

MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST ADJOURNED MEETING FROM THE 533RD REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2009

SPECIAL MEETING
YCCD Board Room
Yosemite Community College District
2201 Blue Gum Avenue
Modesto, California
3:30 p.m.

The Special Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anne DeMartini at 3:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board Action.

Board Members Present	Anne DeMartini Pat Dean Linda Flores Desirree Abshire Tom Hallinan Mike Riley
Board Members Absent	Abe Rojas Elizabeth McMahon, Student Trustee
Others Present	Roe Darnell, Nick Stavrianoudakis, and Shelley Akiona (Recorder)
Closed Session	Chair DeMartini reported that closed session had been cancelled and the Board will remain in open session.
Recess and Reconvene	The Board recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.
16,043 Board Annual Self-Evaluation	Chair DeMartini requested that Chancellor Darnell facilitate this discussion with focus on identifying successes and areas for possible change. The Board reviewed the evaluation results and discussed the process. Recommendations to improve the process were discussed. Chair DeMartini opened conversation regarding Board attendance at seminars, retreats, and conferences. Board members Riley and Abshire contributed to the discussion expressing views that attendance, when appropriate, is beneficial; however, in this challenging fiscal time, attendance should be selective. Trustees do, and should continue to, share new information with the Board that may lead to positive policy changes for the District. Chancellor Darnell, Trustee Flores, and Trustee Dean added the benefit of networking, identifying new policy needs, and developing deeper understanding regarding Board roles. Trustee Riley questioned the appropriateness of trustees independently gathering information. Trustee Dean stated that she is often given information from the general community. Chair DeMartini feels seeking additional information on issues is acceptable,

independent of what staff members provide to the Board. Chancellor Darnell reminded the Board that staff below the Cabinet level often become intimidated when trustees contact them directly. He requested that he be informed if independent information is gathered. Regarding District financial matters, trustees expressed ongoing interest in receiving additional information and training regarding the District's budget and general fiscal issues. Trustee Abshire suggested separate focused study sessions.

Trustees agreed that their operational strengths as a Board are their consistent focus on students and the community; their diverse background brings varying points of view; and their unified decision-making process. Trustees would like to see improvement in the area of graduation scheduling to increase support for students by attending both ceremonies; focusing on the overarching District goals; increased training regarding financial management; and increased attendance at District/college/community functions.

At the next regularly scheduled meeting, Chair DeMartini will give a summary report on the results of the Board Self-Evaluation.

16,044
Board Special Priorities

The Board reviewed its 2008-2009 Special Priorities and discussed progress on those priorities. The Board discussed revising these priorities for 2009-2010 and directed the Chancellor to provide a draft at the next regular meeting. The Board would like to focus 2009-2010 priorities on: long-term financial planning to increase the District's reserve; student and college success; increased knowledge and understanding of the District's and State's fiscal process and condition; community outreach and efforts to increase college enrollment after high school; and compliance with accreditation standards.

16,045
Purchase Agreement (Calaveras
County APN: 057-023-027,057-
023-028)

The Chancellor presented information to the Board of Trustees regarding Property described as APN #'s: 057-023-027 and 057-023-028 in Calaveras County ("Property"). The District has an opportunity to purchase the property and construct facilities for a Calaveras Educational Outreach Site of Columbia College. Kitchell CEM and District staff have completed their due diligence regarding the property. Staff seeks direction from the Board regarding the acquisition.

A motion was made by Trustee Dean and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board direct staff to proceed with the acquisition of the said property in accordance with a proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement and the execution, delivery and performance of the Purchase Agreement regarding the property.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

16,046

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009. Closed Session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and Open Session at 5:30 p.m. at Yosemite Community College District, District Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, California.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Anne DeMartini, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

D. Roe Darnell, Secretary
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