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## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### **What's Coming Up . . .**

**At the March 14, 2018 School Board Meeting**

**7:00 pm, City Council Chambers**

**City Hall, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont**

### **Action**

*The Board of Education will discuss and may take action on the following items. Public comment will be invited before action is taken.*

- **Review and Accept the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee's First Annual Report to the Community.**

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) for the Measure H1 Facilities Bond Program has completed its first Annual Report to the Piedmont community. The CBOC is responsible for reviewing the expenditure of bond funds and ensuring that expenditures were made for purposes authorized by voters. This first annual report covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

- **Approve the Preliminary Services Agreement with Overaa Construction for the Piedmont High School STEAM Building and Theater Projects.**

The District previously entered into a preconstruction services contract with XL Construction for the PHS STEAM Building and theater projects. XL Construction was the highest ranked of five contractors approved by the Board as part of a pool of eligible construction firms. A primary purpose of preconstruction services is to conduct value engineering, to reduce costs without reducing project scope. Notwithstanding the professionalism of XL Construction, the District has concluded that other contractors from the pool would be more committed to achieving a zero-net energy building (or the most energy efficient building possible), and would engage in more vigorous value engineering prior to suggesting reductions in project scope. The Board will consider a new preconstruction services contract with the second-highest-ranked contractor in the pool, Overaa Construction.

- **Approve the Filing of a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for Witter Field Light Fixture Replacement.**

The District plans to replace 72 metal halide light fixtures with 42 new LED fixtures at Witter Field this summer. The new LED fixtures would improve overall field lighting and player safety, promote energy efficiency in accordance with District goals, reduce by 70% the annual PG&E cost to light the Field (from an average of \$42,559 per year to a projected \$12,672), eliminate maintenance costs for 25 years, reduce both “light spillage” and glare from the fixtures to the surrounding area, and fully automate the lighting system (eliminating the need for manual programming and control). As a general rule, the California Environmental Quality Act requires that property owners produce an Environmental Impact Report to identify and address environmental impacts for construction projects. There are a range of exemptions, including explicit exemptions for school construction and replacement projects, and the light fixture replacement qualifies for an exemption.

- **Approve Resolution on School Safety and Gun Violence.** The Board will consider a resolution urging the United States Congress and all state legislatures to prioritize the protection of students and school system employees by passing legislation that, among other things:

- establishes universal background checks to purchase a firearm,
- reenacts the federal assault weapons ban,
- bans large-capacity ammunition magazines,
- enacts gun violence restraining order laws,
- advances and funds for mental health supports,
- invests in services to prevent bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in schools,
- funds programs and staff to support students’ mental, physical and emotional health,
- declares gun violence a public health crisis,
- removes barriers to funding public health research on gun-related issues, including repeal of the prohibition against data collection and research on gun violence by the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

- **Review the Second Interim Budget Report, certify the District's ability to meet financial obligations for the 2017-18 fiscal year and two subsequent fiscal years, and authorize related budget transfers.**

## Discussion

*The Board of Education will discuss the following items. No action is contemplated at this time.*

- **Review of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Concerning Civility, Protections from Inappropriate Behavior, and Campus Security.**

There must be a safe, orderly educational and work environment for all students, staff, administrators, and others who engage in school activities. The District is reviewing its policies and regulations concerning civility, standards of conduct, and campus security. District staff propose to modify policies and regulations to set expectations for appropriate behavior within the school community, articulate rules for use of security cameras and other security measures on District property, and establish rules intended to promote a more safe and secure workplace for District employees. These policies and regulations will be the subject of a Board workshop on March 20, 2018. All members of the community are invited to attend and provide input at this workshop.

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