



Board Meeting Summary - August 11, 2021

At its August 11th meeting, the Piedmont Unified Board of Education:

Observed a moment of silence in memory of the Piedmont community members killed and injured in a tragic automobile accident July 25th in Minnesota.

Received Overview of [School Reopening and COVID FAQ Development](#) - Superintendent Booker recapped the first days of the school year and provided an update of recent developments regarding COVID including:

- Last week, families and staff were notified that masks would be required outdoors while on campus. This decision was not mandated by the state but is highly recommended. Supt. Booker explained the District wants to do everything in its power to protect the community and ensure in-person instruction can continue. COVID remains a presence in the Piedmont community and the wearing of masks is the best defense other than vaccinations.
- The District's Health & Safety Committee will be reinstated as an advisory group to the Superintendent. The Committee will be charged with examining and discussing all issues regarding the safety of students and staff, and will develop recommendations for the Superintendent to bring to the Board. The re-establishment of the Committee is a proactive way to prepare for scenarios without relying solely on state guidelines. The Committee will consist of two Board members, District Administration and local medical/health professionals. First meeting will hopefully take place in early September.
- Daily screening continues for all students and staff. Each site is conducting its own screening to assist with contact tracing. Background information was provided to explain quarantine guidelines for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated.
- Cleaning/disinfecting, increased ventilation and CO2 monitoring continues in all classrooms and facilities.
- Visitors to campuses will be limited. Volunteers will be allowed on campuses at the discretion of the site principal. Meetings with families will be conducted virtually whenever possible.
- The District's COVID FAQ will continue to expand and adjust as conditions change.

Received Overview of [Testing/Vaccination Protocols](#) - Supt. Booker addressed Governor Newsom's [announcement](#) that all public education workers in California will be required to be vaccinated or submit to weekly COVID testing.

- Before this decision, Supt. Booker met with Board members, APT, CSEA, and District Administration to partner on a plan for all District staff to be vaccinated or undergo testing twice a week. The plan was announced to staff and families last week.
- The District's plan - now affirmed by the state - provides an extra layer of protection for younger students and anyone else not yet vaccinated.
- The District has applied with the County to bring a mobile vaccination clinic to Piedmont in the near future. Will announce any details as soon as possible.
- Information regarding the percentage of District staff currently vaccinated will be provided at the August 25th Board meeting.

Reviewed 2021-22 Revised Budget Report - Chief Financial Officer Ruth Alahydoian reviewed the [2021-22 revised Budget](#) (as required By Ed Code 42127(I)(4)) Based On Final 2021-22 State Budget Approved By Governor (Review [2021-22 General Fund 45-day Update](#) and [2021-22 General Fund Multi-Year Projection 45-day Revision](#)). A presentation summarizing the revisions can be found [here](#).

Reviewed First Reading of updated [Board Policy](#) and Administrative Regulation 6158 - Independent Study as required by Assembly Bill 130 - Piedmont Unified is required to provide access to a robust Independent Study program for students with health risks associated with in-person instruction. At present, the District does not have the infrastructure to host a program on its own and has partnered with the Pleasanton Unified School District's Virtual Academy. Students enrolled will technically be students of Pleasanton USD, but their spot at Piedmont will be held for the duration of their Independent Study program. (Review long-term [Independent Study information](#) and [Background](#))

Next Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 25th, 7:00pm