

# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Session #784

A regular meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on May 14, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom 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 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates. Rod Monroe entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Absent: Brian Freeman.
- 1.2 Association representatives present at the public session: Jennie Reinders, classified; Jeff Forbis, confidential; Gary DeRoest, faculty; Marilyn Pitts, part-time faculty and tutors; and Robert Cox, supervisory.
- 1.2 Board officers and other staff present at the public session: Gary Murph, clerk of the Board; Mike Wolfe, deputy clerk; Brie Aliabadi; Gale Blessing; Brenda Brady; Susan Brady; Charmagne Ehrenhaus; Larkin Franks; Todd Hanna; Paul Hill; June Jacobs; Pat Martin; Joyce Sherpa; Al Sigala; Nancy Szofran; Jean Wagner; Tom Worcester; 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. Approval of minutes
  - b. Financial report

M/ Bob Morris "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 Gary Murph reported to the board that two exceptional young women were chosen as MHCC's student scholars and were honored at a luncheon with the Governor during the past month: Montana Skovlin and Nallely Gonzalez Rangel. He introduced Paul Hill who presented

Montana Skovlin to the Board (Nallely was unable to attend the Board meeting). Montana graduated from the Fisheries Technology program in June 2007 and has continued to take a full load of courses in preparation for transferring to the University of Idaho in the fall of 2008 where she will pursue a B.S. degree in Fishery Resources. Montana has achieved an outstanding academic record in spite of working a full-time job and serving in the Army National Guard. Chair Shepard extended congratulations on behalf of the Board.

- 3.2 Brenda Brady presented an update on the Child Development Center fundraising efforts. In March 2008 the college contracted with Public Affairs Research Consultants (PARC) to conduct a grant campaign to raise funds for the Child Development Center replacement project. The college is pursuing a combination of debt financing and grants to fund the Child Development Center, with a goal of raising \$1-1.5 million over the next 18 months through grants to augment the \$5 million obtained through a state challenge grant and the college's debt service. The funds acquired through grants and donations will be dedicated to soft costs related to construction and to purchase equipment for the new facility. PARC is in the process of recruiting members for several fundraising committees in order to help raise public awareness and donations, is currently identifying potential funders to approach and, with MHCC assistance, is preparing supporting documentation and outlines for future grant proposals. The board was reminded of a \$306,549 federal earmark for the project that was awarded to the college thanks to efforts by Congressman Earl Blumenauer.
- 3.3 Rob Nielson reported to the Board on a Veterans' Proposal, which would provide a 50% tuition waiver for a veteran's first term at MHCC. Rob introduced Jerri Ellis, who advocates for veterans on campus and helps them get through the paperwork process. Jerri also does all federal reporting and maintains and updates all resources for veterans. Rob also introduced Josh Ray, a veteran and MHCC student, who spoke to the need for helping veterans as they return home and enter college. He said that MHCC is the only school to have someone like Jerri to help veterans. Rob reported that 87 veterans would qualify for the waiver this year with the impact to the college about \$30,000. Board members expressed their appreciation to Jerri and Josh and their support for helping returning veterans. Rob was asked to bring a resolution to the Board at the June meeting for approval of the tuition waiver.

- 3.4 Mike Wolfe reported on a request from CCWD for an updated list ranking MHCC's capital improvement projects. He reviewed the MHCC Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the prioritization process which resulted in identifying the highest priority projects. These include the GE Building and Annex. The project is in the concept phase at a cost of approximately \$10m-\$12m (in 2008 dollars). The combined buildings are currently about 20,000 square feet and, if a new building is built, the square footage could double. The new facility would be a multi-use instructional area possibly supporting expansion of HPE and Sustainability curriculum. Another high priority project is an energy performance enhancement package which would replace the energy producing and transmitting systems on campus including the HVAC systems, controls and lighting. Other less costly high priority projects include addressing the Aquatic Center roof/siding and ADA enhancements. It was the consensus of the Board to rank the GE Building and Annex as the highest priority.
- 3.4 President Murph reported on: personnel items; presentations on the Aquatic Center; Rho Theta project; and the Ford Motor Co/AAA competition held at the college for the first time.

#### **4. PUBLIC INPUT**

No members of the public addressed the board.

#### **5. BUSINESS**

- 5.1 The Board considered and approved a tuition adjustment beginning fall term based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), which is an inflation index designed specifically for use by institutions of higher education and directed administration to adjust the per credit tuition rate annually by a factor equal to the preliminary forecast of the HEPI as published in May of each year. The Board further directed the administration to make any adjustments to the annual tuition increase necessary to maintain a competitive market position for the college. Based on the 2008 preliminary forecast of the HEPI of 3.9%, the 2008 tuition increase will be \$2.60 per credit hour for a total tuition of \$68.60 per credit hour for 1-18 credits and \$34.30 per credit hour for over 18 credits.

M / Ralph Yates, "to approve the tuition adjustment as presented above." The motion was seconded and approved 5-1 with Rod Monroe, Bob Morris, Beverly Russell, Duke Shepard and Ralph Yates voting Yes

and Dave Shields voting No. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

**6. CLOSING REMARKS AND AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Beverly Russell reported on the MHCC Foundation. Ralph Yates reported that the Gresham AM Chamber would be meeting in the Aquatic Center Friday morning. Bob Morris stated that, due to the increasing number of people who will need help, i.e., the Veterans' tuition waiver, and decreasing pools of funds to help them, the Board will be faced with hard choices in the future in order to help worthwhile groups, and these will need the constant attention of the Board. Dave Shields reported on the OSBA Legislative Committee. Chair Shepard recessed to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Shepard reconvened to Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) labor negotiations.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Clerk

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Board Chair

Recorded by June Jacobs