

MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anne DeMartini at 3:32 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
Columbia College Presidential Search Update
 2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.9(a) – Pending Litigation
Case: ACE v. YCCD, Case #306771
 3. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator
Conference with real property negotiators
 4. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators
District Representatives: T. Scott, D. Wirth
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 Abe Rojas
Pat Dean
Anne DeMartini
Tom Hallinan
Linda Flores
Delsie Schrimp
Paul Neumann
Will McCombs (student trustee)

Board Members Absent None

Others Present S. Hodges, J. Riggs, N. Stavrianoudakis, D. Wirth, R. Rose, T. Scott, G. Rose, D. Baggett, C. Martin, L. Hoile, L. Steuben, D. Gervin, J. Swank, J. Daly, B. Nadell, A. Johnson, P. Pelham, T. Stehli, C. Putnam, G. Womble, R. Brinkman, C. Sampson, B. Au, K. Schultz, D. Campbell, G. Whitfield, T. Nesmith, M. Otaya, J. Lanchester, M. Newton, M. Anglin, S. Madison, S. Akiona (recorder).

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Report Out From Closed Session Chair DeMartini reported that during closed session, it was decided by the Board to employ Dr. Joan Smith as Columbia College President, effective January 1, 2007.

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Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Rojas that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of

the regular meeting of August 9, 2006, as amended, and the minutes of the Annual Retreat August 3, 2006.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Student Activity Reports

ASMJC President Robbie Brinkman reported that ASMJC is hosting a clean and sober event, Music Fest, at the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on September 16. This event is sponsored by the Center for Human Services. Admission is free. Ms. Brinkman reported that some students experienced problems with online registration and is aware that faculty and staff are working on solutions. ASMJC has good student representation with a full council of 10 senators. ASMJC's focus this semester is to promote student involvement and school spirit. ASMJC is also promoting the shuttle service and the reduced parking pass for students using the shuttle. The Homecoming MJC football game is scheduled for September 30 against West Hills College at 7:00 p.m. She thanked faculty and staff for putting students first.

ASCC President Anthony DuPage reported the goal this semester is to have fun and promote school spirit. The Student Senate is a great team and they have a full staff of officers and five senators. ASCC hosted a welcome back table and promoted the upcoming CSU Stanislaus bachelor program offerings. Scheduling surveys were also provided to returning students. ASCC is working on keeping current student clubs active and starting new clubs. On October 15, ASCC will host a Club Day barbeque to promote clubs and school spirit. Faculty, staff and Trustees are invited to attend this student event. ASCC is also in the planning stages for holding forums to discuss student issues.

Unagendized Discussion on Student Registration Issues.

Unagendized discussion regarding student registration followed and is recorded herein.

Assistant Chancellor of Information Technology Gina Rose stated that during student registration, there is a mass student activity and it can cause information transaction overload which results in a system backlog and delays. IT is continually working on this issue and is awaiting updated software from Datatel to help with the bottlenecking of information. Trustee Dean stated that Columbia College's incoming President attempted to register online and experienced difficulties. Student Trustee Will McCombs personally had difficulty registering and spoke with several students who were attempting to register for two days. From the student perspective, it's frustrating, discouraging and affects enrollment. Trustees expressed concern regarding student access during registration and stated that it was unacceptable for students not to be able to register online. MJC

Vice President of Student Services, Bob Nadell, stated that enrollment is a larger issue than just the registration process; it encompasses instruction, student services, technology, college services and other miscellaneous services. The problem is not just the Datatel system. MJC has formed seven taskforces which are currently working to find a solution to the registration problem. MJC President Rose stated that while Datatel is a major component of enrollment issues, there are other components to the problem. He commended Vice President Nadell for bringing staff together to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the issue. An enrollment management committee is being formed and will be chaired by Dr. Rose. In an effort to increase enrollment, late start classes will be offered at MJC to target students on the waiting list. The Board requested that staff provide an occasional update on taskforce progress.

