

Session #907

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on November 18, 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

Susie Jones began the workshop by reminding the board members that they are to submit workshop topics in advance for consideration or for future agenda items. The board can share ideas, bounce ideas off each other, and can determine as a whole whether or not to consider the item and to take staff time with information requests.

Jones distributed an excerpt from the Oregon Public Meeting law regarding agenda items. She noted that while the board can add items to that evening's meeting, they may not always have all the background information necessary to make a decision, and the public should be informed of agenda topics in advance whenever possible. She urged the board to be thoughtful when considering whether or not to add items. Ainslie and Polson agreed.

She noted that the board will have discussion at the regular session about the previous month's motion on recording. Currently, the board more than meets the legal requirements, providing meeting minutes and a recording (when requested).

Jones noted that when the board has a split decision, the Board Assistant must record votes by name; Jones will likely ask for a show of hands in the future on split decisions. She also noted that four affirmative votes must be cast to pass a resolution, regardless of the number of members present. The board can have a quorum of four members, but four positive votes are still required. Members can be present electronically. Board members should vote and not abstain habitually, unless there are conflicts of interests or other circumstances. Jones also noted that board members must be present to vote and cannot vote by proxy or in writing. She distributed a monograph on Carver Policy Governance to the board members.

Yellott asked the authority of the board to research information about a group of Law Enforcement Officers and military members who are donating their time to training selected students on how to respond in emergency situations like the Umpqua shooting. He does not have all the details but would like to pursue it. Jones asked what the College is already doing as far as training. Derr responded that we have had law

enforcement and the FBI working with the College and that we have strong relationships with those groups through our Public Safety office. Calcagno asked if we are currently providing training to students; Derr responded that we currently train them to “run, hide, fight.” The board agreed that they would like further information about current training programs, specifically for students, by the next meeting. Yellott can provide Rick with information about the program he is referring to.

Ainslie asked about the proposed PSU payroll tax. Derr responded that the community colleges in the affected districts - PCC, Clackamas, and Mt. Hood - are working to put together a response to address their concerns. She will keep the board informed through the Friday letters.

Ainslie provided information on the ASVAB test, which she worked with previously and which many of the local high schools still use. MHCC does not currently provide ASVAB testing. Ainslie stated that the ASVAB gives students personal information about themselves and can help guide them toward a career and a goal in a way that they can afford. She said that it is also helpful for students with a military background in selecting a career. Her proposal is to offer the ASVAB at Mt. Hood. Derr stated that we only provide college placement testing, but that we are exploring different alternatives-there is a lot of activity around assessment at the state level and with Guided Pathways. Derr will speak with the President of Blue Mountain, where they use the ASVAB as a tool, and look at what schools in our district are using it. Ainslie would like to see be able to capitalize.

Calcagno presented a white paper on his concept for an Upward Mobility Center for the board’s consideration. He stated that community colleges traditionally do not provide stability or wraparound support for students in need. Tacoma Community College has been doing something similar with outstanding results. He asked that board to read the proposal and generate conversation for the December or January board meeting. He believes that this would increase success and completion for high-barrier students. The proposal would involve Home Forward, who receives funding from HUD. He sees this as a way to offer an “on ramp” to jobs and to the middle class and noted that MHCC will be a significant transit hub when the Powell-Division project is completed, which could provide access to other grant dollars. He emphasized that this is his concept and not that of the board and asked the board to read the packet, ask questions, and consider the proposal - he would eventually seek a letter of interest from the board.

Derr asked about a timeline - are there dates that expire? For example the \$8m for the bond match will expire. She would like the board to consider the concept in relation to

the bond, Academic Master Plan, Guided Pathways, and other items the board is discussing long-term. Calcagno responded that, no, it can be on the back burner – it is not time sensitive. The Powell-Division project is still a long way from completion. Doughty recommends that Calcagno keep the College in the loop; he does not see the center as being able to lessen the tuition burden for students – he stated that the Back 40 provides a number of possibilities for public-private partnerships. Calcagno believes that this can still happen and would increase enrollment; Doughty responds that it would need to be part of the Master Plan.

