

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

MINUTES OF
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

February 13, 2008

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 Cathie Geddeis, Board Members Ray Gadbois, Roy Tolles, Ward Lindenmayer
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION	The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss: A. Conference with District Representative Constance Hubbard Regarding Negotiations with the Association of Piedmont Teachers (APT) (Government Code Section 54956.6) B. 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, Educ. Services
RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION	Board President Monach called the Regular Session of the Board of Education meeting of February 13, 2008 to order at 7:10 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
Action Taken In Closed Session	None
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	Riely White, Student Representative to the Board, reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring sports started on February 4; this is the first week of practice• The Winter Ball was on February 2; there were about 300 students in attendance• NCS for winter sports; boys' and girls' soccer play this

weekend

- Basketball games are still being decided on
- Youth Educators started their assignment
- Science Fair today
- Tomorrow Valentine grams will go out, which are notes delivered and sung by the Troubadours, along with a rose
- A "Love Connection" is being held at the high school as a fund raiser; everyone fills out survey which is sent to a company and they send back results as to whom you are compatible with
- The week after the February break, the high school is doing a fund raiser for Chris Rodriguez, the student who was shot recently at the Piedmont Piano School
- Next week is February break

PERSONS REQUESTING TO SPEAK ON
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA None

Superintendent Announcements

Next week is the February recess; students and staff will be out of school. The District Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Conference schedules are coming up for the elementary schools from March 3-12; each parent should check with their school for times

Board President Announcements

President Monach announced that:

- The Art Hecht Volunteer of the Year Award deadline is March 3 and applications should be turned in to the Superintendent's office by 4:30 p.m. on that day
- The musical "Grease" is being performed by the PHS drama students from March 6-9
- The Support our Schools letter writing campaign is going on whereby community members are being encouraged to write their state representatives regarding the proposed 2008-09 budget reductions; a sample letter was placed at the public information table; the letter writing campaigns will be held on February 26, 27, 28 and 29th.
- She advised that a student may be filming a portion of the Board meeting during the Millennium High School presentation portion of the meeting

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Millennium High School
Activities

Dr. David Roth, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, introduced Dr. Jamie Adams, Principal of Millennium High School.

Millennium High School is accredited by the Western Accreditation of Schools Commission and serves a broad cross section of students with diverse learning styles. Courses satisfy the University of California admission requirements.

Student Kelsey Peake shared that her friends felt she was being a "slacker" for choosing to go to Millennium, but now she is getting practically all A's and feels she has done more there in the past 2-1/2 years than all her years in Piedmont schools. She realizes that school, like life, is what you make it; if you

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don't want to learn and do well, then you will not do well regardless of whether you go to Oakland Tech or Piedmont High. Millennium is an alternative. She is graduating a year early.

Student Ethan Kaiser-Klimist, an out of district student, said he has heard many misconceptions about Millennium. His perception is that Millennium is a work-at-your-own-pace school. He has always been brought up in small schools so Millennium High School was a good fit for him. He also wanted to expand his friend base so it has been good for him that Piedmont High School is right next door to Millennium.

CJ Hirschfield, chair of the parent advisory committee for Millennium, thanked the Board for its support of the school. The parent group has expanded and parents have reported that their students are happy there.

Presentation of "Empty Bowl Project" funded by the Piedmont Educational Foundation Grant

Dr. David Roth introduced Susan Simonds, who teaches at both Piedmont High School and Millennium High School. She passed out a brochure to each Board member about the "Empty Bowl Project". This project was started by a group of ceramists in Michigan, who developed the idea that they could make bowls and serve soup, and whomever purchased the bowls would always be reminded that there are people not only in their community, but all over the world who may not be able to fill their bowls. Some bowl samples were on display. Bowls will be sold at an art show on May 21. Chef Chris Williams from the high school will be preparing the soups.

The "Empty Bowl Project" was funded by a grant from the Piedmont Educational Foundation.

Ceramics student Truman Braslaw, displayed his bowl and added that the project was for a very good cause. Donations from the purchase of bowls will be donated to the Oakland Food Bank.

Student Representative White excused himself from the meeting.

REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS

Measure E Bond Program:

1. Approve Contracts and Fee Proposals Between District and *murakami*/Nelson Architects for Schematic Drawings of the Following Facilities and Related Costs:

Superintendent Hubbard advised these are all not-to-exceed costs presented:

- Common Meetings (6 months) \$75,000
- Structural Criteria & Eng. Approach (3-4 months) \$36,000
- District-wide Nonstructural Seismic Mitigation Procedures (4-6 months) \$68,000
- PHS Schematic Design (4-5 months) \$390,000
- Wildwood Schematic Design (4-6 months) \$294,000
- Beach School Schematic Design \$253,000
- Ellen Driscoll Theater Schematic (3-months) \$100,000
- Maintenance Facility Programming, Site Evaluation, Concept Design (3-4 months) \$83,000

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The structural criteria and engineering approach was expanded on by John Nelson, President of *murakami*/Nelson Architects. The Division of the State Architect in Oakland realized this would be the first project in the Oakland office using the new ASCE 41 standard. ASCE 41 is state of the art and we will have the structural peer reviewers involved. We have more flexibility with this approach. DSA requested an engineering approach document. Doing this will also allow us to work with DSA in Sacramento because the Oakland office does not want to take this on; we are setting a precedent for the rest of the State. ASCE 41 went into effect in January 2008. After meeting with the Oakland DSA, we will then meet with DSA in Sacramento.

Resident George Childs asked: is there any reason why DSA shouldn't be bearing some of the cost for the engineering report document or waiving some of their fees?

Superintendent Hubbard said she would keep the request in mind but the possible cost savings would be in time saved. It is skeptical that the DSA would consider waiving fees, or sharing in the document cost.

It was moved by Board Member Lindenmayer and seconded by Board Member Gadbois to approve all of the contracts as listed in the not to exceed amounts presented.

Board Member Tolles requested to amend the motion to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 as one motion and items 5, 6, and 7 as a separate motion.

Board Member Lindenmayer accepted the amendment to the motion, as did Board Member Gadbois.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Board Member Gadbois and seconded by Vice President Geddeis to accept the contract and fee proposals for Wildwood School Schematic Design, Beach School Schematic Design and Ellen Driscoll Schematic Design.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES:	Monach, Geddeis, Gadbois, Lindenmayer
NOES:	Tolles
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Update on Alternative Havens Project
(Becker Design)

Superintendent Hubbard shared that regarding the Becker Design, she has had several more meetings with Mr. Becker and *murakami*/Nelson Architects; and they have both been working on revisions and specifications; the Superintendent and Mr. Becker met with the City to look at where the City might be partnering with the school regarding the Havens field and an upgrade on how SchoolMates fits into its current configuration and possibly new configuration. She met with the consultant that will be working with the District and the California

Department of Education and Division of the State Architect; meetings were scheduled with the attorney to talk about the delivery method possible; she had a meeting with Andy Ball of Webcor to confirm their interest in pursuing this project at a not to exceed price and where do the cost of the portables and retrofitting Ellen Driscoll come in. These are two of the main issues so the Board needs to have a good understanding of what the guaranteed maximum price would include. If the alternative method of delivery is selected, the Board must act by resolution or specific Board action. The Superintendent therefore proposed that a Special Board Meeting be held on Wednesday, February 27 from 5-6 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. She has already ascertained that the Council Chambers are available on that date and time. The Board concurred with holding the meeting.

Superintendent Hubbard said the Havens plan depends on a fast, aggressive timeline and we want to make sure any of the pre-work does not get in the way.

She advised there will be a presentation of the Becker Design for Havens at the City Council meeting next week to again see what kind of support the City is willing to commit to in terms of the field at Havens and SchoolMates.

Another opportunity to learn more about funding of Measure E projects will be at the Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, February 28, at 7:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Wes Smith of the Technical Advisory Committee, stated we have to know what the total cost of all projects will be.

Structural Peer Review Report of Piedmont Middle School Buildings A, B, D, C, and E from Estructure

MaryAnn Phipps of Estructure is the official structural peer reviewer. Her report confirms that the Piedmont Middle School building calculations passed, per the review for ASCE that all other buildings in the District went through.

Adopt Resolution 11-2007-08, "Opposing Governor's Proposed 2008-09 Budget"

Assistant Superintendent Michael Brady stated that the Governor's proposed budget is detrimental to the operations and educational mission of the school district.

It was moved by Vice President Geddeis, and seconded by Board Member Gadbois to adopt Resolution 11-2007-08 strongly opposing the Governor's Proposed 2008-09 Budget.

Vice President Geddeis advised that California spends \$1,900 less per student than the national average.