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Academic Senate Reports

Curtis Martin, MJC Academic Senate President, introduced Dr. David Baggett as the new faculty consultant to the Board. The Senate is working on implementing recommendations in response to the Self-Study. Topics for the faculty retreat include implementation of the Self-Study recommendations, enrollment and other MJC needs. The Academic Senate requested that the Board consider site visits as it searches for a new Chancellor. The Senate would also like to see more movement towards construction of Measure E projects. The Senate will be represented at the upcoming Area A State Academic Senate meeting on October 14.

Larry Steuben, CC Academic Senate President, reported that Civic Engagement Projects (CEP) are beginning under the direction of Jim Toner. The Senate is discussing options to increase the fill rate and FTES and will be reviewing the inclusion of course descriptions in class schedules as a marketing option. The President stated that he is pleased with the appointments of Dr. Joan Smith as new Columbia College President and David Baggett to the position of Faculty Consultant.

YFA President Jillian Daly reported that the First Annual YFA retreat is scheduled for September 29 in French Camp. YFA will be discussing the Faculty Contract and negotiations.

**REPORTS &
INFORMATION ITEMS**

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Activities and

Announcements

Lakeside Jazz & Wine

President Jim Riggs reported that the Columbia College Foundation will present their third annual Lakeside Jazz & Wine on Saturday, October 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Manzanita patio next to the campus lake. Along with an assortment of wines from

vineyards throughout the state, music will be provided by Rod Harris and the 25-piece Columbia College Big Band Jazz Ensemble as well as the Mario Flores Latin Jazz Band. Hors d'oeuvres will be prepared by the College's culinary and pastry arts department and local food purveyors. Tickets are \$25 per person and the RSVP deadline is September 29. Call the Foundation Office at 588-5115 for tickets or for more information.

Columbia College's Cellar
Bistro

Dr. Riggs reported that on September 13 and continuing through early December, the Cellar Bistro on the first level of Columbia College's Manzanita Building will serve fine continental cuisine on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Formerly hosted at the Columbia City Hotel, students in the College's advanced contemporary cuisine class will plan and prepare special four-course selections and patrons will be served by students in the dining room management class. Cost will range from \$16.95 to \$18.95 per person and menus will change weekly. Call 588-5300 for reservations.

Columbia College
Handbooks

Dr. Riggs reported that under the direction of Dr. Carolyn Buck, Dean for Learning Support Services, Columbia College now has two completely redesigned institutional handbooks: Faculty & Staff Handbook and the Student Handbook. The updated information in each publication contains pertinent data, regulations and procedures for individuals who are new or returning to the campus. Design and layout was handled by Gail Segerstrom, the IMC coordinator. Trustee DeMartini suggested that Board Policies regarding Academic Freedom also be included in the handbooks.

Columbia College's
Constitution Day

Dr. Riggs reported that a panel of Columbia College professors and students will explore the scope and meaning of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution on September 18 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum, moderated by history and political science instructor Dr. Tom Johnson.

MJC's Constitution Day

MJC President, Dr. Richard Rose, reported that as part of MJC's Civic Engagement Project, Dr. Curtis Grant will present "*The U.S. Constitution, Multiculturalism and Martin Luther King*" on Constitution Day, Tuesday, September 19, at 7 p.m., in Forum 110 on the East Campus. Dr. Grant is an alumnus of MJC, graduating as the valedictorian in 1958. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

MJC Displays "Wall of
Hope"

Dr. Rose reported that "The Wall of Hope: A History of Nonviolence" Exhibition will be on display throughout the Fall semester in the East Campus Library. The display features stories, pictures, and quotations from organizations and people throughout the world who have worked for nonviolent social change. Individuals featured in the exhibit include Mahatma

Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr. and César Chávez. The project is the outcome of an MJC Learning Community on war, social conflict, and nonviolence, taught in the spring semester by Professors Dan Onorato and Sandra Woodside. The exhibit can be viewed during Library hours, Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MJC Civic Engagement
Fall Film Series

Dr. Rose reported that the MJC Civic Engagement Film Series will feature six thought-provoking film presentations during the Fall semester on the first and third Thursday of September, October and November at 7 p.m. in Forum 110. Films planned to be shown are *The Future of Food* on September 21; *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices* on October 5; *The Dreams of Sparrows* on October 19; *Born Into Brothels* on November 2; and *Paradise Now* on November 16. These events are free, open to the public, and will be followed by a discussion.

