

MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIVE HUNDRED AND FOURTH REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pat Dean at 3:30 p.m. Trustees then recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing the following closed session agenda items:

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment
Chancellor Search Update
 2. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54956.9(a) - Litigation
Case: ACE v. YCCD, No. 306771
Phan v. YCCD, No. 381080
 3. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54956.9(b)
Significant Exposure to Litigation: Two Cases
 4. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator
Conference with real property negotiators
 5. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators
District Representatives: D. Wirth, T. Scott, G. Rose
Employee Organizations: CSEA & YFA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present Pat Dean
 Anne DeMartini
 Abe Rojas
 Tom Hallinan
 Linda Flores
 Desirree Abshire
 Paul Neumann

Board Members Absent Will McCombs (student trustee)

Others Present S. Hodges, J. Smith, D. Wirth, G. Rose, R. Rose, T. Scott, L. Steuben, D. Baggett, N. Stavrianoudakis, T. Nesmith, L. Hoile, J. Swank, J. Daly, C. Martin, L. Steuben, L. Jackson, M. Newton, M. Kennedy, M. Otaya, T. Hollimon, G. Railey, J. Lanchester, A. Salcedo, R. Martin, M. Anglin, B. Johnson, B. Langstrait, T. Conrado, S. Amador, C. Sampson and S. Akiona (recorder).

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Report Out From Closed Session None.

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Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini seconded by Trustee Flores, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, as amended.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. (Trustees Hallinan and Neumann were not present for this vote.)

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Student Activity Reports

There was no report from Modesto Junior College.

Larry Steuben, Academic Senate President, gave the report for the Columbia College Associated Students. ASCC held a club day with seven clubs participating. Three future clubs also participated in the event. On Valentine's Day, the ACCLAIM Drama Club sold candy, flowers and singing telegrams. The Environment and Bicycling Club sponsored two campus clean up days and is working on recycle collection around campus. A Black History Month display is located in the Rotunda for the month of February.

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Academic Senate Reports

Curtis Martin, MJC Academic Senate President, stated that the program review pilot program will be implemented this semester at MJC. Full implementation is expected in the Fall. For six years, program review has been needed at MJC. The new review program will answer questions regarding program needs and the information will help better analyze where college resources are needed.

Larry Steuben, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported that faculty is working on the Fall semester schedule and is focusing on maximizing student access. Faculty will be contributing information for the Accountability Report for Community Colleges (ARCC). At the next Senate meeting, increasing faculty scholarships will be discussed. Officer elections will be held in early March.

REPORTS & INFORMATION
ITEMS

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Activities and Announcements
MJC Speech and Debate
Teams

President Rich Rose reported that the MJC Speech and Debate Teams captured the 1st place Community College Sweepstakes Trophy at Chabot College's Invitational Speech Tournament on January 26-28. MJC received 1st place in Parliamentary Debate. Students Jennifer Ramirez, Paul Hooper, Peter Said, Danielle Lawson, Angela Norwood, Rebecca Benjamin, Lynn Sampson and Heather Rayburn were finalists and top winners in a variety of speech and debate categories. MJC was the number one community college, and competed against 4-year universities coming in second overall to only University of the Pacific, and topping Santa Clara University and San Francisco State University. He congratulated Todd Guy and the participating MJC students.

MJC Civic Engagement
Project – Spring Film Series

President Rose reported that Modesto Junior College's Civic Engagement Project documentary film series for Spring is scheduled for Thursdays, 7 p.m., Forum 110, East Campus. All films are free and open to the public. *The Yes Men* is showing on February 22; a story of two men pretending to be corporate bigwigs in order to expose powerful corporate evil doing. *Why We Fight* will show on March 8 and is an unflinching look at the anatomy of the American "Military Industrial Complex." On March 22, *Tough Guise* will be shown and explores the male culture and how boys are raised to become "men." *The "Ground Truth"* will show on April 5 and is a pointed indictment of the American military's treatment of its own, on and off the battlefield.

