

Session #917

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on June 8, 2016, with a TSCC hearing, followed by a Regular Session at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark Street, Gresham, Oregon.

TSCC HEARING

A Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission hearing was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Debra Derr, Christie Plinski, Waldon Hagan, Richard Doughty, and Jennifer DeMent responded to questions on behalf of the College.

Hearing closed at 6:38.

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Board Members in attendance: Susie Jones (Chair), Jim Zordich (Vice Chair), Teena Ainslie, Sonny Yellott, Kenney Polson, Michael Calcagno, Tamie Arnold

A meeting of the MHCC District Board was called to order at 7:22 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Zordich moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Derr noted that it is a night of celebration. She first introduced Integrated Media students Hannah Manning, Jerram Hart, and Everardo Chavez, who put together a video on the College's Return on Investment. Their video was played for the board members and audience.

Derr introduced the Rho Theta students. MHCC's Rho Theta has won national awards. Beth Sammons introduced the Rho Theta leaders. This year, the students worked hard on scholarships, putting on a seminar that overfilled their room. They worked on an Honors National Research project on autism in our community and made an interactive teaching module to assist teachers and parents who feel their children are often misunderstood. They won an international award for the project. A 3.5 GPA is required to join Rho Theta, with 207 joining this year. Each year, the chapter takes on a college project, looking at the College for ways it may need help. This year, they noticed that the College Placement tests can be an issue. They made a video that will be placed on the MHCC website.

A video of the softball team's NWAC Championship journey was played for the board. Derr noted her amazement in the level of community and civic engagement from our athletes. Each of the softball team members in attendance introduced themselves, their position, and their plans for the next year. Meadow McWhorter noted the amount of time the team spent volunteering off campus, knocking on doors for the bond, and serving the College.

Kim Hyatt noted a number of other awards that MHCC athletes received this year. The student athletes will receive a combined 67 degrees this year.

Derr recognized the Advocate staff. Adam, this year's editor, noted that they brought 31 issues out this year. They won first place in general excellence this year. Derr thanked them for working closely with the President's Office.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Christie Plinski introduced the 2015-2016 Distinguished Teaching Award Winners: Julie Vawser, Naomi Abrahams, Susan Spencer, Kevin Lambert, and Laura Kutner. Plinski stated that these faculty members represent many faculty and staff who give of themselves every day. The winners received a plaque and a \$500 check from the Foundation.

ASG RECOGNITION, FAREWELL, AND WELCOME

Seth Albert introduced Kelly Bernardino and Santiago Velasco, the new ASG President and Vice President for 2016-2017. Kelly is a current ASG member and is excited to work with the board, doing what they can with Guided Pathways, and especially helping our undocumented students. Santiago noted that he wants to focus on a goal to learn the MHCC system and have a better idea of how to reach out to our different populations.

ASG YEAR-END REPORT

Albert presented a year-end report, noting the many accomplishments of this year's ASG team. Derr thanked Albert and Patiño for all their work. Ainslie stated that the presentation was wonderful. Arnold, a former ASG president, noted that the student government has come so far – she thanked them for their work in the community and the school. Jones seconded the statement and thanked Albert and Patiño for their leadership.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Arnold moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded. Zordich asked for an explanation for Item h: the Head Start Director Hire. Susan Brady responded that Head Start has been in the process of succession planning for some time. Pam Greenough has been selected and approved by the Policy Council and by Head Start.

Jones called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was received.

BUSINESS/ACTION

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AND CATEGORIZE TAXES

This was previously approved by the Budget Committee, and now only includes only the permanent tax rate. DeMent provided an explanation of the capped rate.

Calcagno moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

BUDGET APPROVAL

DeMent provided copies of the 2016-2017 Adopted Budget. Slight changes were made to the general fund reflect the actual health care rates, which are now known.

Jones asked what would happen if we went out for a bond in November that passed. DeMent noted that that it would be possible.

Zordich moved to approve. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

HEAD START POLICY FIRST READING

Jean Wagner introduced a revision to the staff code of conduct. It is a federal requirement that must be signed annually. Several items are requirements that must be in policy; others have been added and approved previously. The county now requires that staff cannot provide service to their children or family members, and this change is reflected in the update.

Arnold clarified that the children of employees can attend Head Start; Wagner responded that, yes, employees can have their children attend, but they cannot be their own child's teacher.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Derr thanked DeMent and Elizabeth Gomez for their work on the budget.

In May, we had a comprehensive accreditation review of our Funeral Services program that was completed successfully. In July, the board will be provided with further information about the election results and a recommendation.

A mock Accreditation visit took place with representatives from our sister colleges to practice for our accreditation visit in November.

Derr has been working on closing out the year. She met with Mayor Hales and others to discuss the potential for a Gateway collaboration. This morning, the Bruning Center excellence awards were presented, including 18 awards to faculty and staff.

Our Fisheries Technology program released thousands of rainbow trout into the pond. Derr thanked Al Sigala and Judi Charman for their work on the President's Garden Party, where Marianne Daoust and Susie Jones were honored with the Patron Saint awards.

Derr reminded the board about Commencement. Saturday, June 18th will be Strawberry Short Course festival day, where the time capsule will be revealed, and the 50th anniversary will be celebrated.

BOARD MEMBER/ADVISORY COMMENTS

Marilyn Pitts stated that this was a fun meeting – she enjoyed hearing the student successes.

Corey Huston stated that the CEA and College have reached a tentative agreement on their CBA. He stated that this is the first time in recent memory that a contract has been settled. He was humbled by the student presentation, and stated that the students are the best of MHCC, and it is an honor and privilege to serve them.

Yellott noted that he was impressed by the students, and that they have been very busy.

Ainslie has served on the long-term care advisory council for the state of Oregon. They are concerned about jobs, and it was a delight to her to get a handout that she provided to the other board members with success stories. She thanked the College and Derr for making the Long Term Care Agency folks welcome on campus. She also noted that one of our local David Douglas students who graduated in 1973 with a scholarship to Stanford was recently the subject of a movie called "The Last Gold."

Zordich noted that he and Jones have been busy disseminating scholarships for local high schools, a humbling opportunity to connect with our local schools. He attended the *Perceptions* reception at the BPOE lodge and thanked ASG for their assistance. He attended the Rho Theta induction, a humbling experience, and great to see the support the students receive from family and friends. He encouraged the members to renew their Fred Meyer Rewards.

Jones stated that she is looking forward to attending both the GED and the Commencement ceremonies. She noted that we have gotten some good information back on how the bond vote turned out.

Polson will be attending both GED and Commencement. He enjoyed the student recognition – each individual student has their own story, and he appreciated that they were able to attend and share. He was happy to see the teachers recognized, and that the CEA has reached an agreement.

Calcagno thanked DeMent on her work on the budget. He stated that his passion is upward mobility, to help students achieve their dreams and remove barriers by serving on the Trimet Metro Steering Committee. That work continues, and an MOU will likely be presented at the July meeting.

Arnold represented the College at the inaugural game of the Gresham Greywolves and threw out the first pitch. They won their first game and continue to win, and she encouraged everyone to attend and support the College and community. She attended the Garden Party and found it well thought out. She is proud to be on the board and to participate in Commencement.

Boyle stated Sara Williams, who works on the Healthcare and Benefits Committee, was pleased that the changes to the FTFA members' health benefits had saved the college money. The FTFA members presented the board with books written by MHCC faculty, with a bio included for each faculty member. Melissa Gonzalez-McNeal made the bookmarks.

Forbis thanked Seth and Lindsay and the students in ASG for their service.

ADJOURNMENT

Zordich moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

Minutes recorded by Carrie Toth, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.