

Pleasanton Unified School District



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PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATE

Pleasanton, California—At the August 21, 2012 Board Meeting, a study session was held for Trustees to review and discuss the Special Education Review conducted by Total School Solutions.

Dr. Caryl Miller of Total School Solutions gave an overview of the comprehensive evaluation that was completed regarding Pleasanton Unified School District's special education programs this past spring. Dr. Miller gave a brief overview of the evaluation and summarized recommendations. The presentation is available on the District website.

Ms. Cázares shared an update of the budget. On June 27, 2012 the Governor signed the FY12/13 State Budget into law. The Budget Act assumes passage of the Governor's tax initiative, which will appear on the November ballot and is expected to generate additional revenue for the State. If the taxes pass, education will receive flat funding. If the taxes fail, the Governor plans substantial cuts to education.

Furthermore, school districts are allowed to reduce the school year by an additional fifteen (15) days in FY13 and FY14 beyond the five (5) days currently authorized. In May, this proposal was for fifteen (15) days total over two years. A reduction in the school year is subject to negotiation.

Ms. Cázares shared that PUSD acknowledged the risk inherent in the Governor's plan and has prepared for the reduction in revenue by setting aside \$6.1M as a contingency if taxes fail.

The Board also heard information on the "Stand up for Education" campaign, Resolution No. 2012-13.01, to support Schools & Local Public Safety Protection Act (Proposition 30) and the Our Children Our Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment Act (Proposition 38). These items will be brought back as separate resolutions for discussion and vote at a future meeting. Information about propositions 30 and 38 can be viewed at the links below:

http://www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2012/30_11_2012.pdf

http://www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2012/38_11_2012.pdf

The Board heard and unanimously approved awarding American Power the contract for Lighting Phase 1, Exterior Lighting, and Lighting Controls and awarded the contract to Syserco for the HVAC Controls scope of work.

Trustees Reviewed and Discussed the First Reading of Board Policy Series 9000, BP's 1312.3, 4030, 5111, 6145.5 and 6178. These policies will be brought back for a second reading and final approval.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m. on August 22, 2012. The next meeting of the Board will be September 11, 2012.

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