

Pleasanton Unified School District



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PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD UPDATE

Pleasanton, California—At the May 22, 2012 Board Meeting, the Board heard information from the Governor's May Revise. District staff, including CSEA and APT Presidents, attended the May 21st workshop in San Jose. Ms. Cázares reported that the Governor's budget deficit has increased from \$9.2 Billion in January to \$15.7 Billion now.

If the Governor's tax initiative passes in November, PUSD will see flat funding which would still equate to a \$150,000 loss. If the tax initiative does not pass PUSD could see a \$5.5 Million loss, which is the current reduction plan approved by the Board on February 28th.

Trustees heard information about possible restoration of some formerly approved reductions. These restorations are made possible by the generous concessions made by the Association of Pleasanton Teachers (APT). The District is working with California School Employees Association (CSEA) on a tentative agreement and CSEA program restoration will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Proposed restorations are:

- K-12 Counseling, 5.1 FTE (\$408K)
- Reading Intervention Support, 4.0 FTE (\$320K)
- Physical Education Specialist Sections at Elementary Schools, 5.0 FTE (\$400K)
- Additional Sections at the High School, 0.8 FTE (\$64K)
- Regional Occupational Program (ROP), (\$100K)

Many speakers came to request restoration of certain programs. Parents spoke in support of counselors, class size reduction, reading programs, physical education, and library programs among others. Trustees shared their funding priorities and thanked the many speakers for sharing their personal stories in support of programs. This item was a report and discussion, so no action was taken. The list will be brought back for a vote at the June 5th meeting.

The Board approved a bid to repair the Amador Valley High School administration building roof. California Roofing Project was awarded the contract.

The Board also approved a bid to award Kidango a contract to rent facilities located at 4667 Bernal Avenue for child care. They will continue to provide a full-time pre-school program for children 2-5 years of age from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Board voted to approve the management and confidential employee salary schedule which reflects 5 furlough days given by management to help mitigate the impact of the budget cuts.

The Board approved a resolution, from the National School Boards Association (NSBA) to urge congress to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

The Board approved to use \$75K from the \$722K gift by the Pleasanton Schools Education Enrichment (PSEE) Foundation. This \$75K will be used to fund the Band/Strings Teacher positions at the elementary schools.

The Board voted to approve the contract of employment for the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Mrs. Cindy Galbo-Lorimer will be retiring at the end of this school year and Dr. Odie Douglas will move into the position. This is a two year contract that will start July 1, 2012. Once Dr. Douglas is on board, he will have an opportunity to visit school sites to meet the staff, parents and community members.

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