

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Session #804

A regular meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on September 9, 2009 beginning with a tour at 4:10 p.m., executive session at 5:30 p.m. in the president's office and regular session at 7:02 p.m. in the boardroom at 26000 SE Stark Street, Gresham, Oregon.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

- 1.1 Chair Beverly Russell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present: Brian Freeman, Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; and Dave Shields. Absent: Ralph Yates.

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.

M/ Brian Freeman to "approve the consent agenda items A-a-e:

- a. Minutes
- b. Financial report
- c. Resolution for acceptance/expenditure of projects funded in whole or part by non-district funds
- d. Resolution to transfer budgeted appropriations
- e. Board member representation at OCCA, OSBA, ACCT, AACC meetings during 2009-10"

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- 3.1 Five-minute presentations by association representatives will now be a part of the regular meeting on a rotating basis. Jennie Burlingame, president of the classified association, and Bradley Best, Associated Student Government (ASG) president, presented reports for their respective associations.
- 3.2 Larkin Franks presented the Oregon Leadership Institute tuition waiver proposal, which would provide tuition waivers and waive enrollment fees for Oregon Leadership Institute mentors and mentees when they enroll in the classes that are specific to the OLI program. This will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

- 3.3 Larkin Franks and Dennis Mattoon presented a proposal for an automotive tuition waiver, which would provide a six-credit tuition waiver for students who transfer from a high school automotive program into Mt. Hood Community College's automotive program. This will also be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.
- 3.4 The Board reviewed in a first reading the new Audit Committee Board policy. The audit committee will be established as an advisory committee to the Board of Education to provide proactive oversight for the financial and compliance reporting and risk management processes and disclosure, assuring transparency, integrity and reliability. The policy will be considered for approval at the October Board meeting.
- 3.5 President John J. "Ski" Sygielski reported on: beginning of fall term; in-service plans; new student orientation; Go Oregon projects; Office of Instruction's excellent report from the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development Office; and thanked Robert Frost for his service as interim vice president of student success and enrollment management.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

5. BUSINESS

- 5.1 The Board Chair presented the president's goals for 2009-2010 for approval. These had been reviewed by the Board at the August retreat.

M/ Brian Freeman to "approve the president's goals as presented."

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

- 5.2 The Board reviewed changes regarding health contributions for the College administrators, managers, confidential and child development and family services for fiscal year 2009-10. The Board requested someone from Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) attend the October 14 meeting. Bob Morris stated this needs to be looked at very carefully and that the next vote on health care will be very difficult. The College can no longer fund it and cannot always protect employees.

M / Duke Shepard to "approve the changes to health contributions for the College administrators, managers, confidential and child development and family services as presented.

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

- 5.3 The president presented a resolution for the Board's consideration on the American Graduation Initiative, which recognizes the centrality of community colleges to America's well-being and the need for financial resources to help community colleges.

M/ Brian Freeman, "to approve the resolution to endorse the American Graduation Initiative and commit to doing everything possible to achieve its enactment."

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

6. CLOSING REMARKS AND AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Rod Monroe thanked the Board for supporting the resolution to support the legislature's acts regarding taxes. Dave Shields commented on the work of the Early Childcare Center steering committee and the extensive planning and discussion needed in the future for this project. Duke Shepard reported he met with Commissioner Diane McKeel regarding conducting a comprehensive transportation study in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding among the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, Multnomah County, the Oregon Department of Transportation and other regional partners to improve north-south transportation connections between I-84 and US 26 and asked president Ski to write a letter of support for the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee's request to include a comprehensive study of the I-84 to US 26 corridor in the 2009 Regional Transportation Plan. Duke also asked for the support of the whole College to change the culture of the College that included past practices which have been detrimental to the College, asked for support of the changes being made and that everyone work together to continue the improvements being made. He stated he wanted to go on record to "kick things into gear" for the beginning of the president's second year. Beverly Russell reported on the Foundation and appreciation that Cassie McVeety is now with the College. She stated she believes the College is turning the corner and expressed appreciation for the work the president has done in the community and with the staff.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

Recorded by June Jacobs