

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Session #787

A regular meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on July 9, 2008 with executive session at 6:02 p.m., regular session at 6:19 p.m. in the boardroom and executive session again at 7:16 p.m. in the president's office at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 SE Stark Street, Gresham, Oregon.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

- 1.1 Chair Duke Shepard called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates. Absent: Brian Freeman.
- 1.2 Association representatives present: Gary DeRoest, faculty; Jennie Reinders, classified; Robert Cox, supervisors; and Jeff Forbis, confidential.
- 1.3 Board officers and other staff present: John J. "Ski" Sygielski, clerk of the board; Mike Wolfe, deputy clerk of the board; Gale Blessing; Brenda Brady; Susan Brady; Larkin Franks; Paul Hill; June Jacobs; Phil Johanson; Donna Larson; Pat Martin; Rob Nielson; Kris Pearson; Marilyn Pitts; Wendy Schissel; Al Sigala; Nancy Szofran; and JoAnn Zahn.

2. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Shepard recessed to executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) labor negotiations. Board members present in executive session: Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates. Brian Freeman was connected by phone. Staff present in executive session: Gale Blessing; June Jacobs; John J. "Ski" Sygielski; and Mike Wolfe. Chair Shepard recessed executive session at 6:18 p.m.

3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION, APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Chair Shepard reconvened regular session. M/Dave Shields to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- 3.2 M/Ralph Yates, "to nominate Duke Shepard as chair of the board for the 2008-2009 year." M/Rod Monroe, "to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote to make Duke Shepard chair of the board for the 2008-2009 year." The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- 3.3 Brian Freeman was re-connected by phone. M/Rod Monroe, "to nominate Beverly Russell as vice chair of the board for the 2008-2009 year." M / Rod Monroe, "to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote to make Beverly Russell vice chair of the board for the 2008-2009 year." The motion was

seconded and carried unanimously. Chair Shepard thanked Rod Monroe for his service as vice chair during the past year.

3.4 The consent agenda was presented for consideration.

Dave Shields requested items A-b and f, regarding the financial report and consideration of a resolution to use alternative contracting method for construction of the Early Childhood Center (ECC), be removed for discussion by the Board. M / Dave Shields, "to approve items A-a, c, d, and e of the consent agenda, as follows:

- a. Minutes
- b. Financial report - removed for discussion
- c. Appointment of a budget officer for 2009-2010
- d. Consideration of the FY 09-10 budget development calendar
- e. Consideration of 2008-09 Oregon Department of Education continuation application and mid-biennium program report for Head Start
- f. Consideration of resolution to use alternative contracting method for construction of Early Childhood Center (ECC) - removed for discussion

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

Dave Shields then requested additional information on the financial report, specifically whether there were any significant losses in revenue as of June 30, the end of the budget cycle. JoAnn Zahn reported there were none but that possibly apprenticeship costs will add to the bottom line. Dave requested more information be presented when this information is known. Dave also requested a clarification of the process involved in A-f. Mike Wolfe clarified the process for the Board.

M / Dave Shields to approve items A-b and f on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- 4.1 At the request of the Oregon School Boards Association Board of Directors, the Board discussed future ballot measures in the November election. The OSBA Board unanimously passed two resolutions, one opposing Initiative Petition 3, Federal Income Tax Deductibility and the other opposing Initiative Petition 19, Statewide Prohibition of Teaching Public School Students in a Language other than English for More than 1-2 Years. The OSBA Board is requesting local school districts also adopt resolutions opposing these ballot measures. Chair Shepard requested administration to compile information for the Board on how these ballot measures might affect the college. He also requested that an action item be placed on the September agenda for the Board to further consider the ballot measures.

4.2 President John J. "Ski" Sygielski reported on: the Board Retreat August 23, 2008; the Learning Success Center; enrollment; Veterans Tuition Waivers; Head Start; Rockwood Business Coalition; Steps to Success; Facilities; Marilyn Pitts, Part-time Faculty & Tutor Association President; Gary DeRoest, Faculty Association President; meetings with community members; the Retirees luncheon; and thanked the Board for the receptions they sponsored for him.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

No members of the public addressed the board.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 The Board considered the fund deficiency in the General Operating Fund. The General Fund ending fund balance has been below the Board's 5% target for the last two fiscal periods and is projected to stay below the target in '08-'09. The college's expenditures continue to outpace its revenue annually, and expenditures are increasing at a faster rate than revenue. The cumulative effect is a spending down of the ending fund balance which leads to insufficient funds available in the General Fund to sustain the 5% target.

M/ Brian Freeman to "approve a motion to declare that sufficient funds are not available to reach the 5% ending balance requested by the Board each year and that the best interests of the College are served by reducing a combination of service and compensation levels. Administration is directed to develop a plan to make the necessary adjustments." The motion was seconded and approved by a 6-1 vote. For: Brian Freeman; Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; and Ralph Yates. No: Dave Shields. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

7. CLOSING REMARKS AND AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Morris reported he has changed jobs and now works for America's Second Harvest. Ralph Yates mentioned that Brandon Drawz is at the Olympic Trails. Discussions are continuing in the quest to bring the Olympic Trials to the college. Dave Shields presented a summary report from the sub-committee that met with the school district superintendents and some board members. The report is part of the official minutes. Beverly Russell reported the Foundation Golf Scramble is August 5 at Stone Creek Golf Course in Oregon City and Rockin' Around the Block is August 9. Volunteers are still needed. She also congratulated the Teaching and Learning Cooperative on its accomplishments in the past year. Chair Shepard thanked the Board for its vote of confidence in re-electing him Chair of the Board.

8. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Shepard recessed to executive session. The regular meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m.

Chair Shepard re-convened to executive session at 7:16 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) labor negotiations.

Board members present: Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard, Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates. Absent: Brian Freeman

Staff present: Gale Blessing; June Jacobs; John J. "Ski" Sygielski; and Mike Wolfe.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chairman

Recorded by June Jacobs