

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Session #789

A regular meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on September 10, 2008 at 6:01 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 6:01 p.m. Board members present: Brian Freeman, Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; and Dave Shields. Absent: Ralph Yates.

Association representatives present: Jeff Forbis, confidential; Gary DeRoest, faculty; Jennie Reinders, classified; Marilyn Pitts, part-time faculty; Janine Johnston, ASG.

Staff present: John J. "Ski" Sygielski, clerk of the board; Mike Wolfe, deputy clerk of the board; Gale Blessing; Brenda Brady; Susan Brady; Phil Dean; Charmagne Ehrenhaus; Larkin Franks; Kim Freeman; Paul Hill; June Jacobs; Eldon McMurray; Rob Nielson; Nancy Szofran; and Garie Zordich.

Guests: Cam Preus; Jim Zordich

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/ Bev Russell 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. Establishment of early collegiate opportunity tuition waiver"

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- 3.1 Kim Freeman presented an update and reviewed successes of the various departments of the Economic Workforce Development and Industrial Technologies Division, which will celebrate its third birthday as a division in December 2008. The EWDIT Division serves the region's employers and economic development agencies by assisting them to recruit and retain companies across MHCC's service district and beyond. Kim concluded by stating it is her goal to work with the academic divisions to offer credit bearing courses at Maywood for working adults.
- 3.2 Policies on Risk Management and Students Services received a first reading by the Board. These changes came about as a result of administration's review of the Administrative Regulations and are mostly related to recommendations in the Accreditation report. Policies to be considered for approval at the second reading during the October board meeting are: Policies 4080, 4100, 7060, 7100 and 7140.
- 3.3 Cam Preus, Commissioner of the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, presented information on 40-40-20, the goal for educational attainment of the joint Boards of Education and Governor Kulongoski. A 2007 Legislative Budget Note to CCWD says that the "nature of the governance structure in our community colleges creates a challenge with respect to relating funding levels to educational outcomes. Community colleges are governed by independent locally elected boards. However, state funds are appropriated to the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, which is not directly responsible for college performance. *The Legislature intends that each community college district governing board shall be responsible for meeting the key performance measures for its respective institution, and communicating the results to the Department, and that the Department shall be responsible for assuring that results of successful programs and best practices are shared among the 17 college districts to maximize the results at each institution; and managing the decision-making for distribution of resources among the institutions to maximize statewide performance, recognize local investment, and reward success.*" There are twelve community college key performance measures: successful GED applicants; completion of basic skills / ESL; nursing completion; Small Business Development Center business start-ups; Business and Industry Training System (BITS) company satisfaction; licensing / certification rates; professional technical degree / certificate completion; associate degree completion; student transfers to the Oregon University System; progress of transfer students; tuition / fees; and high school participation. The legislature wants to know who is achieving at the top level. CCWD will continue to work at defining what kind of student measures the legislature should be interested in. There will be an opportunity to ask for changes in the measures after the upcoming session. Requests were made for CCWD to continue to push for FTE

reimbursement for community education and to also examine and propose inserting community colleges back into SB 1036, relating to local government construction excise taxes.

- 3.4 President John J. "Ski" Sygielski reported on: in-service activities; enrollment; strategic plan; Gresham Teddy Bear Parade.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

5. BUSINESS

- 5.1 The Board evaluated and discussed ballot measures 58 and 59, which will be placed on the ballot in the November election, to determine the impact on the College. Measure 58 would limit English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction in public schools. The discussion centered around the fact that, although this measure does not directly address ESL instruction in community colleges, it could have a detrimental effect on the preparation of English Language Learners (ELL) and ESL students who graduate and are not prepared for entry into college, thus requiring ESL instruction from MHCC. The challenge is that ESL instruction is funded by special state allocations and grants and, lacking increases from those funding sources, the College would have to turn away additional students or raise college allocations to fund the increasing demand on instruction. In addition, it might increase the high school drop-out rate, which would place further demands on the College's limited resources because of additional demand for Adult High School diploma instruction and GED instruction. Ballot Measure 59 would increase federal income tax deductibility but would reduce state general fund revenues by \$1.24 billion in 2009-11 and by \$2.26 billion in 2011-13. The discussion on this measure centered around the potential loss of multi-million dollar allocations each year for the next two biennia, conceivably in the range of \$2 million to \$4 million per year, which would create extreme difficulties for the College to meet its educational mission. This would force colleges to raise tuition, cut courses, and reduce opportunities. Students ultimately pay the price for those cuts. In addition, loss of funds would further inhibit the College from addressing long overdue facilities and infrastructure needs.

M/ Bob Morris to, "approve taking a position in opposition of Ballot Measures 58 and 59 and encouraging individuals to vote against these state ballot measures in the November election."

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

- 5.2 Candidates for the OSBA Board in regions 18 and 19 are Kris Howatt, nominated by Gresham Barlow School District, and Bobbie Regan, nominated by Portland Public Schools.

M / Dave Shields to “approve election of these two individuals to the OSBA Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

- 5.3 The Board considered selection of Johnson Controls to perform energy savings performance contract services for the Gresham campus. This is a multi-year, multi-phased project beginning with a preliminary analysis and energy audit and finishing with construction and operation of new energy management systems throughout the main campus. Energy savings will cover the cost.

M/ Brian Freeman, “to approve the selection of Johnson Controls as presented.” The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

- 5.4 M/ Bob Morris to “confirm Board Committee appointments as follows:

ORGANIZATION	BOARD MEMBER(S)
American Association of Community Colleges	Ralph Yates
Association of Community College Trustees	Dave Shields
Distinguished Teaching Award	Duke Shepard
Outstanding Support Staff	Duke Shepard
Part Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching	Beverly Russell
MHCCD Foundation Board	Beverly Russell/Rod Monroe, alternate
Oregon Community College Association	Bob Morris and Dave Shields
Head Start Liaison	Bob Morris”

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

6. CLOSING REMARKS AND AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

7. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Shepard recessed the meeting to executive session. The regular meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m.

Chair Shepard re-convened to executive session at 7:57 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) labor negotiations.

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

Staff present: John J. “Ski” Sygielski; June Jacobs; and Mike Wolfe.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Clerk

Recorded by June Jacobs

Board Chair