MJC Parent-Teen Summit

Dr. Rose reported that MJC's Foster Kinship Program will host this event on Saturday, September 23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on West Campus. The keynote speaker will be award-winning educator, Vicki Trask. Workshops for teens, parents and guardians will focus on physical and emotional teen health issues. Topics will include warning signs of drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, youth onset of diabetes, effective nutrition habits, self-exams, hygiene, and more. This event is funded through an Americorps grant. Pre-registration is requested, complimentary lunch is included. For registration information call Marla Uliana, 575-6985.

MJC's Annual Report

Dr. Rose reported that MJC has published a 2006 Annual Report that includes highlights from academic year 2005-2006 and college and departmental goals for 2006-2007. This report has been distributed to MJC and YCCD staff and the MJC Foundation Board. Additional copies are available in the MJC President's Office. College administration plans to produce an annual report at the beginning of each Fall semester.

State Board of Food and
Agriculture to Visit MJC

Dr. Rose reported that the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Board of Governors will hold their next meeting at MJC on September 27. The topic will be California Community Colleges partnerships and their role in vocational and agriculture career preparation and education. State Chancellor Mark Drummond, members of the Community Colleges Board of Governors, and various State Officials, including Secretary of Food and Agriculture AG Kawamura, will attend and participate in several panel discussions. Several local leaders and members of the agriculture industry will also be invited to participate. The public meeting will be held in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on West Campus, beginning at 9 a.m., and will adjourn at approximately 2 p.m. The CDFA and State

Chancellor's Office will tour MJC's agricultural facilities the day before.

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Presentations/Updates

Enrollment Update

President Richard Rose reported that MJC is 62 FTES below Fall 2005. Projected FTES for Fall 2006 are 6,560. MJC is currently 208 FTES below its projected growth and the headcount is down 157 from Fall 2005. However, enrollment from late start classes and Criminal Justice Training Center classes may increase FTES.

Columbia College Vice President Dennis Gervin reported that Columbia is 17.66 FTES below Fall 2005. Enrollment may increase due to upcoming agency courses. Calaveras is serving over 200 students, and Oakdale is serving just under 100 students. Columbia College projects that it will be flat for the year and within budget.

MJC Early Head Start Program

Modesto Junior College Child Development Center Master Teacher Teresa Stehli provided a PowerPoint to the Board and presented current information regarding the Early Head Start program. Early Head Start is a federally funded program that serves children ages 18 to 36 months. The Stanislaus County Office of Education has contracted with the MJC Wawona Child Development Center as a delegate site to serve children of low-income, qualifying families. The contract amount is approximately \$295,000 per year to operate a program for eight full-day and 16 half-day children. This program is designed to involve parents and the community to care for a wide variety of children's needs. A training session for trustees is scheduled for October 18 and participation by two District Board members is required.

Bond Update

The Measure E bond update was provided by Mark Newton of Kitchell. The next meeting of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee will be Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Yosemite Community College District Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto. Two student positions are still vacant. Applications are available at the Chancellor's Office. The Measure E Quarterly Expenditure Report was forwarded to the Board reflecting expenditures through June 30, 2006 (end of fiscal year 2005-2006). All Phase I projects have selected architects, contracts have been prepared and the programming phase is now complete for Allied Health and Agriculture at Modesto Junior College and Science Natural Resources, Child Development, and the Madrone Building expansion project at Columbia College. Allied Health and Agriculture projects are having cost reduction meetings based on programming phase cost modeling. A two-day planning charette is being organized by the Measure E committee to discuss educational and facilities

planning with the campus planning architect. Designs for the other Phase I projects will begin after execution of contracts. A Master Plan and Business Plan are being prepared for the West Side Center in Patterson. The preparation of the state application continues. Columbia College is following up with an alternative Calaveras Center site for a cost proposal. Staff and Kitchell are working on locating possible sites in Turlock. Kitchell is in the process of preparing a cost/benefit analysis. Construction on the Bus Turn Around at Columbia College is continuing. The estimated completion date is October 4, 2006. The District has received its approval from the Department of Finance, State Chancellor's Office, on the MJC Auditorium renovation project. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2006 with the contractor, Acme Construction. The contractor is preparing to mobilize on the site.

