

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Session #778

A regular meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on January 9, 2008, at 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room at 26000 SE Stark Street, Gresham, Oregon.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

- 1.1 Chair Duke Shepard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Board members present: Brian Freeman; Rod Monroe; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates. Absent: Bob Morris.

Association representatives present at the public session: Gary DeRoest, faculty; Marilyn Pitts, part-time faculty; Jennie Reinders, classified; Jeff Forbis, confidential; Robert Cox, supervisory.

Board officers and other staff present: Mike Wolfe, deputy clerk of the Board; Gale Blessing; Sherri Lynn Bottari; Brenda Brady; Larkin Franks; Paul Hill; June Jacobs; Phil Johanson; Linda Neumann; Beth Pitonzo; Al Sigala; Sue Spencer; Nancy Szofran; and JoAnn Zahn.

Guest: Dave Roberts.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

M/ Rod Monroe to “approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

M/ Ralph Yates to “approve the consent agenda items A a-b as presented.

- a. Approval of minutes
- b. Financial report”

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- 3.1 Chair Shepard introduced Paul Hill who was filling in for Interim President Gary Murph while he attended the NW Accrediting Commission Hearing in Bellevue, Washington. Dr. Hill introduced and congratulated the three Outstanding Support Staff award recipients for 2008: Sherri Lynn Bottari, Linda Neumann and Sue Spencer. Chair Shepard thanked all three on behalf of the Board. Each will receive a \$500 check from the MHCC Foundation at its next meeting.

- 3.2 Mike Wolfe and Nancy Szofran presented a 2008-09 budget/planning update. Assumptions for the budget development include no tuition increase at this time, COLA and salary increases will occur, no projected layoffs and no projected program reductions or new programs. The ending balance is projected to be approximately 3.7% (rather than the Board directed 5%). Senator Monroe commented that the next State economic forecast is scheduled for February 8 and only an extreme downturn would change the allocations to community colleges. He said they definitely will not be enhanced though. Mike commented on the budget planning forums held last fall. The information gathered at the planning and budget forums will be used along with results from the strategic planning workshops and accreditation findings to shape the draft 2008-09 budget over the next several months.
- 3.3 Paul Hill reported for Interim President Murph on personnel issues; the NW Accrediting Commission hearing; the December Holiday Staff Recognition Breakfast; the Board Retreat; and the newly elected Part-time Faculty and Tutor's Association 2008 Executive and Steering Committee members.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

5. BUSINESS

- 5.1 Mike Wolfe presented a request for board approval to issue separate RFPs for CM/GC and Architectural and Engineering Services related to constructing a new Child Development Center.

M/ Rod Monroe to, "approve issuance of separate RFPs as presented." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

6. CLOSING REMARKS AND AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Duke Shepard reviewed the timeline/process for the presidential search. The Search Committee is in the process of reviewing applications and will meet January 16 to select 8-10 semi-finalists. The Search Committee will interview the semi-finalists the end of January and forward names of 4-5 finalists to the Board of Education. Public forums and Board interviews with the finalists will be held in mid February, and Chair Shepard commented that, if all goes well, a decision will be made in less than two months. Beverly Russell reported that the MHCC Foundation Auction on April 19 is the same night as the David Douglas auction. Ralph Yates commended the Search Committee for its progress in the search. Dave Shields requested a future review of the Aquatic Center relating to the business plan that was developed and the impact of the renovated Aquatic Center on the community. Duke Shepard requested board members let him know if there is any interest in pursuing a bond campaign this fall.

7. ADJOURNMENT

M/ Rod Monroe to “adjourn the meeting.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Deputy Clerk

Board Chair

Recorded by June Jacobs