

Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Coast Community College District

District Board Room

5:30 p.m.

April 21, 2010

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Coast Community College District was held on April 21, 2010 in the Board Room at the District Office.

1. Call to Order

Board President Jerry Patterson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Jerry Patterson, Mary Hornbuckle, Jim Moreno,
Lorraine Prinsky and Student Trustee Robert Lane

Trustees Absent: Walter Howald

3. Public Comment

Vicki Hay, CalWORKS Coordinator at Orange Coast College and Nancy Villejo, student at Orange Coast College addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the CalWORKs program. (See Appendix A, pages 4-5)

4. Resolution Accepting Retirement of Lois Miller

The Board expressed appreciation and congratulations to Lois Miller for her years of service and dedication to the Coast Community College District:

It was moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Prinsky to accept the retirement.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye:	Mr. Patterson, Mr. Moreno, Dr. Prinsky, and Ms. Hornbuckle
No:	None
Absent:	Mr. Howald

5. Presentation of Service Awards

Service Awards were presented in five-year increments for anniversary dates beginning with 5 years and ending with 40 years of service to the District. After the awards were presented, Board President Patterson thanked the award recipients, on behalf of the Board, and acknowledged them for their dedication to the District.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Prinsky that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye:	Mr. Patterson, Mr. Moreno, Dr. Prinsky, and Ms. Hornbuckle
No:	None
Absent:	Mr. Howald

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Appendix A

Good evening Chancellor Currie and members of the Board,

My name is Vickie Hay and I am the Coordinator of the CalWORKs program at Orange Coast College. I am here tonight for two reasons. The first is to offer my gratitude to the District for the generous backfill dollars to our categorical programs for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. All our campus programs are appreciative of the investment by the District, knowing that each of you recognizes the value of the services we provide to the students of our colleges.

Incidentally, through the state Chancellor's mid-year reallocation process, OCC has been awarded additional childcare dollars in the amount of \$195,000. We also applied for and received over \$60,000 in TANF-ECF workstudy and job development funds, which will also contribute towards the reimbursement of District backfill, as well. As Coordinator of the program, it has been my goal to refund the Coast Community College District for as much of the backfill as possible, thus allowing those dollars to be used elsewhere to compensate for the deep budget cuts.

Never did I think I would be faced with yet another deep cut to program funds, having barely survived the 50% state cut to campus CalWORKs program only five years ago. Yet here we are looking at losing another nearly 40% of our grant. When the campus CalWORKs programs were initiated in 1998, the California legislature earmarked \$15 million of the \$65 million and restricted expenditures to childcare assistance exclusively. Shortly after the 50% budget cuts in 2003/2004, the state Chancellor's Office allowed colleges to certify the county welfare departments were funding childcare subsidies, thus permitting the transfer of childcare dollars to coordination and administration.

Instead, I made the decision to continue the five year tradition of offering CalWORKs families the opportunity to have their children placed at the premier early care and education center in Orange County...if not the state. The Harry & Grace Steele Children's Center has a mission and philosophy that is unique in the childcare industry and I personally believe the Center is one of the primary reasons why many student parents are so successful, not only in their academic pursuits, but more importantly in their role as parents.

I admit to taking a certain pride in knowing that this one small campus program has funded approximately \$1.3 million dollars to the Children's Center since 1999 and allowed so many families to benefit from the experience. Our program has supported hundreds of children over the years, and I confess to feeling heartbroken that this collaboration between CalWORKs and the Children's Center will terminate as of July 1, 2010. The Center manager and staff are working towards transferring as many CalWORKs students as possible to either of their Department of Education grants; however, there is no guarantee of slots available for all

CalWORKs families. This is tragic considering many of these children may have been in placement at the Center since infancy.

Here and now, I promise as soon as the fiscal crisis turns around and our program's funding is restored to previous levels, it will be my commitment to once again dedicate CalWORKs program funds to the Harry & Grace Steele Children's Center. I also promise to continue coordinating the CalWORKs program with as little negative impact to our students as possible during these especially challenging times. It is my pledge to support the CalWORKs families and assist them in achieving their educational and career goals.

In closing, Gail Devers said, "Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe."