Zordich asked how many people have received this document; Calcagno responded that he does not know. Zordich responded that he is concerned that the document gives the impression to the community that the board has already given its support, when they have not received any preliminary information.

The board will read through the information and bring questions to a future meeting. Jones reminded the board that they must move forward together when advocating and requesting information.

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on November 18, 2015. A quorum was present.

Board members present: Susie Jones (Chair), Jim Zordich (Vice Chair), Michael Calcagno, Kenney Polson, Sonny Yellott

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Zordich requested that the board pull item 3.2e off the consent agenda. Jennifer DeMent provided an explanation of the item, which is part of the Early Head Start program, and nearly all of the cost is through Head Start.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Omar Morante introduced himself to the board as the ASG Senator for Financial Support.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

5.1 CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Kevin Lambert and the choir students performed the song, “Wanting Memories,” for the board.

5.2 SALMON SAFE

Rick Doughty introduced Charles George, Director of Facilities; and Steve Wise, Executive Director of the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council. Doughty noted that the board has a policy devoted to Sustainability, and that the Sustainability Council have been hard at work this year. Wise thanked the board for the opportunity to present (*the presentation is included as part of the official minutes*). He joined the campus last year in the GE building, and the Council meets upstairs. MHCC has an opportunity to be the first community college to receive a Salmon Safe certification, which he views as a strong opportunity to highlight stewardship and promote sustainability. Many potential partners and funders are willing to work with the college; Intel, for example, is interested in using this as a test case. George noted that the project can be built into the campus Master Plan.

Jones asked if there are opportunities to tie the program to curriculum. George responded that there are multiple opportunities with our Fish & Wildlife Programs. Derr stated that part of the charge of the President’s Climate Initiative, which she is pledged to, is to integrate sustainability programs across campus. George noted that one current issue is with warm water that drains from the pool; Calcagno asked what a possible solution would be. George responded that small steps to cool the water would be a first step, with longer-term steps such as removing the dam as a possibility. Polson asked if any bond money would be allocated for this purpose. Doughty responded that the initial cost is modest, with our proposed partnerships, and that could be part of the future bond cycle.

5.3 MESD

The MESD Accountability report will be rescheduled.

5.4 ELLUCIAN

Sharla Trimm of Ellucian provided an update on the Grants Office. Earlier this year, the board approved Ellucian as a vendor to assist with grant writing. Trimm wants to help the College develop a long-term grants strategy, focusing on all aspects of the grants process. New applications must align with our Strategic Plan. She is providing training sessions to MHCC staff and working to increase our capacity to pursue and manage grants. Al Sigala is currently the College's point of contact, with Sharla as the Ellucian Lead. She meets weekly via teleconference with College staff. Currently, there is about \$1.5m in pending grants, including one for Cybersecurity. Derr reminded the board that this new Ellucian contract is to help the college work toward financial stability and ramp up our Resource Development through the Foundation and grants. MHCC has not had an infrastructure to support the grant process.

BUSINESS/ACTION

6.1 OSBA ELECTIONS

Carrie Toth distributed ballots for the 2015 OSBA elections. Jones asked each board member to record their votes and return them to the Board Assistant to tally. The Board will submit one vote as a whole. Board members elected:

OSBA Board Position 17:

Francisco Acosta

LPC Position 17:

James Trujillo

OSBA Board Position 18:

Kris Howatt

LPC Position 18:

Amy Kohnstamm

OSBA Board Position 19:

Paul Anthony

ACTION LPC Position 19:

Kent Zook

Zordich moved to approve the vote and submit it to OSBA. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6.2 BOARD MEETING RECORDING

Debra Derr read a summary of the cost for posting audio and video recordings of the board meeting. At the October meeting, the board had indicated an interest in having the audio recording posted following the November meeting, with a cost analysis to be provided for video recording. At the time, it was thought that the audio would be at no cost; however, because of our recent OCR complaint, our website must be ADA compliant, which would require a full audio transcript to be posted with the recording. Any video would have to have closed captioning, at a cost to the College.