MJC African American
Education Conference & Teen
Summit

President Rich Rose reported that the Annual African American Education Conference & Teen Summit will be held on Saturday, February 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on MJC's West Campus. The conference "*Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud*" focuses on youth, grades 7-12, gaining skills and motivation to stay in school and continue through college. The free conference is open to all students and advance registration is required. The keynote speaker is actor and activist Gregory Alan Williams. Event activities include workshops, exhibits, entertainment, and a parent advocacy training. "*Hyphy*" is the discussion topic for the Teen Summit. Workshop topics include Preparing for College; Successful Study Habits; Tips for Test Taking; Basic Computer Skills; Graphic Design and Printing; MJC Vocational Education Tour; Knowing your Student Rights; Gang Awareness; Honoring Your Roles & Responsibilities, and Guilty by Association. A free, public pre-conference Youth Forum "*Silence the Violence with Unity in the Community*" is scheduled for February 23, from, 6-9 p.m., in the MSR Learning Center.

23rd Annual Hispanic
Education Conference

President Rose reported that the Hispanic Education Conference will be held on Saturday, March 24, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the MJC Gymnasium. The conference provides information on careers, occupations, and encourages students to choose a career path, focus on a goal and consider attending Modesto Junior College. The morning keynote presenters will be Roberto Salazar, Administrator of USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and Jose M. Hernandez, NASA Mission Specialist. Workshop offerings include Law Enforcement, Nursing, Business, Computer Science/Graphics, Social Work, Engineering, and a variety of other special topics. A special session for Spanish-speaking parents is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. Admission is free.

Columbia College Seeks Hall of Fame Nominees

President Joan Smith reported that nominations for candidates for Columbia College's 17th Annual Hall of Fame are due on February 22. Nomination forms with eligibility requirements can be obtained from the President's Office. The Hall of Fame dinner celebration will be held on April 5 on the Columbia College Campus. There will be no charge to attend, but reservations must be made through the President's Office.

State and Federal Legislative Seminars

Interim Chancellor Stan Hodges reported that on January 27-29, 2007, the Community College League of California held its annual Legislative Conference in Sacramento. Trustees Dean, Hallinan, Rojas and Abshire; Interim Chancellor Hodges, Diane Wirth, Shelley Akiona and Nick Stavrianoudakis attended the conference and met personally with six state legislators and/or their representatives (Senators Jeff Denham, Dave Cox and Dave Cogdill and Assembly Members Greg Aghazarian, Cathleen Galgiani and Tom Berryhill) to recap the past year and discuss upcoming issues and concerns. On February 11-14, 2007, the American Association of Community Colleges and Association of Community College Trustees held its annual Community College National Legislative Seminar in Washington D.C. Trustee Dean, MJC President Rose and Nick Stavrianoudakis represented YCCD and met personally with federal legislators and/or their representatives.

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Presentations/Updates
Enrollment Update

President Joan Smith reported that Columbia College anticipates 1.5% growth for the Spring Semester. George Railey, Dean of Instructional Services at MJC, reported that MJC has enrolled 78 more students than this time last year. He reported that MJC will be flat for the Spring Semester.

MJC Mechanized Agriculture

Mark Anglin, Dean of Agriculture, and instructors Steve Amador and Todd Conrado, were before the Board to discuss MJC success in Mechanized Agriculture, specifically the ¼ scale tractor competition. The MJC competition ¼ scale tractor was on display this afternoon outside of the District office. Mr. Amador has been successful in having MJC accepted as a member to the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. Prior to Mr. Amador's efforts, community colleges were not included in this association. Student Brandon Longstreth spoke about the opportunities for students in Ag Mechanics at MJC. He thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to compete and show their work in national competitions. Students who participate in this program are able to build a tractor from the ground up. This includes designing, oral presentations, written presentations and tractor pulls. Student Bryan Johnson mentioned that entering national competitions allows students to take the name of Modesto Junior College out

on a national level. Student Johnson appreciates the opportunity to take the information they learn in the classroom and make it practical through this type of building project and competition. Trustee Neumann recognized that the MJC team beat out notable schools including North Carolina State, Auburn, Texas A&M, and others. Trustee Rojas commended the staff and students as this is only their second year in the built tractor competition, placing 19th the first year and advancing to 9th this year. Chair Dean believes the program is remarkable and commended the students on their success.

