

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
San Mateo County Community College District  
May 14, 2008  
San Mateo, CA**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** President Richard Holober, Vice President-Clerk Karen Schwarz, Trustees Helen Hausman, Dave Mandelkern and Patricia Miljanich, and Student Trustee Richael Young

**Others Present:** Chancellor Ron Galatolo, Executive Vice Chancellor Jim Keller, Skyline College President Victoria Morrow, College of San Mateo President Michael Claire, Cañada College President Tom Mohr, and District Academic Senate President Patty Dilko

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

None

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee Miljanich and seconded by Vice President Schwarz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of April 30, 2008. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PERSONS OR DELEGATIONS**

None

**STATEMENTS FROM EXECUTIVES**

Executive Reports were presented by Chancellor Galatolo, Skyline College President Morrow, College of San Mateo President Claire, Cañada College President Mohr, Executive Vice Chancellor Keller and District Academic Senate President Dilko. Copies of the Presidents' Executive Reports were available for distribution at the meeting and are attached to the official minutes of record.

Chancellor Galatolo reminded the Board that at the March 28, 2007 meeting, Jane Weidman, Pat Benner and Kathy Endaya presented a report on the Project Read Inmate Literacy Program. At that time, Trustee Hausman suggested that this program be submitted for a Kent Award. Chancellor Galatolo announced that the program was selected as a 2008 award winner and he displayed the plaque which was presented at the J. Russell Kent Awards dinner on May 12.

Chancellor Galatolo announced that College Vista won a national Pillars of the Industry Award from the National Association of Home Builders as Best Affordable Apartment Community; he displayed the plaque that was awarded. Chancellor Galatolo also announced that Barbara Christensen was chosen by the Community College Public Relations Organization to be the winner of the 2007 All PRO Award. He noted that this is a lifetime achievement award and only one person in the State is selected to receive it each year.

Adding to her written report, Skyline College President Morrow said that the theater was full on both nights for the Pilipino Cultural Night production, *Lovewrecked: Diary of a Manilaman*. She added that the dancers who performed in the show are dancing tonight at the San Francisco Giants game.

College of San Mateo President Claire displayed a copy of a book by Michael Collopy, a portrait photographer who will be the speaker for commencement. Mr. Collopy attended College of San Mateo in the late 1970s. President Claire reported that a record number of high school students participated in PEP (Priority Enrollment Program) this year, up at least 30% over the previous year.

Cañada College President Mohr said he arrived late to this meeting because he attended the annual MESA event at the campus this evening. He said a large number of students are transferring to the UC System this year. President Mohr thanked District Academic Senate President Dilko for her work in developing a proposal for an honors program at Cañada College, as described in his written report.

Executive Vice Chancellor Keller said the Governor released the May revise today. Overall, it is positive for community colleges as it recommends an increase in growth funding. It also recommends that Proposition 98 not be suspended and that there be no student fee increase. A property tax shortfall is expected and, although not guaranteed for community colleges, the Governor is recommending a backfill to partially cover the shortfall. A reduction of approximately 7% in categorical funds is recommended, and would allow shifting between categorical programs. No COLA is recommended. The May revise is predicated on the Governor's plan to borrow against future State lottery proceeds, which would require passage of a ballot measure in November. If this is not approved, the Governor's fallback strategy is a one cent increase in the sales tax.

District Academic Senate President Dilko said this is a particularly busy time of year for faculty as they participate in social and academic celebrations. President Dilko said the Academic Senate is ready to recommend that the ethics statement of the American Association of University Professors be adopted by all District faculty as their ethics statement. President Dilko said there are elections underway for Academic Senate President at each of the Colleges and for President of the District Academic Senate. She also said the State Senate is encouraging faculty to continue to be engaged in advocacy over the summer as the battle over the State budget continues. President Dilko said the District Academic Senate will have its final meeting of the year on May 21. Over the summer, faculty will be teaching summer school and additional faculty will be working on accreditation issues, strategic planning at all three campuses, and student learning outcomes and assessments.