Resident George Childs made a comment.

The Board was polled and the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Hubbard advised that when the Second Interim Financial Report comes before the Board, it is likely the Board will need to approve a *Qualified* certification. The next Budget Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 18 at 3:30

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p.m. in the District Office.

Summary Report for the 2007-08 Arts and Music Block Grant Funds, and Adopt Resolution 12-2007-08, "Providing Expenditures / Proposed Expenditures and Purpose of Funding for the 2008-09 Arts and Music Block Grant"

Dr. David Roth advised that approximately \$40,000 was received for the Visual and Performing Arts program grant to support supplemental professional development, personnel, and equipment for this program.

It was moved by Board Member Lindenmayer and seconded by Board Member Tolles to adopt Resolution 12-2007-08, "Providing Expenditures and Purpose of Funding for the 2008-09 Arts and Music Block Grant.

There was no one from the public requesting to speak.

The Board was polled and the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution 13-2007-08, "Black History Month-February"

It was moved by Board Member Gadbois and seconded by Board Member Lindenmayer to adopt Resolution 13-2007-08.

There was no one from the public requesting to speak.

The Board was polled and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Emails were received on the schoolboard email address as follows: regarding this evening's contract and fee proposals; from the California School Boards Association about the budget alert; from a citizen regarding the high school's physical education policy; regarding the Support Our Schools letter writing campaign, and one email regarding the swim team program.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Member Gadbois was a judge at the science fair. He was very impressed by the variety and quality of the projects.

President Monach read an anonymous quote recently placed in a Beach newsletter: "Tell me and I forget; show me and I remember; involve me and I understand".

CONSENT CALENDAR: ACTION ITEMS

President Monach acknowledged a donation in the amount of \$2,000 by the Piedmont Asian American Club to be used for the Mandarin Language Program at Piedmont Middle School.

Before approving the notice of completion and release of retention fee for Witter Field, Board Member Gadbois had heard about a water "bubble" at the field and asked for information. Assistant Superintendent Brady advised that there was a ground swell created from where the water drains and how it accumulates. Within hours it had subsided. This has happened in the past. The first set of lacrosse lines have now been placed on the field.

It was moved by Vice President Geddeis, seconded by Board Member Gadbois, and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Items were as follows:

- Accept donation (as acknowledged above)

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- Adopt Regular Board meeting minutes of January 29, 2008
- Approve Personnel Action Report
- Approve Service Contract Between the District and the Contra Costa County Office of Education Beginning Teachers Support Assessment (BTSA) Consortium, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, at a total cost not to exceed \$4,600. Funding Source: BTSA / PAR
- Accept Notice of Completion and Release Retention Fee for Witter Complex Track and Field renovation Project
- Approve Consolidated Application, Part II, 2007-08
- Approve Out-of-State "Field Trip" for Millennium High School students to participate in "Habitat for Humanity" community service project in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 12-19, 2008 (Spring Recess)
- Approve Warrant List for Goods and Services Rendered by the District Dated February 7, 2008
- Approve Monthly Financial Report of the District for January 2008

FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEMS
(subject to change)

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Future Regular Board Meeting Agenda Items are as follows:

- Budget Update (Feb)
- Mid-year Assessment on 2007-08 Goals and Objectives (Feb)
- Appoint Board of Education Members: Reorganization: Adopt Resolution Regarding Designated Signatures (Mar)
- Hearing for Certificated Layoffs (**if necessary**) (Mar)
- Review and Approval of Facilities Use Fees (Mar)
- Report on Model Arts Program – 5 Year Grant Program (Mar)
- Certification of Athletic Coaches (Mar)
- Public Hearing and Recommendation to determine the parcel tax levy and amount for Measures B and C for the 2008-09 fiscal year (Mar & Apr)
- Announcement of Availability of Noda Memorial Grants (Mar)
- Discussion of District Goals for 2008-09 (Mar)
- Approve Single Plan for Student Achievement / SIP Plans (Mar)
- Approve School Safety Plans (Mar)
- Approve Emergency Plan Portion of Comprehensive School Safety Plan (Mar)
- Notification of 2008 Arthur Hecht Volunteer of the Year Awardee (Apr)
- Recognition of 2008 Arthur Hecht Volunteer of the Year (May)

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and with no objections by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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

CONSTANCE HUBBARD
Secretary, Piedmont Unified School District
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