

EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
Tuesday, February 22, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District met at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, in the Board Room at El Camino College.

The following Trustees were present: Trustee William Beverly, President; Trustee Ray Gen, Vice President; Trustee Maureen O'Donnell, Secretary; Trustee Mary E. Combs, member; Trustee Kenneth A. Brown, member; and Student Member Johanna Zamora.

Also present were Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, Superintendent/President; Ms. Jo Ann Higdon, Vice President, Administrative Services; Dr. Jeanie Nishime, Vice President, Student and Community Advancement; Ms. Barbara Perez, Vice President, Compton Community Educational Center; Dr. Virginia Rapp, Dean, Business; and Dr. Lynn Solomita, Interim Vice President, Human Resources.

Mr. Stan Dunn led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 18, 2011

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 18, 2011 were approved.

Accreditation

Dr. Jeanie Nishime presented information on Accreditation.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Combs, that the Board adopt the items presented on the agenda in the following areas.

Student and Community Advancement

El Camino College Pep Squad 2011 Cheer Competitions
Grants

Administrative Services

Non-Resident Tuition Fee for 2011-2012 - Amended
Contracts Under \$78,900
Personal Service Agreements
Destruction of Records - Purchasing
Declaration of Surplus Property
Purchase Orders and Blanket Purchase Orders

Measure E Bond Fund

Category Budgets and Balances

Informational Item – Math Business Health Services – Furniture

Informational Item – Social Science Modernization Project – Furniture

Change Order – Commercial Paving & Coating – Campus Paving Improvement Project

Change Order – HPS Mechanical – Phase 3 Infrastructure

Change Order – Taisei Construction Corporation – Math Business Health Sciences Building Project

Purchase Orders and Blanket Purchase Orders

Human Resources

Employment and Personnel Changes

Temporary Non-Classified Service Employees

Resolution – Equivalence to Minimum Qualifications

President/Board of Trustees

Redistricting Action Plan

Motion carried. Student Trustee Zamora recorded a yes advisory vote.

Interfund Transfer (Resolution) And Payment Authorization

It was moved by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Beverly, that the Board of Trustees approve a resolution for the following Interfund transfer for FY 2010-11.

Interfund Transfer

From: General Fund-Unrestricted (11) Reserve for Contingency

To: Property & Liability Fund (62) Other Operating Expenses

Amount: \$833,333.33

The Board also authorizes the use of these funds for payment to our insurance joint powers authority (SWACC) for the settlement of a liability claim.

Motion carried 4-1; Trustee O'Donnell voted no. Student Trustee Zamora recorded a yes advisory vote.

Mr. Beverly read the following statement: On January 18, 2011, the Board of Trustees acted in closed session by unanimous vote 4-0, with Trustee O'Donnell not present, to accept a mediator's recommendation and authorize settlement of the case of Nyesha Artiaga v. El Camino Community College District, et al. The settlement was subsequently approved by SWACC, the plaintiff and her attorneys.

The Settlement Agreement provides for a dismissal of the lawsuit and a release of all claims against the District, its officers, employees and agents. Ms. Artiaga agreed to terminate any employment relationship with the District and never to apply for

employment again with the District. Plaintiff and her attorneys were paid \$2,500,000.00 by SWACC, the insurance joint powers authority which serves the District. The District will contribute one-third of that amount and former Dean Schwartz contributed \$25,000.00. Hence the transfer from General Fund-Unrestricted (11) Reserve for Contingency to Property and Liability Fund (62).

Designation Of Irrevocable Reserve Fund For Post Employment Benefits (Resolution)

It was moved by Trustee O'Donnell, seconded by Trustee Brown, that the Board of Trustees approve a resolution to designate Fund 17 as an Irrevocable Fund.

