



SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Tuesday, March 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin Delta Community College District was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Public Meeting, at the Mountain House Community Services District Boardroom, 230 S. Sterling Dr., Suite 100, Mountain House, CA.

Members Present: Steve Castellanos, Board President; Janet Rivera, Vice-President; Teresa R. Brown, Clerk; Mary Ann Cox; Taj M. Khan; Jennet Stebbins; Valerie Novak, Student Representative

Members Absent: Ted Simas

<p>I. Called to Order The Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board President Castellanos.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>II. Communications 1. Public Comments. No comments from the public.</p>	<p>Public Comments</p>
<p>III. Report(s)/Informational Item(s) A. Measure L Bond Program. Board President Castellanos called for the Mountain House Community Services District (MHCS D) President, Paul Sensibaugh to address the Board. Mr. Sensibaugh welcomed everyone to their facilities stating that he was looking forward to the Mt. House tour.</p> <p>Board President Castellanos informed the Board that Vice President/Bond Executive Belarmino had prepared a comprehensive report on all of the Mt. House projects for today's retreat.</p> <p>Dr. Rodriguez stated that they would be starting the retreat with a tour of the Mt. House modular structures and then return to the MHCS D boardroom for presentations.</p> <p>Bond program managers Jerry Gonsalves and Bob Schulz of PMA Consultants took the Board and staff members on a tour of the Mt. House site from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Upon return from the tour Vice President/Bond Executive Belarmino recapped the focus for the days retreat on Mt. House. Some of the points to be covered</p>	<p>Report(s)/Informational Items Measure L Bond Program.</p>

included: Fall opening, special challenges, completed projects, projects needed, i.e - chemistry lab and shipping/receiving station, landscaping, signage, updating of Master Plan.

Vice President/Bond Executive Belarmino discussed with the Board the financial issues at Mt. House including what was budgeted for onsite/offsite infrastructure.

Trustees inquired about prior board rationale with regard to building the Mt. House site; the Education Master Plan issues in light of Mt. House; minimal vs. enhanced landscaping at Mt. House and the cost associated with populous trees vs. minimalist trees for landscaping.

It was requested that the Trustees receive more detailed and specific information regarding fund expenditures at Mt. House. A recess was called from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

Upon reconvening the retreat Vice President/Bond Executive Belarmino introduced the Bond Team and spoke about the history of Measure L and the new direction of the bond projects.

Dr. Rodriguez lead a planning issues discussion related to Mt. House and the South County and sought board direction on what to do with the remaining bond funds going forward.

Board President Castellanos stated that the planning work being done is very important and that he supports taking the programs the College provides to the various communities within our district.

Board President Castellanos further stated that he would like to come back to the issue regarding getting more out of current funds. Dr. Rodriguez added a public/private venture is a way to stretch dollars.

Trustee Cox stated that she would like to look at our first option of a public/private venture because in the K12 through Community College system, the public/private venture model was envisioned to stretch dollars.

Trustee Cox further stated that she agreed with the center concept and that the College needs to look at developing communities within the district such as the Calavares, Lodi, and Galt areas adding that these communities deserve to get something for their tax

dollars.

Trustee Brown agreed with the center concept stating that the District needs to look at curriculum and programs needed like workforce development other than popular trends. Trustee Brown stated that vocational programs need to be looked at as to how they fit into the various geographic areas of the district further stating that as new workforce programs are explored public/private ventures become rational. Trustee Brown added that the district should look at centers as specializations in addition to basic skills that need to be offered everywhere.

Board President Castellanos stated that the board and administrators need to be open-minded in terms of areas within the district such as Lodi, Manteca, etc.; parallel planning; leveraging; seeking good partners; meeting the needs of our Education Master Plan and making decisions based on what our master plan is today.

Trustee Khan stated that the bond team needs to look at the lessons learned from past actions and asked the team to bring both good and bad news to the trustees regarding the bond. Trustee Khan suggested the following actions be taken:

- \$54.3 million deferred from Mt. House Project and \$5.1 million left from \$281 million of bond money can be used for centers throughout the District for a total of \$59.4 million.
- Provide enough funds for the completion of the Mt. House landscaping and parking to meet the August opening deadline. Need to watch expenses carefully.
- Unnecessary expenses need to be trimmed; specifically consultant fees (have someone review expenditures to trim fat).
- Other projects which are running over budget should be examined more carefully. 8 or 10% contingency is too high.
- Establish a Center as soon as possible by leasing or buy some existing building to start the following programs – Culinary Arts, Viticulture, Hospitality, Nursing.
- Buy and bank vacant land of 20-40 acres which could be used in the future for expansion.
- Embark on identifying opportunities and plan for future courses in Calaveras County.

The retreat ended with Paul Sensibaugh stating that he appreciated the trustees for holding the retreat in Mt.

House and for the tour of the Mt. House site. Mr. Sensibaugh further stated that the College and the MHCSD have a joint-use agreement and that the College can use the boardroom at any time. Mr. Sensibaugh spoke on the long history of being a resident in Stockton and that he was hired in 2000 to implement the MHCSD.

Board President Castellanos adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Raúl Rodríguez
Superintendent/President and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Adjournment