MJC Educational and Facilities Master Plan Update

President Richard Rose, introduced David Carnal, CEO of BFGC Architecture, to present the MJC Educational and Facilities Master Plan update. Mr. Carnal appeared on behalf of consultant, Dr. Grace Mitchell, who was unable to attend due to circumstances outside of her control. The EMP was presented at a college forum early in the month. The forum was well attended by faculty, staff and students. Mr. Carnal reported that Dr. Mitchell will continue to work with Mr. Carnal during the Facilities Master Plan preparation. He reported that over 125 staff members participated in the EMP process. The report prepared by Dr. Mitchell is based on a data driven analysis and forecasting. Goals of the EMP and FMP include offering MJC facilities that are flexible, and can grow and develop with college programs; create an environment where students can flourish; and wisely use district resources. Mr. Carnal reported that the FMP process is inclusive and will move aggressively towards completion. It is anticipated that a draft Facilities Master Plan, tied into the Educational Master Plan, will be completed by the end of May.

Trustee Rojas expressed concern regarding non-credit ESL offerings on the West Campus and the transition for students into other Literature & Language Arts offerings.

Bond Update

Mark Newton, Kitchell representative, reported on Bond progress to the Board. He thanked Mr. David Carnal, Dr. Grace Mitchell and MJC for the work on the Educational Master Plan.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting will be held on April 4, 2007 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Yosemite Community College District Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto. The Board, at its March meeting, will appoint members to CBOC to fill vacancies.

Modesto Junior College Update: As previously reported, the *Educational Master Plan* was presented to the college community in a college forum on February 6th. *Agricultural Complex Projects* are within budget and have been prioritized

as follows: 1) Housing, 2) Multi-Use Pavilion, 3) Animal Units, 4) Instructional Building. The housing project, which will include new bedroom units, will go out to bid next month. The Pavilion is currently over budget; scope and cost reduction strategies are being reviewed to return to budget parameters. *Parking Structure:* MJC formed a project committee. Design meetings will follow. Alternative delivery methods to accelerate completion are being reviewed. *Allied Health:* The committee met to collaborate about program reduction on February 8, they will discuss the need for a facility adequate to support program growth. The *Auditorium* demolition is close to completion; the first loads of steel have arrived on campus and have been erected; the project is on budget and on schedule. *The West Side Outreach Facility:* meetings have been held with the land donor, City of Patterson representatives and District representatives. The land donor has offered to change the site to front Baldwin Road making it more accessible. District staff and legal counsel continue to work on this proposal. It is anticipated that submission of the identified parcel will go to the City this summer.

Columbia College: *Campus Master Plan:* the draft has been reviewed by the committee and comments forwarded to the campus planner for preparation of the final draft. The plan will be presented to the Board at its March meeting. *Child Development Center:* Design has been completed and costs are being estimated. As a secondary effect, Pinyon will be relocated to maintain ongoing operations while the new center is being constructed. The design is being fast-tracked to keep the project on schedule. *Science and Natural Resources:* Test boring is being completed to determine if a geothermal system is viable for this project. The design continues to proceed through schematic design. Columbia College is considering implementation of a geothermal system. Testing is being conducted for heating and cooling properties for that building.

Regarding the geothermal boring that took place on campus, Mark Newton reported that no mine shaft was hit. It was determined that a fisher or cavity was hit at about 200 feet. The site was relocated as it is necessary to dig down to 300 feet for accurate testing. A gold mine was not located.

Abe Rojas asked about terminology for defining “educational centers” at the state level. Mr. Newton reported that using the term “center” is incorrect according to state guidelines. According to the state’s view, a center must generate 500 FTES which could take a decade. What MJC and Columbia College are proposing are more accurately described as “outreach facilities” to establish a permanent presence in other towns throughout the District.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

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A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Neumann, that the Board approve all items appearing on the Consent Agenda A., Items 1 to 5, as follows:

Purchase Orders

Approve purchase orders issued from December 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006.

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Various 11,800 pounds of ½" mild steel plates from Hogan Manufacturing to be used in the Welding Technology program at Modesto Junior College.
- b. Electrical cases (12) for trainers in the electrical class from Holt of California to be used in the Ag Mechanics program at Modesto Junior College.
- c. Various automotive parts from Heritage Ford to be used in the Automotive Technology and Auto Body programs at Modesto Junior College.
- d. Sheet metal parts from Dalat Auto Body Parts, Inc. to be used for the Auto Body program at Modesto Junior College.
- e. 1,000 pounds of channel iron from Pohl Metal Products to be used in the Welding Technology program at Modesto Junior College.
- f. Forklift from San Joaquin Delta College to be used in the Ag Department at Modesto Junior College.