Change Of Title Of Fund

From: Special Reserve - Retiree Health Premiums

To: Irrevocable Reserve - Post Employment Benefits

The Board further authorizes the Superintendent/President or his designee to take future actions required for the operation of this fund, including: development of a formal Trust document, establishment of investment policies and investment advisor, designation of trust administrator, contract for an updated actuarial study and all other applicable actions related to the development and implementation of this fund. The balance in this irrevocable fund (as of June 30, 2011) is projected to be \$12.2 million: \$8.3 million projected from the existing Fund 17 and \$3.9 million projected from the Southern California Community College District (SCCCD) joint powers authority which currently holds a portion of these funds for investment.

Motion carried. Student Trustee Zamora recorded a yes advisory vote.

Resolution in Support of California Community Colleges Budget Priorities and Principles

It was moved by Trustee Gen, seconded by Trustee Combs that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution.

**Resolution in Support of California Community Colleges
Budget Priorities and Principles**

WHEREAS, California's higher education system is in a crisis situation with insufficient resources at a time of record demand due to high school graduates and unemployed residents seeking retraining; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proposed Budget seeks a balanced approach of making \$12.5 billion in spending cuts and asking the voters to extend temporary tax increases totaling \$12 billion for five years; and

WHEREAS, under the Governor's Proposed Budget, California community colleges would face \$400 million in state general fund cuts; and

WHEREAS, without an extension of temporary tax increases, California community colleges could face \$900 million in state general fund cuts; and

WHEREAS, El Camino Community College District faces cuts of \$7 million under the Governor's Proposed Budget and \$15.7 million if an all-cuts budget were to be adopted instead; and

WHEREAS, California's locally elected community college trustees, together with their faculty, staff and students, are best able to decide where budget reductions can be absorbed while minimizing the impact on their communities; and

WHEREAS, "targeted" cuts at specific curriculum that cost colleges the least to offer will -- in addition to injuring students in transfer and career preparation programs -- require districts to reduce enrollment in higher-cost programs such as advanced technology and nursing; and

WHEREAS, California community colleges could mitigate state cuts and maintain essential student instruction and services if their local communities were able to approve parcel taxes to provide funds to replace reduced state General Fund revenues; and

WHEREAS, fee increases charged to community college students should protect the quality of instruction and student services; and

WHEREAS, policy and practice reforms to improve student success and motivate student behavior should be based on sound research implemented in a manner to allow students and institutions to adjust; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the El Camino Community College District supports a balanced approach to budgeting, including the extension of temporary tax revenues to protect vital state programs along with budgetary cuts to bring California's state budget into balance; and be it further

RESOLVED that the El Camino Community College District supports redirecting any amount of student fee revenue increase to reduce the proposed apportionment cut to protect the quality of student instruction and services; and be it further

RESOLVED that the El Camino Community College District opposes the proposal to distribute apportionment based on student retention and instead supports an additive, categorical incentive funding program to encourage student success, as proposed in the report A 2020 Vision for Student Success; and be it further

RESOLVED that the El Camino Community College District supports the right of California's voters to be given the opportunity to allow local voters to approve parcel taxes with a 55% vote to backfill state budget cuts at community colleges; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District, by passage of this resolution, expresses its full support for the above principles and positions on the Governor's Proposed Budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

William J. Beverly, President

Ray Gen, Vice President

Maureen O'Donnell, Secretary

Mary E. Combs, Member

Kenneth A. Brown, Member

Johanna Zamora, Student Member

Motion carried 3-2. Trustees Gen, Combs and Brown voted yes. Trustees Beverly and O'Donnell abstained. Student Trustee Zamora recorded a yes advisory vote.

Compton Educational Center

Compton Center Accreditation Update, February 6, 2011, presented as an informational item.

Public Comment

Mr. Lance Widman addressed the Irrevocable Reserve Fund for Post Employment Benefits.

Closed Session

Regular Meeting adjourned to a Closed Session at 5:50 p.m. which ended at 6:20 p.m.

Maureen O'Donnell, Secretary of the Board

Thomas M. Fallo, Secretary to the Board