In response to inquiry by Trustee Neumann, Mr. Newton reported that there is aggressive movement on the Allied Health and Agriculture projects at MJC and the Child Development Center at Columbia College. The goal is to start construction in 2007 and it is anticipated that approximately \$75 to \$100 million in construction starts next year.

In response to inquiry by Chair DeMartini, Mr. Newton further reported that due diligence requirements are anticipated to be completed by the end of the year for the West Side Center site.

ACTION ITEMS

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Consent Agenda
Purchase Orders

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board approve the purchase orders issued from July 1, 2006 through July 31, 2006. Trustee Paul Neumann excused himself from the Board Room for the vote on purchase orders due to a conflict of interest with Wiley Electric.

In response to inquiry by Trustee Schrimp regarding attorney fees regarding Carl v. Coast YCCD, Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott explained that this is a suit against several community colleges statewide. The State Chancellor has determined that there is no cause against this District. It is anticipated that the District will be released from this lawsuit.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, and seconded by Trustee Schrimp that the Board approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items as follows:

Notice of Completion of
Contracts

Accept the work performed by Grover Landscaping, on the Auditorium Alterations/ Additions Tree Pruning and Removal, Bid #06-1553, as completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$4,689.

Accept the work performed by Dun-Rite Excavating, on the Columbia College Roadway and Parking Lots (Phase I), Bid #06-1554, as completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$39,293.02.

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept the following gifts:

- a. Gift certificate to Creative Learning Supplies from Mar & Shari Streck to purchase classroom supplies for use in the toddler and preschool centers at Columbia College.
- b. Classroom supplies from Infant Childhood Enrichment Services (ICES) for use in the infant, toddler and preschool centers at Columbia College.
- c. A painting by Grace Adams from Robin and Bernard Frazier to be used in the Library at Modesto Junior College.
- d. Cauliflower transplants from Yamamoto Farms to be used in the vegetable crops program at Modesto Junior College.
- e. A 1984 MCI Bus (47 passenger) from Tom Harris to be used in the Transportation Department at Yosemite Community College District.

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Personnel Items

Approve the promotional appointment of **Cheryl "Dodie" Larson** to Library Media Technician III, Library, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Amanda M. Lewis** to the position of Support Service Aide (60%), Workforce Training Center, Corporate Training Unit, Modesto Junior College, effective August 21, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Heather Ahern** to the position of Interpreter III (50%), Special Programs, Modesto Junior College, effective August 21, 2006, contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Namiko Takayama** to the position of Interpreter III (75%), Special Programs, Modesto Junior College, effective August 25, 2006, contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Korene "Gypsy" Keene** to the position of Account Technician I, MJC Business Services, Yosemite Community College District, effective August 21, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Ken Ciabatti** to the position of Custodian (50%)/Grounds Maintenance II (50%), Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective September 18, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Dean Miranda** to the position of Mechanic III, Transportation, Yosemite Community College District, effective September 18, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Anne Anderson** to the position of Support Staff I (47.5%), Foster Kinship Care Education/Child Care Center, Columbia College, effective September 5, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Emily Straws** to the position of Mailroom/Facilities Technician, Public Information/Facilities, Modesto Junior College, effective September 11, 2006.

Approve an increase in assignment for **Tammie Miles**, Security Officer I, Campus Security, Columbia College, from 40% to 100%, effective August 21, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Cassandra De Los Reyes** to the position of Transportation Technician I, Transportation, Yosemite Community College District, effective September 5, 2006.

Approve a reduction in assignment for **Andrea Lotz**, Cook/Baker, Wawona Child Development Center, Allied Health/Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, from 11 months to 10 months, effective August 28, 2006.

Approve a temporary voluntary reduction in assignment for **Karin Rodts**, Laboratory Assistant I, DSPS, Columbia College, from 40 hours per week (100%) to 32 hours per week (80%), effective August 28, 2006 to December 15, 2006.

