

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Council Chambers, City Hall

120 Vista Avenue

Piedmont, California 94611

MINUTES OF

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

June 26, 2013

CALL TO ORDER	Board President Richard Raushenbush called the meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:34 p.m.
ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM	President Richard Raushenbush, Vice President Andrea Swenson and Board Members Sarah Pearson, Ray Gadbois and Roy Tolles were present.
Adjourn to Closed Session	The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss: Conference with District Labor Negotiator Constance Hubbard Regarding Negotiations with California State Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 60 (Government Code Section 54956.6) Public Employee Release: Release of Temporary and Probationary Employees (Government Code Section 54957)
Others Present in Closed Session	Superintendent Hubbard Michael Brady, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Randall Booker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Reconvene to Regular Session	President Raushenbush called the Regular Session of the Board of Education to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Others Present at Regular Session	Superintendent Constance Hubbard Michael Brady, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Randall Booker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Report of Action Taken in Closed Session	The Board voted to replace three temporary employees and discussed labor negotiations.
Agenda Adjustments	None
COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Association of Piedmont Teachers (APT)	APT President Harlan Mohagen said this is her last Board meeting as president of APT. She shared her perspective of her four years of attending Board meetings and her appreciation of the relationship between the Board and APT. The Board thanked Ms. Mohagen for the partnership with APT and the important work they have accomplished through cooperation and a focus on students.
CSEA	None
Parent Clubs	None
Student Representative to Board	Elise Lasky had no official report.
Superintendent Announcements	None
Board President Announcements	None
Persons wishing to speak to any items not on the agenda	None.

PRESENTATION

Recognition of Elise Lasky, Outgoing Student Representative to the Board

Superintendent Hubbard acknowledged the participation of Elise Lasky on the Board and presented her with a nameplate and several books to help her in the next phase of her life. President Raushenbush thanked her for her reports on what students are doing.

REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Conduct Public Hearing; Adopt District General Fund Budget and All Budgets Operated by the District

Adopt Resolution 20-2012-13, "Authorizing Year-End Budget Transfers"

Assistant Superintendent Brady presented the 2013-14 District General Fund Budget and all budgets operated by the district for adoption this evening. Districts are required to adopt their budgets prior to June 30 of each year. Although the state has passed the budget, school districts face unique challenges this year with interpreting the new budget since the mechanism for public education funding has been completely revamped. This budget adopts a different funding formula: the revenue limit has been replaced by the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) as a means of addressing the overly complex, costly and inequitably distributed school finance system. Previously the State provided separate funding mechanisms and reporting requirements for over 60 categorical programs. The new State budget calls for districts to receive a per-pupil base grant to support the basic cost of instruction and operations. Base grants amounts will vary between grades and most categorical program funds will be now incorporated into the base grant.

Once the LCFF is fully implemented over the next seven years, the 22.272% in reductions made to current general purpose "revenue limit" funding will be fully restored. The new base funding level will be equivalent to the state average from 2007-08. Until then, school districts will receive incremental funding increases until the 2007-08 levels are reached. Districts with a higher proportion of English learners and low income students will see larger increases in funding in a shorter period of time. Districts like Piedmont with lower proportions of English learners and low-income students will receive less overall funding and at a slower pace.

Superintendent Hubbard would like the public to understand that although the press is reporting that the state budget is done, almost everything about the LCFF is unknown. Michelle Nguyen and Michael Brady have put together the best budget based on what is known at this point. The good news is that although we don't know how much it will be or how we will be required to report on it, at least we will be getting as much as we did last year. While this is an improvement over previous years, we don't expect a big windfall.

With the implementation of LCFF, revenue assumptions for 2013-14 have been difficult to project. Most districts in Alameda County, including Piedmont Unified, opted for using the traditional method. Under this funding model, State formula cost-of-living adjustments are included in the current and multi-year projections. The deficit factor of 22.272% remains. The District will bring forth a revised budget within 45 days. As the district presents its adopted budget to meet the June 30th requirement, it does so without entirely knowing the full impact of the state adopted budget and the full implications of the LCFF model. Hopefully the revised budget presented within 45 days will provide a clearer picture. It will also reflect information from the year-end final reports of the District. The adopted budget as presented takes a conservative approach with respect to expenditures (allowing for higher expenses) and a traditional

calculation of revenues (including categorical program cost-of-living adjustments).

