

SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
114 S. Del Rosa Drive, San Bernardino, California 92408

Minutes of the Study Session of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, May 28, 2009 4:00 p.m. – Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ramos called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

James C. Ramos, President
Carleton W. Lockwood, Jr., Vice President
Dr. Donald L. Singer, Clerk
John M. Futch
John Longville
Dr. Charles S. Terrell, Jr.
Jess C. Vizcaino, Jr.

Members Absent:

Stefan Colvey, Student Trustee, CHC
Javier Alcaez, Student Trustee, SBVC

Administrators Present:

Dr. Noelia Vela, Chancellor
Dr. Debra Daniels, President, SBVC
Gloria M. Harrison, President, CHC
Larry Cicalone, President, KVCR
Robert J. Temple, Vice Chancellor Fiscal Services
Renee Brunelle, Vice Chancellor Human Resources

Administrators Absent:

None.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Longville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. 2009-10 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Dr. Vela gave the Board a general update regarding the status of the state's fiscal crises and indicated that today's study session is intended to give the Board a general overview of the impact the governor's proposed cuts would have on our budget if these proposals are enacted. She turned the session over to Mr. Temple who walked the Board through the funding process, the current state and local budget situation, and the impact the budget cuts have on this district and its students.

Mr. Temple reported the district is positioned fairly well to absorb a \$4.1 million reduction next year by not allocating any of the savings and additional income. When the budget is finalized for next year, the ongoing savings and additional income will be placed in a Board account to be used to absorb the cuts in next year's budget. The district is also on target to achieve the \$1.9 million in current year budget reductions. The goal is to achieve a 9% Board reserve for contingencies in next year's budget, which would allow for the possibility of absorbing mid-year budget cuts which are likely to occur.

As a result of the state-wide cuts, this district stands to lose \$3,540,000 in general funds which equates to serving 2,688 fewer students. Ongoing categorical cuts amount to \$2,796,284 and additional one-time categorical cuts amount to \$718,645.

The Board was reminded of the following guiding principles which were developed last November to identify cuts: 1) Keep the cuts as far away from student instruction and services as possible; 2) Avoid layoffs of permanent full-time employees; 3) Maintain and manage FTES; 4) Maintain compliance with the 50% law; and 5) Maintain the mission of each entity within the District.

Mr. Temple reported the district is positioned well with the drastic cuts. In the Fall, we need to begin to thoughtfully work our way through the 2009-10 year and the following three years. We will have to fundamentally change how we serve our students after next year. He credited the Board because the trustees have traditionally advocated a strong conservative approach to the budget and have supported a strong fund balance.

Mr. Temple cautioned the Board that cuts made to the district budget will be as difficult to make as those that were made at the state level. If the cuts are permanent, some of the decisions will be to eliminate programs and services. Mr. Temple advised the Board that the college presidents and their instructional departments are in the best position to recommend any reductions to programs and services. He recommended the Board remain conservative in its approach to the district funds. The final authority rests with the Board.

Dr. Vela thanked Mr. Temple, Mr. Gerhard and Mr. Sutorus who worked very hard keeping up with the daily changes to the state budget. Discussions will be held to look at the impact the proposed cuts will have on our categorical programs. The presidents will be reviewing and guiding the Fall schedule and looking at maintaining and strengthening efficiencies. The chancellor informed the Board that the Collegiate Cabinet and others are already working at analyzing our work and how we can do things differently. The chancellor's direction to everyone in the district is to think about doing things differently and start formulating plans to change.

4. CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to closed session at 6:05 p.m.

5. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Ramos reconvened the public meeting at 7:48 p.m.

6. REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Ramos adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Donald L. Singer, Clerk
San Bernardino Community College District
Board of Trustees