Project Applications/
Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments (**Report #2212**) and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

- a. California Department of Education (CDE), - MJC
Agency share: \$175,000
Proposer share: \$-0-

Notice of Completion of
Contract

Accept the work performed by George Reed, Inc., on the Columbia College Roadway & Parking Lot (Phase II) Bus/Truck Service Loop, Bid #06-1562, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$53,860 to be made.

Sabbatical Leave Reports

The Board previously received and approved 2005-2006 Sabbatical Leave Reports. An additional final report has been received and approved by the Columbia College president for Columbia College faculty member, Warren Ted Hamilton, who was on sabbatical leave in Fall 2006.

The Board of Trustees accepted the Fall 2006 sabbatical leave report from faculty member, Warren Ted Hamilton.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Hallinan was not present for the vote.

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Personnel Items

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, and seconded by Trustee Neumann, to approve all items appearing on the Consent Agenda B, Personnel Items, as amended by Diane Wirth, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, as follows:

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Ross Carkeet**, Professor of Forestry & Natural Resources, Columbia College, effective May 1, 2007 and officially commend him for 39 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Candace Daly**, Professor of Office Technology and Work Experience Coordinator, Columbia College, effective December 14, 2007 and officially commend her for 28 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement status to **Ina Heinrichs**, Secretary I, Instructional Materials Center, Columbia College, effective March 5, 2007 and officially commend her for 6 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement status to **Dennis Larson**, Electronic Specialist, Learning Resources/Technology Department, Modesto Junior College, effective July 31, 2007 and officially commend him for 33½ years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement status to **Robert Ringsby**, Custodian, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective February 28, 2007 and officially commend him for 29½ years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement status to **Adell Burch**, Registered Nurse, Health Services, Modesto Junior College, effective February 6, 2007 and officially commend her for 13 years of valuable service to the District.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Judith Lanchester** to the position of Assistant Director, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective March 1, 2007.

Approve the appointment of **Celise Bradford** to the position of Director of Grants, Fiscal Services, Yosemite Community College District, effective March 5, 2007.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Araceli Baliel** to the position of Support Staff I, Health Services, Modesto Junior College, effective January 16, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Amanda Landis** to the position of Support Staff I, Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective January 29, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Elizabeth Creighton** to the position of Instructional Assistant I – 75%, Academic Achievement Center, Columbia College, effective February 20, 2007 (11 month work year).

Approve the probationary appointment of **Juli Bakus** to the position of General Clerk (47.5%), Counseling, Modesto Junior College, effective February 26, 2007 (10 month work year).

Approve the temporary appointment of **Jennifer Richmond** to the position of Instructor of Biology, Science, Mathematics & Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective for Fall 2007.

~~Approve the temporary appointment of **Larry Hockenberry** to the position of Instructor of Chemistry, Science, Mathematics & Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective January 8, 2007 to April 27, 2007.~~

Approve the temporary appointment of **Lorin Monteith** to the position of Instructor of Respiratory Care, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, effective for Spring 2007 only.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Layla Yousif** to the position of full-time Counselor, TRIO/Student Support Services, Modesto Junior College, effective January 29, 2007 for Spring 2007 only.

Approve the permanent reassignment of **Eva Rivera-Jara** from Program Representative III (Classified) to Work Experience Coordinator (Certificated), first-year faculty contract, Instruction Office, Modesto Junior College, effective January 8, 2007.

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for **Theresa Stovall**, Laboratory Assistant I, Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 87%, effective January 8, 2007 to April 28, 2007.

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for **Yan Yan Chan**, Accompanist, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 86%, effective January 8, 2007 to April 28, 2007.

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for **Gary Fair**, Instructional Assistant II, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 92.5%, effective January 8, 2007 to April 28, 2007.

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for **Anne Shanto**, Performing Arts Costume Specialist, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 75%, effective January 8, 2007 to April 28, 2007.

