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PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATE

Pleasanton, California—At the March 27, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board unanimously approved the donation from The Pleasanton Partnership in Education Foundation (PPIE) to use as approved by the PPIE Board. Debi Covello, Executive Director of the PPIE Foundation, notified Trustees of the \$296,000 in collected donations for the fiscal year 2012/2013. The PPIE Board had approved the following uses of funds by grade level:

Elementary Schools- \$186,000

- 0.25 FTE (2 hours per day) of Site Technology Specialists per school
- Reading Specialist

Middle Schools- \$56,000

- 0.375 FTE (3 hours per day) of Site Technology Specialists per school
- .06 FTE (0.5 hours per day) of the Site Library Support per school

High Schools - \$44,000

- Distribute funds based on enrollment for technology support, additional sections, and counseling services

PPIE Foundation has begun its fundraising efforts for the 2013-2014 school year with the goal of donating to PUSD in January 2013.

The Board also unanimously approved a contract with Total School Solutions for a Special Education Program Review. School districts provide a comprehensive array of high quality services and support for students identified with special needs, often requiring significant contributions from the general fund to maintain the quality of services provided to students. The Special Education Program Review is a periodic review of special education services and programs by an outside agency to identify program efficiencies and improve overall cost effectiveness.

An additional challenge to the general fund budget was discussed in relation to the Facilities Master Plan. The Board voted 4-1 to continue the current timeline of the Facilities Master Plan and to pay both for the cost of the Facilities Master Plan as well as for the Demographer Report from the Sycamore Fund. The Sycamore Fund will be repaid from Developer Fees as they become available.

Several Board Policies in 1000 series regarding community relations were approved unanimously, with minor changes, after a second reading.

The school calendar for 2012-13 was unanimously approved and will be posted to the district website.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Friday, March 30, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Board will review community input to update the district's strategic plan. Board members and staff spent the fall and winter on a listening campaign, reaching out to various constituencies including students, parents, businesses, non-profit agencies, senior groups, and other community groups. These groups were asked for input on the mission, vision, and core values of the district. This information will be shared at the meeting and staff will continue the process of updating the strategic plan.

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