#### **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Helen Souranoff spoke about her proposal to form a New Performing Arts Center Committee and she distributed an outline of her comments (copy attached). She said a new Performing Arts Center would meet community needs which have changed with changing demographics. She suggests College of San Mateo as the site because it is centrally located in the County and has nearby restaurants and public transportation, among other reasons. Ms. Souranoff said College of San Mateo and the District have been at the forefront of innovations and meeting community needs in the past. She referenced a feasibility study done by Broadway by the Bay in 2005 to support the need for the new Center. She invited the Board to contact her regarding the proposal. Chris Eden encouraged the Board to study the feasibility of Ms. Souranoff's suggestion. President Holober asked that Ms. Souranoff provide the Broadway by the Bay feasibility study for staff to evaluate.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS: CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT, COMPENSATION, PLACEMENT, LEAVES, STAFF ALLOCATIONS AND CLASSIFICATION OF ACADEMIC AND CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (08-5-1A)**

It was moved by Trustee Hausman and seconded by Trustee Miljanich to approve the actions in Board Report No. 08-5-1A. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consists of the following Board Reports:

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| 08-5-1CA | Approval of Trustees' Fund for Program Improvement Projects for Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College |
| 08-5-2CA | Revision of District Rules and Regulations, Section 1.05, Student Trustee  |

It was moved by Trustee Miljanich and seconded by Trustee Hausman to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

## **Other Recommendations**

### **REVISIONS OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES AND LIBERAL ARTS STUDIES DEGREES FOR TITLE 5 COMPLIANCE (08-5-1B)**

It was moved by Trustee Miljanich and seconded by Vice President Schwarz to approve the revisions as described in the report. Vice Chancellor Jing Luan explained that the revisions were made in response to new requirements for Title 5. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-7 IN SUPPORT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY BALLOT MEASURE O, PARKS FOR THE FUTURE (08-5-2B)**

It was moved by Trustee Mandelkern and seconded by Trustee Hausman to approve Resolution No. 08-7. Julia Bott, Executive Director of the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation, provided a brief overview of the resolution. She said that support from districts such as SMCCCD is very important. She emphasized that if the resolution passes, all funds will stay within the County. Trustee Hausman displayed a brochure on the measure which she offered to share with other Board members. President Holober said the Board normally takes a stand only on education-oriented measures; he noted that at the last meeting, Trustees Mandelkern and Hausman pointed out that parks are a major source of education, along with schools and libraries. After this discussion, the motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

### **CONSIDERATION OF SERVICE AWARD FOR 2007-2008 STUDENT TRUSTEE (08-5-100B)**

It was moved by Trustee Hausman and seconded by Trustee Miljanich to approve the service award as outlined in the report. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

### **APPROVAL TO EXTEND ELECTRICITY AGREEMENT WITH CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC. (08-5-101B)**

It was moved by Trustee Miljanich and seconded by Trustee Hausman to approve the agreement as outlined in the report. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

### **APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS (08-5-102B)**

It was moved by Vice President Schwarz and seconded by Trustee Hausman to approve the construction consultants as outlined in the report. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

### **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR CAÑADA COLLEGE GATEWAYS, CIRCULATION AND PARKING DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT (08-5-103B)**

It was moved by Trustee Hausman and seconded by Vice President Schwarz to approve the contract award as outlined in the report. Executive Director of Construction Planning Rick Bennett said this was originally conceived as a Design-Bid-Build project. It was changed to a Design-Build project when legislation was passed that lowered the threshold for Design-Build projects. This proved advantageous to the District in terms of scheduling and in cost savings as the District was able to negotiate with the Design-Build firms. Six bidders were pre-qualified and five submitted proposals. Mr. Bennett said the outcome was very successful. Vice President Schwarz said she was impressed with the report and that the Board was included in the entire process, allowing them to understand it thoroughly. Trustee Mandelkern agreed, commending Mr. Bennett and his team for a report that was very well prepared. Mr. Bennett said he will forward the comments to Alex Acenas who played a large role in preparing the report. President Holober said he is pleased that points were awarded to firms for maximizing opportunities for local, small and emerging businesses to compete fairly and maximizing opportunities for local workers to be employed on the project. He said he hopes these factors will continue to be weighed on future projects. After this discussion, the motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