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for **Karin Rodts**, Laboratory Assistant I, DSPS, Columbia College, from 40 hours per week (100%) to 36 hours per week (90%), effective January 7, 2007 to April 27, 2007.

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for **Lorin Monteith**, Interim Instructor, Respiratory Care, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 81.22%, effective January 5, 2007 to April 28, 2007.

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for **Ingrid Johnson Keriotis**, English Instructor, Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 50%, effective August 27, 2007 to December 15, 2007.

Approve a permanent increase in assignment for **Amanda Lewis**, Support Service Aide, Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, from 60% to 80% effective March 1, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Roger Heinrichs**, Custodian, Facilities Planning & Operations, Columbia College/Yosemite Community College District, effective February 9, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Cindy Rose**, Support Staff II, DSPS, Columbia College, effective January 12, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Margaret Conquest-Gonzalez**, Museum Tech III (70%), Great Valley Museum, Modesto Junior College, effective January 5, 2007.

Short-Term Appointees

Approve the list of short-term appointees in accordance with recently adopted state law (AB500-Goldberg).

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Hallinan was not present for the vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Board Policy 7105 (Election of Student Member) – 1st Reading

Interim Chancellor, Stan Hodges reported that YCCD Board Policy 7105 (Election of Student Member) with proposed changes is before the Board for a first reading. Education Code states that the student trustee is required to enroll in at least five semester units, supported by a legal opinion by School Services of California, Inc. Current Board Policy

requires twelve units and therefore needs to be modified to reflect the five unit minimum. Trustee Rojas did not agree with the five unit minimum, as a full-time student is required to carry twelve units. Trustee DeMartini stated that she wants the student trustee to be a student of much exposure, and feels that this is lowering the bar. Chancellor Hodges stated that a significant percentage of community college students carry less than 12 units. Trustee Abshire stated that lowering the requirement to five units opens the opportunity to serve to a large percentage of the student population and is hopeful that that more students will choose to engage in the district's policy process.

The Board of Trustees conducted a first reading on the proposed language change to YCCD Board Policy 7105, Election of Student Member. There were no comments from the public. This policy will return to the Board for a second reading at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

15,510
Board Policy 7002 (District Mission) – 2nd Reading

Interim Chancellor Stan Hodges presented YCCD Board Policy 7002 (District Mission) with proposed changes. The YCCD Strategic Planning Committee has voted to recommend to the Board a more concise version of the District's mission statement.

The Board of Trustees conducted a second reading on the proposed language change to YCCD Board Policy 7002, District Mission and approve said policy. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann, and seconded by Trustee Rojas, that the Board approve Board Policy 7002, District Mission.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Hallinan was not present for the vote.

15,511
Enhanced Funding for Non-Credit Programs at MJC

MJC President Rich Rose introduced Pat Wall, Director of Basic Skills, to the Board. Mr. Wall reported good news regarding the passing of SB361 and its effects on non-credit apportionment. Title V regulations have been amended to permit enhanced apportionment for non-credit courses that focus on "career development" or "college preparation." MJC's noncredit ESL sequence, one of our best forms of outreach, meets these criteria. The application for enhanced apportionment of qualified non-credit programs for Modesto Junior College was previously provided to the Board for review.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, and seconded by Trustee Abshire, that the Board approve the application for enhanced apportionment of qualified non-credit programs for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Hallinan was not present for the vote.

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Geology Study in Italy and Switzerland – Summer 2007

MJC President Rich Rose reported that MJC is seeking Board approval of “Geology Study in Italy and Switzerland” for Summer 2007. Instruction will be offered from July 16-26, 2007 by MJC instructors Garry Hayes and Susan Kerr who will share instruction and supervision of students in Geology 174 and Anthropology 174. This summer will be the third year of this successful international study. All associated costs are the individual responsibility of each student. Additional information regarding travel cost for students and faculty, earned credits, and faculty salary was prepared by Mike Torok, Dean of Science, Math and Engineering and provided to the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini, and seconded by Trustee Flores, that the Board of Trustees approve the Geology Study in Italy and Switzerland for the Summer of 2007 for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Hallinan was not present for the vote.