Included within this budget are the sources of revenue and expenditures for the General Fund, the Budget Adoption Calendar, enrollment projections and the multi-year projections for 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Mr. Tolles moved to adopt the 2013-14 District General Fund Budget and All Budgets Operated by the District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gadbois and unanimously approved.

Mr. Tolles moved to adopt Resolution 20-2012-13 "Authorizing Year-End Budget Transfers." The motion was seconded by Mr. Gadbois.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Tolles, Gadbois, Pearson, Swenson, Raushenbush
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- B. Adopt Resolution 21-2012-13
"Approving the Piedmont Unified School District's Education Protection Account Expenditures" to Support Teacher Salaries and Benefits for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 School Years

This evening, the Board is requested to review and adopt Resolution 21-2012-2013 "Approving the Piedmont Unified School District's Education Protection Fund Expenditures" to support teacher salaries and benefits for the 2012-2013 and the 2013-2014 school years. In accordance with the court requirements of Proposition 30, the District is using Education Protection Account (EPA) funds for salary and benefits for teachers.

Ms. Pearson moved and Ms. Swenson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 21-2012-13 "Approving the Piedmont Unified School District's Education Protection Account Expenditures."

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Tolles, Gadbois, Pearson, Swenson, Raushenbush
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- C. Educational Services Report: Spotlight on Student Learning: Accept CDE-Approved Technology Plan

Assistant Superintendent Booker presented the PUSD Technology Plan for 2013 through 2016. This plan was developed over three years with the support and participation of numerous stakeholders and addresses how to integrate technology with student learning across all schools and grade levels.

The plan was developed by the District Technology Advisory Committee (DTAC) with input from teachers, teacher librarian, site technicians, community members, Board members, students, and administrators. The plan was subject to input from staff and the community through the use of a wiki, which organized and guided the work <http://pusd.wikispaces.com/Plan+Revision>. Drafts of the plan were posted in order to solicit feedback from various stakeholders.

The committee developed the following vision statement:

Technology will be used to increase student achievement and enhance the learning experience, by:

- *Supporting the college and career readiness objectives of the Common Core*
- *Providing infrastructure to implement 1:1 mobile learning*
- *And developing a confident technology-using staff*

The Piedmont Unified School District Technology Plan consists of five goals. They direct the district's actions to support the needs of the 21st century learner, and advocate for a more central and accountable role for technology in the implementation of California Common Core Standards.

Goal 1: Improve Student Achievement & Close Student Achievement Gaps

Goal 2: Student Acquisition of Technology and Information Literacy Skills

Goal 3: Ethical Use of Technology and Internet Safety

Goal 4: Efficient & Effective Student Data Collection, Analysis & Decision- Making

Goal 5: Improve Communication Among Home, School, and Community

Ms. Swenson moved, Mr. Tolles seconded and the motion to accept the CDE-Approved Technology Plan was unanimously approved.

D. Adopt Resolution 22-2012-13 "Calling for Meaningful Reform of Proposition 13"

President Raushenbush introduced Resolution 22-2012-13 "Calling for Meaningful Reform of Proposition 13." Everyone is familiar with the detrimental effect of Proposition 13 on school funding. Proposition 13 does not provide adequate opportunities for the reassessment of commercial property and therefore limits taxes that would be used to increase funding to public education. This resolution supports the reform of Proposition 13 to include changes in how commercial property is assessed to be more in line with regulations in the assessment of private property. Right now commercial property never has to change hands and never gets revalued. This resolution calls on the state legislature to allow a different taxation of commercial property.

Mr. Gadbois moved to adopt Resolution 22-2012-13 "Calling for Meaningful Reform of Proposition 13. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pearson.

AYES: Tolles, Gadbois, Pearson, Swenson, Raushenbush

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

E. Approve Revised Schedule of Board of Education Meetings for 2013-14

The revised calendar presented for approval this evening includes two additional professional development days for staff to address Common Core Standards, and was included as part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Association of Piedmont Teachers (APT) approved on June 12, 2013. This does not change the number of student days of attendance from the approved calendar.

It was moved by Mr. Tolles and seconded by Ms. Pearson to approve the Revised Schedule of the Board of Education Meetings for 2013-14. The motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Discussion of Board Reorganization and Assignments for 2013-14

By City Charter, the School Board is required to reorganize in July of each year. Because two Board members will not be in attendance at the July meeting, the Board discussed officers and committee assignments in anticipation of taking action on July 10, 2013. Officers chosen this evening will remain in place until February 2014, when there will be a reorganization following the School Board election.

