Physics: Principles and Applications”, Grades 11, 12
- “Biotechnology: Science for the Millennium”, Grades 11, 12

(David Roth, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services / Jamie Adams, Director of Curriculum)

The proposed textbooks have been reviewed, evaluated, and recommended by the Curriculum Council consisting of administrators, teachers, parents and community members. Grade 7 is still reviewing the health textbooks before making a decision and will be brought to the Board at a later date. A 30-day public review period will be conducted from April 26, 2006 through June 6, 2007. At the Board meeting of June 7, 2007, the Board will take action to adopt the textbooks.

- E. *Conduct Public Hearing on the Proposed Levy of the Current 2006-07 Parcel Tax, To Be Assessed in 2007-08; and Adopt Resolution 21-2006-07 (Measure B) and Resolution 22-2006-07 (Measure C) Pages 14-25

(Superintendent Hubbard)

The Board will discuss and receive public input regarding the current (2006-07) levy of the school parcel tax for 2007-08. Public input was previously solicited at the Board meeting of March 28, 2007. It is anticipated the Board will take formal action at tonight’s meeting after the public hearing.

- F. Adopt Resolution 23-2006-07, “Day of the Teacher – May 9, 2007” Page 26

(Superintendent Hubbard)

The Board will be requested to adopt the resolution honoring all of the District’s certificated employees

- G. Adopt Resolution 24-2006-07, “Classified School Employee Week – May 20-26, 2007” Page 27

(Superintendent Hubbard)

The Board will be requested to adopt the resolution honoring all of the District’s classified employees

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ITEM

*Discuss District Goals for 2007-08 Pages 28-29

(Superintendent Hubbard)

Each year the Board of Education and the Superintendent set goals to advance the mission of the school district. The Board will discuss District Goals for 2007-08 at tonight’s meeting. Discussion of goals has also been conducted at the Board meetings of March 14 and March 28, 2007, and will continue at the Board meetings of May 9 and May 23, 2007.

This year, the District would like feedback from Piedmont citizens, parents, and school staff on the job it is doing in addressing these goals. To complete a survey, please go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=620723596546> or to the PUSD website, www.piedmont.k12.ca.us and click on the link to the PUSD Annual District Goals Survey. It takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

Copies of the survey are also available in the Superintendent’s office located at 760 Magnolia Ave. Surveys must be completed or returned to

the District office by 4 pm on May 8, 2007. If you have any questions you can contact Board of Education Vice President June Monach at monach1@pacbell.net.

Following discussion at the May 23 Board meeting, the Board will be requested to adopt the Goals for 2007-08. A copy of the Adopted District Goals for 2006-07 are provided.

IX. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. *2006 Base Academic Performance Index (API) Report Pages 30-31
(David Roth, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services)
- B. *Notification of Grants Awarded through the 2007 Piedmont Educational Foundation Spring Grant Program Page 32
(Superintendent Hubbard)
The Spring 2007 Grant process has been completed and the Piedmont Educational Foundation has voted on the grants awarded.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

XI. BOARD REPORTS

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR: ACTION ITEMS

The following items are considered routine and can be handled with one action since it is recommended that all items be approved unanimously. Board members may request any Item(s) be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