Approve an increase in assignment for **Flerida Arias-Ruelas**, Program Representative II, Student Services, Modesto Junior College, from 11 months to 12 months, effective August 1, 2006.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **William Lotko**, Laboratory Assistant I, Science, Mathematics, Engineering & Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, from 10 months to 12 months, effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Santiago Uvina**, Program Representative I, Student Services/TRIO, Modesto Junior College, from 74.5% to 100%, effective September 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Aurelia Gonzalez**, Program Representative I, Student Services/TRIO, Modesto Junior College, from 50% to 100%, effective September 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **Graciela Baker**, Child Development Center Site Supervisor, Allied Health, Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective August 1, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **Beverly Bilodeau**, Support Staff III, Community Education, Modesto Junior College, effective August 31, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **Miriam Escher**, Custodian, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective September 4, 2006.

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 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Board Special Priorities

Trustee DeMartini reported that at the Annual Board Retreat on August 3, 2006, Trustees discussed various challenges facing the District in the 2006-2007 academic year. Based upon that discussion a tentative list of Board priorities was developed. The Chancellor's Office was asked to prepare draft language for Board review at this meeting. Trustees discussed additional changes to the Board Priorities and set them as follows:

- Actively search for, select and employ a Columbia College President and permanent Yosemite Community College District Chancellor.
- Support and monitor the progress of the General Obligation Bond Measure Projects.
- Sustain commitment to the Excellence, Beyond Tolerance and Student Learning Outcomes Initiatives in order to provide high quality programs that meet the needs of our diverse student body and community.
- Maintain and protect programs, services and staff to the extent possible given current fiscal challenges.
- Ensure that Central Services and both Colleges continue to progress towards addressing the recommendations of the accreditation teams.

- Expand outreach efforts and partnerships in support of economic development.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the relationship between Central Services and the Colleges.
- Support both ongoing, and the development of new, safety programs District-wide to protect students, faculty, staff and limited financial resources.

A motion was made by Trustee Dean, and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board adopt a statement of their 2006-2007 Special Priorities, as amended.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC Dairy Cattle Judging
Team to Madison and
Viroqua, Wisconsin

MJC President, Dr. Rich Rose, reported that the MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team has again qualified to compete in the World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and has been invited to compete in the Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison and Viroqua, Wisconsin. The Madison team trip will occur on September 29 to October 4, 2006. The Viroqua trip will occur on September 14 to 18, 2006. The approximate cost of the trip for Mr. Hobby and team members, Amy Odens, McKenzie Klein, Sean Locke, Stephen Weststeyn, and Manual Silveira will be \$4,000 for the Madison trip and \$2,800 for Viroqua trip and will be paid through VTEA, Partnership for Excellence, and Dairy Club funding.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Rojas that the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team Madison, Wisconsin and Viroqua, Wisconsin trip for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Quarterly Report on the
District's Financial
Condition

Executive Vice Chancellor, Ms. Teresa Scott, reported to the Board 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 June 30, 2006 (**Report #2201**). 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 conducted a public hearing to review the financial report. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Flores directing staff to submit a copy of the required report to the

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Representatives to the
VIP/JPA Board of Directors

Ms. Scott reported that the bylaws of the Valley Insurance Program Joint Powers Agency require that the Board of Trustees appoint a management-level employee to the VIP/JPA Board of Directors. Ms. Teresa Scott's (management-level employee) term expires September 30, 2006. Ms. Diane Wirth (alternate director position) and Mr. Abe Rojas (elected official position) are in the middle of two-year terms. Trustee Dean asked for clarification regarding term limits. Ms. Scott responded that term limits are set by the VIP/JPA and the Chief Business Officers of the four participating Districts serve on the VIP/JPA Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan and seconded by Trustee Schrimp appointing Ms. Teresa Scott to the management-level employee position for a two-year term to begin October 1, 2006, and expire September 30, 2008.