Board members are assigned to district committees to act as liaison between the committee and the Board. The expectation is not that the Board member represent the Board but more that the member attend the meeting and bring information back to the Board meeting. Each Board member gets one vote and votes take place only at Board meetings.

The Board discussed officer positions and was in agreement that Richard Raushenbush continue as president and Andrea Swenson as Vice President. The Superintendent will continue as Secretary to the Board, which is the practice in smaller school districts. There was discussion of Board committee assignments with approval to follow at the July 10th meeting.

B. *Update on "Shaping Our Future"

Superintendent Hubbard asked community members to save the date of Saturday, October 5, 2013 to participate in the "Shaping Our Future 2.0" strategic planning forum planned to support the development of the tactical and operational plans supporting the Commitments, Vision and Goals for the District in 2013-14 and into the future.

It was recommended that the wording on Page 20 to "Reduce Student Stress" be revised to read "Review Social and Emotional Growth, K-12," which is clearer and more positive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parcel Tax Exemption Deadline

The deadline for submitting an exemption to the parcel tax is July 1. To qualify for exemption a homeowner must provide proof they been determined to be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). There has been some confusion and a few people have brought in Social Security documents thinking this makes them eligible. SSI eligibility is indicated by a separate document that is typically mailed to recipients in January of each year. Several citizens have submitted SSI applications that have been approved. The purpose of the July 1 deadline is to be able to submit the information to the Alameda County Assessor's office prior to the levy of the taxes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Swenson received a follow-up email after the last meeting about the world language forum and another email expressing interest in the Alan Harvey Theatre renovation and creation of a public-school district partnership. As liaison to the public safety committee, Ms. Swenson received correspondence about improving the relationship with the new fire chief and having a dialogue between the City and the School District over safety issues.

Mr. Raushenbush discussed the *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of high schools, where Piedmont does well.

Ms. Pearson received an article about technology from a knowledgeable community member.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Tolles attended a game played by the US National Rugby team. His niece, who graduated from Stanford, plays on the team and they beat France for the first time ever this summer.

Mr. Gadbois had nothing to report.

Ms. Pearson attended the high school graduation.

Ms. Swenson enjoyed attending the high school graduation, hearing the student speeches and loved lining up with teachers to shake students' hands.

Mr. Raushenbush went to the graduation and also to the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir Concert, which included the concert choir

and the ensemble. The ensemble left for Europe and next year hopes to attend a worldwide concert in Estonia.

Ms. Swenson added that there will be a screening soon of a movie about the Estonian Choral Festival featuring the East Bay Children's Choir.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Tolles and seconded by Ms. Swenson to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- A. *Approve Personnel Action Report
- B. *Adopt Resolution 18-2012-13, "Declaration of Surplus Property; Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks"
- C. *Adopt Resolution 19-2012-13, "Declaration of Surplus Property"
- D. *Approve MOU with Alameda County Behavioral Health
- E. Approve Agreement with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools and Contra Costa County Office of Education.
- F. Approve one Master Contract and one Individual Service Agreement with Lincoln Child Center, to provide non-public services for one student, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, at a total cost not to exceed \$17,670.00. Funding: Special Education
- G. Approve one Independent Contractor agreement with Michelle Horton to provide non-public services for one student, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Funding: Special Education
- H. Approve one reimbursement to parents of one student, for non-public services, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, at a total cost not to exceed \$29,700.00. Funding: Special Education
- I. Approve one reimbursement to parents of one student, for non-public services, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, at a total cost not to exceed \$56,490.00. Funding: Special Education

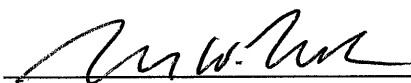
FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda topics include board reorganization. Ms. Hubbard will provide an update on the bond sale and hopefully report the completion of the sale in August. In August or September an update on the modernization project including Alan Harvey Theatre will cover what we have successfully completed and what remains.

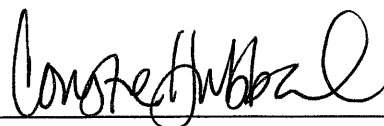
- 2012-13 Action Plan Update (TBD)
- GASB 45 Actuarial Study (June)
- Facilities Use – Fee Structure (TBD)
- Calendar Options for 2014-15 (TBD)

Adjournment

There being no further business, and with no objection by the Board, President Raushenbush adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.



RICHARD RAUSHENBUSH, Board President
Piedmont Unified School District
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Secretary, Piedmont Unified School District
Board of Education