1. *Accept Donations Page 33
2. Adopt Regular Board Minutes of March 28, 2007 Available at Bd. Mtg.
3. *Approve Personnel Action Report Page 34
4. *Approve Monthly Financial Report of the District for March, 2007 Pages 35-36
5. *Approve District Warrant List dated April 20, 2006 for Goods and Services Rendered Page 37
6. *Approve 2006-07 *Single Plan for Student Achievement*, School Safety Plans and Site Block Discretionary Grant for:
• Piedmont Middle School (*Single Plan for Student Achievement*)
• Piedmont High School (*Single Plan for Student Achievement*)
• Millennium High School (*Single Plan and Safety Plan*)
• Adult Education (Site Block Discretionary Grant)
(Elementary school plans were approved at the Board meeting of March 28, 2007) Available at Board Mtg.
7. *Approve District's Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan for the Following Facilities: Beach Elementary School, Havens Elementary School, Wildwood Elementary School, Piedmont Middle School, Piedmont High School, and Millennium High School Pages 38-40
(Michael Brady, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services)
The Board will review and be asked to approve a summary of proposed Deferred Maintenance projects the District plans on completing annually over the next five fiscal years. Funding source: Basic Grant, pursuant to Education Code Section 17591.
8. *Approve Quarterly Report (January 1, 2007 – March 31, 2007) of Complaints Received Under the Williams Settlement Agreement Page 41
9. *Approve California Instructional School Garden Program: Page 42
Flourishing and Nourishing Grant Application
By applying for this grant, the District would be eligible to receive funding in the amount of \$15,000 for equipment, supplies and/or

professional development to create, maintain, and expand instructional school gardens that can serve as a learning laboratory to support academic instruction. The funds are available this school-year (2006-07) to support instructional school gardens through June 2009. The grant is being submitted for all six schools.

10. *Approve North Region Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Assurances Pages 43-49
 There are no changes to the Plan itself; the Plan on file is still current and valid. However, revision of the Assurances needs to be approved by each District within the SELPA (North Region) due to a change in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
11. *Approve Overnight Field Trip for Millennium High School students, as a community building event which was a recommendation by WASC, to be held at Tilden Park on May 3-4, 2007 Page 50
12. *Approve Student Teaching Fieldwork and Student Teaching Agreement Between District and Chapman University, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. Pages 51-58
13. *Ratify Agreement Between the District and Office of Kern County Superintendent as Administrative Agent for the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) Which In Turn Administers the California School Information Services (CSIS), Effective April 5, 2007 Through June 30, 2009 Page 59
 The new Local Education Agency (LEA) Best Practices Cohort Project was established to help eligible LEAs implement sustainable local data management practices that will contribute to improved student achievement through better local data-driven decision-making and will prepare them to submit data to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data Systems (CALPADS). The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the participation of local education agencies in the new LEA Best Practices Cohort Project and to specify the rights and duties of CSIS and the LEA during the project implementation. The District will receive funding in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for implementation of this project. The District is responsible for periodic project status reports, including implementation, accomplishments and periodic evaluations. Funds expended are subject to audit by the State of California (complete agreement on file in the Superintendent's office).
14. *Approve Management Plan for Financing Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) In Accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 (Presentation given earlier) Pages 60-65
 School districts that have long-term fiscal obligations for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) may apply for state funding of up to \$15,000 for reimbursement of their costs for completing a Management Plan for Financing to their county office of education or authorizing agency. County offices of education and authorizing agencies must certify to CDE that a complete Management Plan has been submitted. Requirements for the management plan include a completed actuarial valuation, a description of OPEB to retirees, and an agency plan to address the OPEB obligations.

XIII. FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
 (***SUBJECT TO CHANGE***)

- District Goals, 2007-08 (Apr 25/May 9/May 23)
- Continued Discussion on Repair Options, Cost Estimates, Havens Elementary School (May 9 / May 23)
- Appoint Principal, Beach Elementary School (May 9)

- Recognition of 2007 Arthur Hecht Volunteer of the Year (May 9)
- Notification of Noda Grant Awards (May 9)
- Review of Board Bylaws (Section 9000) (June)

Tentative Board Workshops (**subject to change/cancellation**):

- Monday, May 7, 2007, 8-10 a.m., City Hall
Subject: Havens Design Concept / Options
- Monday, June 11, 2007, 8-10 a.m., City Hall
Subject: TBA

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 2007,
7:00 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont.

Public Comment: *Individual speakers are asked to limit their comments for any item on the agenda to not more than three minutes in order to allow everyone who wishes to speak the opportunity to do so. Groups are asked to limit comments to a total of ten minutes.*

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, *if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (510) 594-2614. Notification by Monday noon preceding the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.*

*Attachment

The scheduling of time for agenda issues is approximate.