

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Session #783

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on April 9, 2008, with a public session beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the MHCC boardroom followed by an executive session in the president's office at 26000 SE Stark Street, Gresham, Oregon.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

- 1.1 Vice Chair Rod Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Brian Freeman; Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates. Absent: Duke Shepard.
- 1.2 Association representatives present at the public session: Ryan Fitzgerald, ASG; Gary DeRoest, faculty; Jeff Forbis, confidential; and Robert Cox, supervisors.
- 1.3 Board officers and other staff present at the public session: Gary Murph, clerk of the Board; Mike Wolfe, deputy clerk of the Board; Brenda Brady; Larkin Franks; Paul Hill; June Jacobs; Phil Johanson; Rob Nielson; Beth Pitonzo; Jack Schommer; Al Sigala; Nancy Szofran; Bob Watkins; and JoAnn Zahn.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 The agenda was approved without objection.
- 2.2 The consent agenda was presented for consideration, as follows:
 - a. Minutes
 - b. Financial report

M/ Brian Freeman "to approve the consent agenda, items a-b, as presented." The motion was seconded and carried unanimously (6-0). Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- 3.1 Interim President Murph introduced Mike Wolfe and Nancy Szofran who led a discussion on a possible tuition adjustment. Mike Wolfe recapped the discussion at the March Board meeting (where a \$3/\$2/\$1 per year tuition increase was outlined) and stated that the long-term

financial outlook for the college is dependent upon increasing revenues and decreasing costs. The basic scenario Mike presented at this meeting describes a three year stepped approach of 3% in year one, 4% in year two and 5% in year three based on achieving a target ending balance of 5% within three years. Mike further stated that, if the actual state funding level is less than that projected by CCWD for the 2009-11 Biennium, significant adjustments will have to be made. Further discussion was held on what would happen if there was no increase, a tuition increase based on an index such as the CPI or the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), what the impact to students would be if tuition is raised, and an interest in researching programs of other institutions that dedicate tuition to helping students persist. Administration proposed that, beginning with the 2008-09 adopted budget, the college begin instituting an annual tuition increase tied to the appropriate price index along with streamlining processes and possible work day reductions in order to achieve the necessary savings. Appreciation was expressed to the students for their resolution supporting a 6% increase over three years. Further discussion and action will be taken at the May 14 Board meeting.

- 3.2 President Murph reported on: the Citizen of the Year Banquet honoring Mark Garber, Editor of *The Gresham Outlook*; Charter Day; the Cultural Unity Diversity Dialogues to be held April 25th; and the MHCC Foundation Auction.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

No members of the public addressed the board.

5. CLOSING REMARKS AND AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Beverly Russell reported on the upcoming Foundation Auction. Dave Shields reported on a meeting with Parkrose School District.

Vice Chair Rod Monroe recessed to executive session at 7:06 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Rod Monroe called executive session to order at 7:10 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations and ORS 192.660 (2) (h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties

of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Board members present: Brian Freeman; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; and Dave Shields. Present via telephone: Duke Shepard. Absent: Ralph Yates.

Staff present: Paul Hill; June Jacobs; Gary Murph; and Michael Wolfe.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

Recorded by June Jacobs