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Quarterly Report on the District's Financial Condition

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reported that consistent with prevailing fiscal practices and in compliance with current statute, staff have prepared the quarterly statement of the District's financial condition for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. This is the second report for the 2006-2007 year. A copy of the statement, in the new format prescribed by the State, was attached to the agenda for this meeting. The state requires that only unrestricted funds be reported. The District Fiscal Services department will continue to provide the Board with reports that reflect the entire general fund, both restricted and unrestricted. Ms. Scott noted that a \$400,000 portion of the increase in income is attributable to receiving prior mandated costs from the state. Expenditures for this quarter are on track. Ms. Scott anticipates that the District will come in close to targeted apportionment if MJC remains flat and Columbia College increases by 1.5%. The Board is required by law to hold a public hearing to review the report and direct that it be filed with the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

The Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing to review the District's financial report for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. There were no comments from the public.

Chair Dean, with no opposition from the Board, directed staff to submit a copy of the required report to the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

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Columbia College Program

Kitchell representative, Mark Newton, reported that during the first step of the design phase for Columbia College's projects, cost estimates were prepared to determine if the scope, project expectations and budget were aligned. It was determined that each project would either require significant scope reductions or budget augmentations. The recommended modifications are a result of the Columbia College review process which identified cost overruns. The college has determined their preference to fully fund the Science and Natural Resources Center, Child Development Center, Madrone expansion and Public Safety Center rather than reduce their scope. Therefore, funds for these projects would be reallocated from the other projects. This matter was presented to the College Facilities Committee and then to District Council. Both Committees provided a recommendation to re-allocate budgets from four later projects to these four projects. Mr. Newton reported that building cost modeling has assisted in identifying underfunding and limited expansion and flexibility. The decision to work within a nine-year versus twelve-year building plan has helped to alleviate some underfunding. However, Columbia College recognizes that the science building is a "sustainable" structure, and the building itself will be used as a teaching tool. The Child Development Center is currently split on two locations at the college. There is a definite need to consolidate this program to one location to meet student needs. Trustee DeMartini stated that she is impressed with Columbia College's decision to achieve the greater good of the college as a whole. President Smith commented that the Facilities staff and planning committees work with a high level of cooperation. She feels fortunate to work with such a strong group. Trustee Neumann was also impressed with Columbia staff's commitment to the college.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Neumann, that the Board of Trustees approve the budget transfer of Measure E funds to Science and Natural Resources Center, Child Development Center, Madrone Building and Public Safety from Manzanita, Sequoia, Redbud and Calaveras Center.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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COMMENTS

From the Public

There were no additional comments from the public.

From the Board of Trustees

Trustee Abshire reported that she attended the Trustee Legislative Conference and new trustee workshop hosted by the Community College League of California in Sacramento. She also attended the AAWCC Black History month luncheon with trustees DeMartini, Rojas and Dean. Trustee Abshire recommended to the Board that consideration be given to conducting a study session on student success. Trustee Flores reported that she will be attending the Latina Leadership Conference and Hispanic Education Conference. Trustee DeMartini reported that she represented the District at the Stanislaus County School Boards meeting. She reported that that organization sponsors workshops and she was able to attend workshops on negotiations and board role. She also attended installation dinners for the Modesto and Ceres Chambers of Commerce. Trustee Rojas also attended the CCLC conference in Sacramento. He serves on the CCLC's legislative advisory board which met in Sacramento to discuss the implications of SB361. Trustee Neumann has re-started his office hours after a three month leave due to illness. Trustees Neumann, Dean, and Abshire attended meetings and the forum at MJC regarding the EMP. Trustee Neumann has also had discussions with staff on the EMP during his office hours. Trustee Hallinan reported that he also attended the Legislative Conference and meetings with Legislators in Sacramento. Chair Dean, in addition to events previously mentioned, attended the National Legislative Conference hosted by ACCT in Washington, D.C. Due to winter weather, she was stranded in Washington an additional three days. She thanked External Affairs Director, Nick Stavrianoudakis, for his work in organizing meetings with legislators and commented that this year's meetings with legislators were the best ever.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board recessed to its Board Retreat, scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2007.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Education Room, Columbia College, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonora.

The meeting recessed at 7:07 p.m.

Pat Dean, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

Stan Hodges, Secretary
YCCD Board of Trustees