

Session #902

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on July 8th, 2015, with a workshop in the President's Office at 6 p.m. There was a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark Street, Gresham, Oregon.

WORKSHOP

Board Members present: Jim Zordich, Susie Jones, Teena Ainslie, Sonny Yellott, Tamie Arnold, Michael Calcagno (via phone)

Staff present: Debra Derr, Carrie Toth

Derr distributed a one page handout on the potential GO Bond. MHCC has a bond committee whose members have spoken with our students, staff, and our community; they heard that our number one issue was training and jobs. We tested amounts at \$125m, \$100m, and \$75m. All tested the same, with the same level of support, regardless of the amount.

One case was a new Applied Workforce and Technology center; our current building is one of the oldest on campus. Middle skill jobs are growing, and constructing a new building would allow us to expand our current programs and develop new programs that we are testing. We also have \$8m from the state of Oregon that we must match, or we will lose it; the legislature approved it for our Workforce and Technology building. We also consistently heard that we need a presence on the west side of our district; right now, we have Maywood Park, which is very active but out-of-date. We are looking at remodeling and expanding the current location. The committee also tested looking at our technology infrastructure; students cannot connect wirelessly, and we are in need of upgrades. Safety and security, with the ability to lockdown campus, was also a priority. Currently, a lockdown requires all doors to be locked manually; we would like to invest in keyless entry and additional cameras and emergency stations at all three campuses. Seismic upgrades were part of the test. The final test was on loans; we pay \$2.7m per year to pay off our debt, which is crippling us. Bonds have been passing recently, and we are working to understand the successful campaigns. We have hired a consultant and a strategist; the strategist worked with Clatsop on their bond and will attend the retreat in August. We have an active internal bond committee. To move forward, it will require a board resolution; at that time, the board would become more involved. A PAC with Doug Walker and Fred Sanchez has been organized.

Jones noted that we are making very good progress and are ahead of the game.

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Jones distributed a list of the committees and delegates needed. Board members will consider what they are interested in being a part of; decisions will be made at the August retreat.

Calcagno asked about the recent free tuition bill that passed yesterday. Derr responded that she will share additional information in her President's Report. The bill that passed is limited in scope. There are concerns that it is a last-dollar bill and does not serve our students most in need. It does have advising funding attached, which OCCA advocated for.

Derr notes that our OCCA and ACCT representatives have consistently been the board chair, but this does not have to be the case. Meetings are often in Salem and all over the state and can require overnight travel. ACCT also requires travel to the Legislative Conference. AACC does not require a board representative.

Arnold volunteered as the ACCT delegate. Ainslie will serve as the OSBA delegate. She and Calcagno will serve as Head Start representatives.

The board will explore a potential interest in a policy governance model. Jones suggested that board Policy review would be a good goal for the board in the upcoming year. She stressed the need for board Development; this is a young board and needs to commit to raising its competency.

OATH OF OFFICE

Derr swore in new board members Tamie Arnold, Teena Ainslie, Michael Calcagno, and Kenney Polson.

"I, _____, do affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the constitution and the laws of the state of Oregon, and the policies of Mt. Hood Community College.

During my term, I will faithfully and impartially discharge the responsibilities of the office to the best of my ability."

3 CONVENE MHCC BOARD

In the absence of a board chair, Susie Jones, as a senior board member, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Michael Calcagno attended via phone.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

4.1 Board Chair Election

Jones opened the meeting calling for nominations for the 2015-2016 Board Chair. She nominated Jim Zordich, who declined. Zordich nominated Susie Jones.

The nomination was seconded. Jones was elected Chair unanimously.

4.2 Vice Chair Election

Ainslie nominated Jim Zordich as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

BUSINESS/ACTION

6.1 AGENDA

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

6.2 CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.3 BOARD CALENDAR

Arnold moved to accept Board Calendar. She thanked the Board for the detailed schedule. Derr commented that the dates can be changed as needed when conflicts arise.

The October 14th date conflicts with the ACCT conference. She would recommend that either a Vice President represent her at the meeting, or that the date be moved. The board agreed that the October date be moved; a proposal will be submitted at the August board retreat. The motion carried unanimously.

6.4 HEAD START POLICY REVISION

Jean Wagner and Susan Brady presented a Head Start Policy Revision. During a review, Head Start received a recommendation to narrow down their food policy to state what they can and cannot do. They will also use their own dietician to advise on food substitutions. They already do not serve pork or nuts. They will accommodate vegetarian requests and other requests as they are able.

