

Special Meeting

Board of Trustees
Coast Community College District

Board of Trustees Room, Building A – 6:30 p.m.

March 19, 2008

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Coast Community College District was held on March 19, 2008, in the Board Room at the District Office.

1. Call to Order

Board President Armando Ruiz called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Armando Ruiz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Mary Hornbuckle, Walt Howald, Jim Moreno, Jerry Patterson, Armando Ruiz, and Paul Bunch

Others in attendance were: Staff – K. Yglesias, C. Brahmhatt, J. Quarles, K. Allen, C. Babler, W. Bryan, D. Currie, L. Dahnke, W. Doty, S. Dumont, B. Fey, A. Fitzpatrick, J. Houlihan, R. Kudlik, D. Mancina, K. McElroy, V. Meneses, L. Miller, G. Monahan, M. Nish, R. Pagel, M. Perez, B. Price, A. Richey, C. Stewart, and C. Teeter; Students – L. Riddle; Other – D. Nolta.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

Darrell Nolta, Westminster resident, shared that he enjoyed participating in the tour of the new District facilities, and wished the District success in the completion of the project. ■ He then thanked the Board for rejecting the proposed Costco development at Golden West College, and suggested that

in the future, the District inform local residents earlier in the process. ■ Mr. Nolta expressed deep concern about the current economic situation and its impact on the state of education.

5. Adopt Agenda

It was requested that Closed Session be removed from the Agenda. It was then moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Howald to adopt the Agenda, excluding Closed Session as requested. Motion carried with the following vote: Aye - Ms. Hornbuckle, Mr. Howald, Mr. Moreno, Mr. Patterson, and President Ruiz.

6. Budget Workshop

C. M. Brahmbhatt, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, announced that Kim Allen, Administrative Director of Fiscal Affairs, would be presenting the Budget presentation.

Kim Allen provided the Budget presentation to the Board, including the purpose, 2006-07 funded Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) comparison, 2006-07 general/unrestricted funds comparison with other districts, ending fund balance comparison, expenditures per funded FTES comparison, 50% law comparison, general/unrestricted funds comparison by year, Credit FTES generated by each college, Orange County projected enrollment for K-12 schools, Orange County population projection, 2007-08 budget allocation, Governor's proposed 2008-09 budget, and 2008-09 available growth funds and budget cost increases, and faculty salary comparison.

Joe Quarles, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, presented the faculty salary comparison of the Coast Community College District and comparable districts. He expressed the opinion that the Coast District was able to manage health and welfare costs better than other districts because it was self funded. Dr. Quarles noted that the Benefits Department was researching actual plan designs of benefit programs at other districts to provide a more accurate comparison. ■ Trustees commented on the excellent health benefits plan the District offers, noting the low co-pay and prescription costs for employees. However, Trustee Patterson did express concern that some doctors are leaving the plan. ■ Vice Chancellor Quarles commented that the Benefits Committee had been receiving feedback from constituents regarding health benefits and how to meet the needs of employees while dealing with rising costs. He commended the Benefits Committee for its excellent work.

Dr. Quarles referred to the "highest recruitment salary" discussed by Ms. Allen, and noted that the District had been making efforts to improve salaries. ■ Student Trustee Bunch asked about the option of looking at the "median salary" instead of the "highest recruitment salary." ■ In response, Dr. Quarles noted that salary schedules vary among different districts, with differing numbers of steps and columns, so it was difficult to see a true comparison when looking at the median.

Trustee Patterson noted that the comparable districts were different than in the past, and inquired regarding the criteria for the districts selected. ■ Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt responded that the rationale was to include multi-college districts with three or four colleges, and districts where the majority of the FTES was credit FTES.

Referring to the Projected Enrollment for K-12 Public Schools on page 9 of the presentation, Trustee Howald requested data that indicated what percentage of the K-12 population enrolled at community colleges in Orange County. ■ Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt stated that he would provide that information to the Board.

Trustees inquired regarding recommendations for meeting the requirements of the 50% law, and discussed the possibility of making the previously discussed 18 faculty positions “new positions” instead of replacements for future retirements. ■ Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt confirmed that currently the 18 faculty positions were being hired in anticipation of future retirements, but that the Board could make other recommendations. ■ Trustees indicated that before making recommendations they would like an analysis determining the impact on the District of making the 18 faculty positions “new positions.” It was noted by Vice Chancellor Quarles and Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt that other variables affect the 50% law, such as classified salaries, and commented on the relationship between the classified and certificated salaries in comparable districts.

Trustee Moreno mentioned information he read in the newspaper discussing the County of Orange \$80 million investment loss, and inquired regarding how that impacted the District. Trustees inquired regarding Board Policy relating to investments, and the Orange County Treasurer’s investment policy.

It was moved by Mr. Howald and seconded by Mr. Patterson that the Board receive a report including the current Board Policy relating to investments, what the District has invested, and the Orange County Treasurer’s investment policy and how it affects the District. Motion carried with the following vote: Aye - Ms. Hornbuckle, Mr. Howald, Mr. Moreno, Mr. Patterson, and President Ruiz.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Moreno and seconded by Mr. Patterson that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried with the following vote: Aye - Ms. Hornbuckle, Mr. Howald, Mr. Moreno, Mr. Patterson, and President Ruiz.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Secretary of the Board