

# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Session #790

A regular meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on October 8, 2008 with a regular meeting at 6:02 p.m. in the boardroom and executive session at 7:42 p.m. in the president's office of 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 meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board members present: Brian Freeman; Rod Monroe; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Duke Shepard; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates.

Association representatives present at the public session: Gary DeRoest, faculty; Marilyn Pitts, part-time faculty & tutors; Jeff Forbis, confidential; Robert Cox, Supervisors; and Janine Johnston, ASG.

Board officers and other staff present at the public session: John J. "Ski" Sygielski, clerk of the Board; Mike Wolfe, deputy clerk of the board; Brie Alliabadi; Pam Benjamin; Brenda Brady; Phil Dean; Cynthia Dettman; Jennifer DeMent; Carl Eckrode; Charmagne Ehrenhaus; Larkin Franks; Melissa Gonzales-McNeal; Michael Henley; Paul Hill; Barbara Howell; June Jacobs; Joseph McNeal; Sheri Mosher; Rob Nielson; Julia Peterson; Pam Shields; Nancy Szofran; and JoAnn Zahn.

Guests present at the public session: Students Teresa Blanshine and Tatyana Bondarchuk.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2.1 The agenda and consent agenda were presented for consideration.

M/ Brian Freeman to "approve the agenda." The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

M/ Beverly Russell "to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes
- Financial report"

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

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- 3.1 This item was delayed until later in the meeting.
- 3.2 President Sygielski introduced the two recipients of the Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award: professional photography instructor Michael Henley and anatomy and physiology instructor Joseph McNeal. The selection committee, comprised of Foundation and College Board members and employee and student group representatives, chose the recipients based on numerous nominations received on their behalf from admiring colleagues and students. Both instructors were honored at the September 15 part-time faculty in-service event and will receive a check from the Mt. Hood Community College Foundation at its Board meeting.
- 3.3 President Sygielski introduced Julia Peterson from the Small Business Development Center. The SBDC helps companies develop a business plan and gives them the tools and skills to create a good business. To be successful, a new small business must have an above average return on investment, be survivable and sustainable, and it is important for a small business to be innovative and adaptable. The SBDC served 232 small businesses in 2007-08, 1005 business people attended an SBDC class, 85 jobs were created by SBDC clients, 28 jobs were retained by SBDC clients and 14 new businesses were started by SBDC clients. The SBDC serves clients in downtown Gresham and outposts are in progress in Sandy and Welches.
- 3.1 Cynthia Dettman introduced two Transitions/Transiciones students, Tatyana Bondarchuk and Teresa Blanshine, who shared their stories with the Board. Transitions and Transiciones are longstanding MHCC programs that provide a bridge to college for single parents and displaced homemakers. Grants help these students with payments for childcare, books and other school expenses. Gene Eng, Verizon, presented a \$7,500 grant to the Foundation for student aid for those in Transitions/Transiciones.
- 3.4 Mike Wolfe and JoAnn Zahn presented a college financial update. They stated that the current downswing in the economy has had no implication at this time on the College's existing debt.
- 3.5 President Sygielski gave kudos and thanks to Brian Freeman who will be going off the OCCA Board and Executive Committee, to Dave Shields for his work with OSBA, to all the Board for their support the past few weeks, to Brenda Brady and Nancy Szofran for their continuing work on accreditation, and to Robert Cox and ASG. He reported on in-service week; assessment; accreditation; advising; listening tours; NW Motor Sports presentation of a check for the automotive program; Foundation Board Retreat; enrollment management consultant; the strategic planning process; and Head Start, which is opening a center in the Corbett area.

#### 4. PUBLIC INPUT

Gary DeRoest, president of the faculty association, read a statement from the faculty into the record. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

#### 5. BUSINESS

- 5.1 Following a first reading at the September Board meeting of policies 4080 Risk Management, 7060 Educational Records, 7100 Admissions and Registration, and 7140 Advising and Recruitment, a recommendation for approval was presented.

M/ Beverly Russell to “approve the four policies as presented.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

- 5.2 Chair Shepard led a discussion on legislative issues. The Board considered proposing to the legislature that Lottery Economic Development funds in the amount of \$500,000 be dedicated to support the 2012 Olympic Swimming Trials being proposed at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center. The funds would be matching funds (to be matched 100% by community fundraising and no college funds) and held by the state until the Olympic Trials are awarded.

M/ Brian Freeman to “approve proposing to the legislature that Lottery Economic Development funds in the amount of \$500,000 be dedicated to support the 2012 Olympic Swimming Trials being proposed at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Board also discussed proposing to the legislature to remove the state law requiring community college Boards to vote on an annual basis to impose the tax rate. The Board has no authority or ability to impact tax rates in any way; however, this relic of law gives the impression that the Board has such power.

M/ Rod Monroe to “approve proposing to the legislature to remove the state law requiring community college Boards to vote on an annual basis to impose the tax rate.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

M/ Dave Shields to “request of the legislature that community colleges be added back into the construction excise tax.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Senator Rod Monroe will present these proposals to the legislature for the MHCCD Board of Education.

In addition, the Board requested the administration review, analyze and provide information on high cost programs that are a state focus but not funded by the state. If these high cost programs are mandated by the state, what other funding would be available for this expansion. This will be discussed by the Board at a later date.

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

Bob Morris reported on the OCCA Board meeting. He suggested as many Board members as possible go to the OCCA Convention and attend the workshop sessions. Ralph Yates thanked the President for his presence in the community. Brian Freeman concurred. Dave Shields also reported on the OCCA Board meeting and commented that the ASG student representative, Andrew Fries, was phenomenal and did an excellent job. Dave thanked the President for attending the OSBA Regional Meeting. He also reported that November 18 the OSBA legislative group will hold a forum and reception at Parkrose High School Community Center for Region 14 legislators, K-12 and community colleges in the area. Rod Monroe met with the new President of PSU, Wim Wiewel. He suggested the Board do a brief review of the ballot measures after the election. Beverly Russell reported on the Foundation. Duke Shepard offered to raise \$10,000 for the college to offset the loss of a recent donor to the college. He would like to see the college broaden its donor base and net new money.

M/ Brian Freeman to "recess the regular meeting into executive session." The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**7. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Shepard re-convened into executive session at 7:40 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) labor negotiations.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Clerk

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Board Chair

Recorded by June Jacobs