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Final Budget

Ms. Scott reported that on June 14, 2006, the Board of Trustees adopted the 2006-2007 Yosemite Community College District Tentative Budget. The 2006-2007 State of California Budget, which includes the Community College Budget, was signed by the Governor in mid-July. The District's 2006-2007 General Fund Budget (**Report #2202**) is prepared assuming no new enrollment growth over the prior year. Apportionment revenue recognizes a 4.5% decline in enrollment from the prior year. Modesto Junior College declined by 3% and Columbia College reported an FTES decline of 10% at the end of fiscal year 2005-2006. Overall, this represents a 4.5% decline in FTES District-wide. The loss of apportionment revenue attributed to the reduced enrollment is approximately \$2.3 million. The Colleges must first make-up the 4.5% FTES decline before any new growth revenue is earned. The Colleges and Central Services expenditure budgets for 2006-2007 were not reduced due to the loss of apportionment revenue from declining enrollment. Equalization revenue was used to offset the revenue loss. Therefore, the District's base expenditure budget is comparable to the prior year. The Budget includes a 5.92% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). A portion of the COLA funds have been allocated to the Colleges and Central Services to cover the cost of step and column compensation increases, estimated medical benefit increases, payments for the STRS Golden Handshake, energy cost increases, a new instructional program at Columbia College's Baker Station, upgrades to hardware to run the Datatel instructional, student, and administrative software, and other miscellaneous new operating costs. The COLA balance is held in a District contingency account.

Ms. Scott reported on SB361 which is a new funding model for California Community Colleges which was passed by the legislature, and is on the Governor's desk for signature. SB 361 is a comprehensive reform to the formulas that allocate general purpose apportionments to the 72 community college districts in California. The District's State Apportionment Budget is based on the new funding formula. If SB 361 is not signed by the Governor, there will be no equalization. Without equalization funding, the District would realize a loss of \$2 million in the 2006-2007 budget. The Chancellor has sent letters to state legislators and the Governor supporting the signing of SB361.

Ms. Scott noted that a contribution to the Retiree Liability Fund is not budgeted in the 2006-2007 Final Budget. The contribution was not funded this year in order to balance the budget. Contributions to fund the unfunded retiree liability must resume at the latest next fiscal year. The District will make a transfer this fiscal year to the fund if resources become available. The District recently completed a retiree benefit actuarial study to determine the current unfunded liability associated with retiree benefits. Staff will determine the amount that should be transferred on an annual basis to the Retiree Liability Fund. This amount will be included in budget planning for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Ms. Scott also reviewed the District's Capital Project Fund and the General Obligation Bond Fund for fiscal 2006-2007.

A public hearing was conducted and there were no comments from the public. A motion was made by Trustee Schrimp, seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board adopt the District's 2006-2007 Final Budget and authorize staff to prepare and file the necessary annual Financial and Budget Report (CCFS-311) with the required agencies.

The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

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COMMENTS

From the Public

None.

From the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Will McCombs reported that there is a noticeable change on campus. School spirit is up and it shows. ASMJC and ASCC are doing great things at both Colleges. Trustee Neumann reported that he attended a Board subcommittee meeting on economic development with Trustee Hallinan. Trustee Hallinan commented that he supports the District's efforts on its current economic development projects. Trustee DeMartini and Neumann stated meetings regarding the Criminal Justice Training Center are positive and moving in that direction. Also participating in those meetings are the Interim Chancellor, Stan Hodges; MJC President, Rich Rose; County Sherriff Adam Christianson; and Modesto Chief of Police, Roy Wasden.

Trustees Neumann, Dean and Rojas attended the retirement dinner for Dr. Jim Williams. Trustee Rojas commended staff for a job well done at MJC's Institute Day. Trustees Rojas, DeMartini and Dean attended MJC's Institute Day. He also attended two MJC football games against San Joaquin Delta College and Galvan Community College, both of which were won by MJC. Trustee Dean reported that she served on the Columbia College presidential search committee, she felt the committee did remarkable work and is proud of the presidential selection. Trustees Dean and DeMartini both attended Columbia College's In-service Day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. at Columbia College in the Manzanita Community Education Room, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Columbia. A tour of Columbia College will precede closed session at 2:00 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Anne DeMartini, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

Stan Hodges, Secretary
YCCD Board of Trustees