### **AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED TO UPGRADE TELEPHONE SYSTEM (08-5-104B)**

It was moved by Trustee Hausman and seconded by Vice President Schwarz to authorize execution of the agreement as outlined in the report. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

**PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO RICHAEAL YOUNG, OUTGOING STUDENT TRUSTEE (08-5-105B)**

President Holober presented an engraved crystal award to Student Trustee Young. Trustee Young said it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board. She said the District has afforded her many opportunities and she has grown and matured since she enrolled at College of San Mateo as a 14-year-old student. She thanked Board members for making themselves available to her when she had questions or concerns.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

None

**STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

All Board members thanked Student Trustee Young for her service. Trustee Miljanich said Trustee Young has enriched the work of the Board by providing a very insightful student perspective. Trustee Hausman said Trustee Young is research-oriented, articulate and pleasant; she said that she has worked with many student trustees and that Trustee Young is one of the best. Vice President Schwarz said Trustee Young asks questions and researches issues and has represented students as well or better than any student trustee she has known. Trustee Mandelkern said Trustee Young has done an exemplary job and students should be proud of the way in which she represented them. President Holober said that by serving two years, Trustee Young gained knowledge over time, allowing her to make a different kind of contribution. He added that in his experience, Trustee Young has been the most connected in representing students and presenting their point of view.

Vice President Schwarz attended the College of San Mateo scholarship reception; the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Building & Construction Trades Council at the San Mateo County History Museum; Skyline College Past President Linda Salter's art show; and the Kent Awards. She also visited Skyline yesterday where students in Professor Jeffrey Westfall's Honors English 165 class set up voter registration booths and provided Voters Guides. Vice President Schwarz requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in honor of Anthony Giraudo, a Cañada College student who died last week.

Trustee Miljanich said she was pleased to hear Chancellor Galatolo's report on the recent awards. She said that the award won by Barbara Christensen does not do her justice and added that the Board has great appreciation for Ms. Christensen's work.

Trustee Mandelkern attended the Building & Construction Trades Council 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. He will attend State Senator Simitian's Education Update meeting on Saturday morning and said he will present questions anyone might have. Vice Chancellor José Nuñez said the capital budget is major concern and projects that have been approved might be affected.

President Holober attended the Kent Awards presentation. He also reported that earlier today, local teachers participated in a spirited protest over proposed cuts to education.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

President Holober said he received a letter and accompanying Grand Jury report on "Expanding Community College Courses Offered on High School Campuses." Each Board member has been provided a copy. President Holober said the report was favorable, recommending that the District expand its program and that high schools get on board. Chancellor Galatolo said staff will respond to the Grand Jury Report.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 8:39 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS TAKEN**

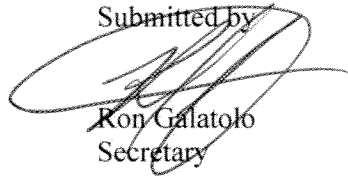
Vice President Schwarz reported that, at the Closed Session just concluded, the Board considered the personnel items listed on the printed agenda and voted 5-0 to approve the actions in Board Report No. 1-A and 1-B.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Vice President Schwarz and seconded by Trustee Miljanich to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye." The meeting was adjourned in honor of Anthony Giraudo at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a Study Session on June 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Submitted by



Ron Galatolo  
Secretary

Approved and entered into the proceedings of the June 11, 2008 meeting.



Karen Schwarz  
Vice President-Clerk