

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD NEWSLETTER

FOR THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Prior to the regular board meeting, the Board of Education met with Susan Brady, Jean Wagner, Mike Wolfe and members of the **Head Start Policy Council**: Curtina Barr; Aimee Beachamp; Maria Guzman; Becky Heidrich; Sandra Lemus; and Brenda McSweeney. The Policy Council members shared some of the barriers faced by Head Start parents who attend the College. Timing of classes and communication are two important factors that make it difficult for Head Start parents. They feel it is important that faculty be informed about the Head Start program so they can direct students with childcare problems to Head Start. The Policy Council members praised the structure and experience their children receive in the Head Start program. It helps the children understand the importance of education. Communication, customer service and support were mentioned as key for parents trying to get their children into the Head Start program. Chair Shepard thanked them for coming and encouraged them to find people who might want to serve on the College Board of Education so that someone from the Head Start Policy Council could be on the College Board someday.

The president introduced Susan Brady and Jean Wagner who presented the **Head Start annual report** to the Board of Education. Accomplishments in the Head Start program during the past year as well as new federal requirements that will involve the Board of Education were reviewed. The Head Start program added 125 children in the last year, served 846 Head Start children and 92 Early Head Start children for a total of 938 children. During the past year, there were expansions in two places: Covenant Presbyterian and Corbett. There have been changes in government requirements again, and Susan discussed with the Board the roles and responsibilities of Board members in Head Start. President Ski expressed the pleasure of visiting the different Head Start locations and also thanked those involved in arranging for Head Start children and families to be taken to The Bruning Center for services.

Mike Wolfe and JoAnn Zahn presented a **request for consideration of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for auditing services**. There has been no RFP issued for some years. This will probably be a five-year contract with a one-year option at the College's discretion. The Board approved the request unanimously.

Chair Shepard presented a **resolution for the Board to adopt an emergency declaration in order to waive competitive bidding procedures** within the parameters established in the resolution for the **Go Oregon stimulus package projects** subject to State of Oregon Public Contracting Code and the Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) rules of procurement. This resolution includes more than the required amount of reporting so that legislators and the community will be able to see on the MHCC Web site what is being accomplished. The resolution was approved unanimously by the Board.

These **business items** were also unanimously approved:

- a. Approval of minutes
- b. Financial report
- c. Sabbatical requests for 2009-10*
- d. Approval of Head Start Annual Self Assessment
- e. Approval of Head Start Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members in Head Start

Name	Division	Term
Chrissy Bloome	Allied Health	Winter & Spring 2010
Jerry Lyons	Industrial Technology	Fall & Spring 2009-10
Paul Box	Adult & High School Community Learning	Fall 2009
Christina Maier	Integrated Media	Winter 2010
Ron Hartline	Industrial Technology	Spring 2010
Joyce Sherpa	Science	Fall, Winter & Spring 2009-10
Sara Williams	Mathematics	Fall 2009
Jim Arnold	Business	Winter 2010
Rick Zimmer	Performing Arts	Fall 2009

***Sabbatical leaves** approved for the 2009-2010 academic year:

The following **personnel considerations** outlining activity for the month of January 2009 were presented:

NEW EMPLOYEES:

Supervisors

Sylvia Hess	Disabilities Coordinator	Head Start	1/13/09
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Support

Joan Hamilton	Child Dev. & Svcs. Coord. Assistant	Head Start	1/5/09
Karen Lihs	Administrative Assistant – Fiscal Services	Head Start	1/20/09
Heidi Aspinwall	Administrative Assistant – Enrollment	Head Start	1/20/09

TRANSFERS/CHANGE IN STATUS:

Maria C. Medel	Classroom Assistant	Head Start	1/29/09
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CURRENT SEPARATIONS:

Tabitha De Camp	Classroom Assistant	Head Start	1/5/09
Sara La Chapelle	Family Worker – Bilingual	Head Start	1/7/09
Donald Ferrari	Center Assistant/Bus Driver	Head Start	1/21/09

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 11, 2009, in the Town & Gown Room.