Arnold asked a question about the food quality and whether there was a farm-to-school program. Brady responded that, yes, there is a program in place and is in its third year. The food is prepared at a Head Start location and then distributed to the other campuses. She remarked that the food is very good quality. Wagner extended an invitation to have lunch with the Head Start kids as a guest. Recipes are provided in the parent bulletin.

7.1 ASG WELCOME

Seth Albert will be the new ASG President. He stated that he is eager to make a difference on campus; he would like to improve communication between ASG and the Board. This is his third year at Mt. Hood - he has worked with ASG for all three years and is grateful for his experience. He hopes to transfer to architecture and youth ministry.

Lindsay Patiño is beginning her second year at MHCC. She stated that she found a home in the Diversity Center and helped start the AAUW on campus. She is also a hopeful architecture major at Portland State. ASG is interested in doing a socks and underwear drive through Barney's Pantry. They would also like to explore options with Lancer; the hours do not necessarily match students' needs, and they feel that more affordable options would benefit the students.

8.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Derr introduced Christie Plinski, Vice President for Instruction and Student Development; and Rick Doughty, Vice President for Administrative Services.

Derr noted the closing of the 2015 Legislative Session. She distributed the OCCA summary of bills and drew attention in particular the funding bills. First, House Bill 3063: the Future Connect bill, begun in Portland by former mayor Sam Adams program. He recognized students living in poverty who were not college-ready, so Future Connect was developed. The results have been so positive that the state legislature voted to fund it across the state in a grant process. Mt. Hood will look at expanding its Future Connect Program. HB 2871 - the OER Bill - establishes an OER Grant Program through the HECC. SB 81 is the "Free Community College Bill", or the "Oregon Promise Program." Students must enroll at least part-time in a one-year program, be an Oregon resident, have completed a FAFSA, and meet other requirements. \$10m was appropriated to be distributed across community colleges. The grants will start in 2016-2017. It will not be a significant amount of money at Mt. Hood. It is a last-dollar pay; if a student has full Pell loans, they will not receive the funds.

SB 418 is the Accelerated Learning Bill and affects our College Now program. HB 3072 has startup resources available. Mt. Hood will apply for those resources. HB 2016 concerns African-American education. An advisory group will advise the Department of Education regarding the need to achieve higher educational achievements. Community colleges are looking at this in regard to education and engagement; our dropout rate is high. Funding of \$2.8m available.

HB 5005: Capital Construction Bill concerning Seismic rehabilitation. HB 5507 tied to SB 81. It will appropriate \$1.5m to HECC to fund Academic Advisors.

Legislation passed funding of community colleges at \$550m. The college will make recommendations to the board at the Board Retreat about what those additional resources will mean.

ADVISORY COMMENTS

Marilyn Pitts has no reports but welcomed and introduces herself to the new board members.

Ainslie remarked that she has been a Rotarian for 30 years; a Boy Scout; and retired from David Douglas as the School to Work Coordinator, helping teachers connect to industry. She is energized by the needs of our community youth and the need to train and help them.

Polson just finished his second Master's Degree, in Administration.

Calcagno commented how excited he is about the upcoming year. He noted that have big issues around Enrollment and that the College could play in instrumental role in turning the tide of poverty in East County. He would like to address the high need of impoverished students.

Jones is excited to serve as the Board Chair and to work with the new board as a team.

Zordich remarked on the Foundation Board dinner, where the Foundation reaffirmed its support of the bond and will provide seed money for the bond campaign. He asked Garie Zordich to speak; she noted Lidia Yuknavitch's new novel, "The Small Backs of Children," currently the #1 selling book in Portland - she is launching her new book tonight at Powell's City of Books. Garie Zordich stated that Yuknavitch's classes on campus are full, and we are lucky to have her. Jim Zordich requested information for the 50th Anniversary from anyone who has a history with the college. He distributed flyers from Jerry Lyons for the Campus Cruise-In and Rock Around the Block.

Arnold stated agreement with Calcagno about the needs of our students. She suggested that events be announced to board members so that she can attend as many events as possible. She thanked the community and is very excited to serve on the board.

Yellott stated that he is very politically active and is starting the process of achieving his BA. He is passionate about being a student. He would like to extend an invitation to the ASG members to speak with him.

Forbis introduced himself. He thanked the new board members and ASG for their time commitment; they make a huge difference and can direct the conversation of the board.

Huston introduced himself as the new CEA President. He represents almost 200 employees as CEA President, who are often the first and last employees students have contact with.

Calcagno requested looking into audio recordings/live audio streams. Derr will conduct initial research and report back at the next board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.