Jones reminded the board that, as it stands, the board requested a posted audio recording following the November meeting. Calcagno clarified that the amendment was for the video only, not that the board would re-evaluate the audio. Jones responded that he is correct, but the board did not realize at the time that there was cost to the audio, so the board can reconsider with a motion.

Zordich moved to rescind the board's previous motion from the October meeting and bring it forward to be re-evaluated at the 2016 budget cycle. Yellott seconded the motion. Jones clarified that rescinding a motion would require a 2/3 vote of the board. Calcagno encouraged the board to vote no and to go ahead with the lower cost audio options. Jones noted that the board budget does not have the recording cost built in. She believes that the board is creating an expense for the College for a non-emergency situation, and that concerns her. Derr responded that she and DeMent will look at the budget to find the resources, or else the board can reexamine its budget. Polson asked when the budget cycle will begin. Derr responded that we are underway, but that the budget would be presented to the board in the spring. The fiscal year ends June 30th.

Zordich, Yellott, and Jones voted yes. Ainslie, Polson, and Calcagno voted no. The motion failed.

Calcagno moved to continue with the posting of audio with full transcript and then re-evaluate the video portion with the new budget cycle. Ainslie seconded the motion. Jones called for a vote. Ainslie, Polson, Yellott, Calcagno, Yellott, and Jones voted yes. Zordich voted no. The motion carried.

6.3 PRESIDENT'S GOALS

Derr provided a copy of her proposed goals for 2015-2016 for approval. She did not receive any comments from board members following the October meeting, so this version contains only very small edits but is otherwise the same. It includes big rocks like the bond, accreditation, financial stability, and the campus climate.

Calcagno asked about the Culture of Excellence training goal – can board members attend the training? Derr responded that, yes, they are welcome to attend. She will provide information on the current training and the overview.

Jim Zordich made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 President’s Goals. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT & GO BOND UPDATE

Derr provided a hard copy of her President’s Report. She then introduced Paige Richardson, the College’s GO Bond consultant. Jones noted that Paige was the consultant for the recent bond passed by Beaverton. Richardson stated that she has been on successful teams for education bonds, and that she particularly enjoys education bonds. She is impressed by the vision for the bond and is excited to work with the College but noted that it will require a huge effort from the college community and the district.

Calcagno asked what the poll numbers reflect for the bond. Richardson responds that she has only seen poll numbers from the spring, but that it is at about 50%. The favorables are higher. The next survey will take place over the next two weeks, just after Thanksgiving. The board will receive a poll briefing and a poll summary. She noted that May elections tend to have small turnouts, while November, especially in Presidential election years, tends to be very high. The bond committee will explore both election dates and will ramp up fundraising.

Patiño asked how student government can help support the bond. Richardson responded that there are many ways – students telling stories is one of the most powerful ways to get the message out. She hopes to spend time talking to the student groups and allowing anyone who wants to help the opportunity. Social media, voter registration and turnout, and advocacy will be key. Derr noted that bond information is now posted on the web page. Richardson will continue to provide updates and information – she asks for feedback from the board members about their own questions or what they hear from the community.

CLOSING REMARKS

8.1 ASG Representative Comments

Lindsay Patiño provided a copy of the CNN calendar of events that are posted in restrooms across campus. She brought attention to the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November

30th and the Multicultural Holiday Celebration on December 1. She stated that the calendar is also available on the Student Life App and will eventually be posted on the website.

ASG took 16 students to the Oregon Students of Color convention at PSU and will take one of the workshops to the ASG Senate. She and Seth Albert also attended an OER meeting, and she hopes to have a rally during winter term to spread awareness and help with textbook affordability.

She noted that ASG is currently working on the process for student complaints and students of concerns as our current process is unclear. They are also working with Lancer on more options for students – the options and hours do not necessarily work well for many of our students.

8.2 Advisory Committee Comments

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

These meeting minutes are designed to be ADA compliant. Signed minutes are available by request or in the office of Carrie Toth, Executive Assistant to the Board.