# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees San Mateo County Community College District May 13, 2014, San Mateo, CA

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	President Karen Schwarz, Vice President Patricia Miljanich, Trustees Richard Holober, Dave Mandelkern and Tom Mohr, Student Trustee David Zay Latt
Others Present:	Chancellor Ron Galatolo, Deputy Chancellor Jim Keller, Skyline College Vice President of Administrative Services Eloisa Briones, College of San Mateo President Michael Claire, Cañada College President Larry Buckley, District Academic Senate President Diana Bennett

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

# **DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

None

# MINUTES

It was moved by Vice President Miljanich and seconded by Trustee Holober to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23, 2014. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye." Trustee Mandelkern reported that, in accordance with the statement on page 5 regarding follow-up to a question regarding MediFit management fees, Vice Chancellor Tom Bauer subsequently let him know that this item is not included in the detail budget.

#### <u>PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PERSONS OR DELEGATIONS: PRESENTATION OF ABOVE</u> <u>AND BEYOND AWARD TO PAUL ROSCELLI, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, CAÑADA COLLEGE</u> (14-5-1C)

President Schwarz said the Board established the Above and Beyond Award for employees who are extraordinarily helpful to students and other employees and who go above and beyond their regular duties. President Schwarz described Professor Roscelli's extraordinary commitment to students in the classroom, as a mentor outside the classroom, and in his role as Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) advisor at Cañada College. She noted the many national and international awards and honors that Professor Roscelli and Beta Zeta Nu, the Cañada College PTK Chapter, have won. She said that, in addition to his dedication to students, Professor Roscelli has served on numerous College and District committees since 1990. President Schwarz presented a certificate of recognition to Professor Roscelli. She thanked him for helping to accomplish the District's goal of being a "students first" institution.

Professor Roscelli said he was humbled and grateful to receive the award and said it could go to any number of people in the District. He acknowledged past and present faculty advisors for Beta Zeta Nu: Pamela Smith, Jeanne Grosse, Jessica Kaven, Lisa Palmer, Anthony Swanson, and Patty Hall. He also thanked Dean Linda Hayes. He said that through five different College presidents, the support for PTK has been constant. He said the ESL Department, MESA, STEM and EOPS are among the groups on campus that have worked with PTK to help students' projects succeed. Professor Roscelli said membership in the UCLA Honors Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) complements PTK as it provides students in the honors program with research opportunities. Professor Roscelli said the District and Cañada College are blessed with amazing and unselfish students. He said he is amazed at how much they are willing to do for projects for which they are not graded and earn no credit.

Professor Roscelli said that three weeks ago, he went to a ceremony in Sacramento to recognize two students who were being honored, one for being named to the PTK Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team and the other for being named to the All-USA Academic Team. He said Chancellor Galatolo, President Schwarz and Trustee Mohr were present at the event and, in a room of 100 people, no other governing board members were present and only one other chancellor was present. Professor Roscelli said faculty deeply appreciate this type of support.

Trustee Mohr said there is no one he admires more than Professor Roscelli. He said Professor Roscelli is extremely sensitive in showing students how to support one another in their academic lives. He said Professor Roscelli helps students see themselves in a new light – as people who can learn almost anything. Trustee Mohr said it is a privilege to observe Professor Roscelli in the classroom, as he gets students to call upon all previous learning and project it forward into new learning.

Chancellor Galatolo said Professor Roscelli exemplifies academic excellence in the classroom. He said he has heard from many students about the impact Professor Roscelli has had on their lives. Chancellor Galatolo said no one is more deserving and he is appreciative that the Board has taken the time to recognize Professor Roscelli.

President Schwarz said the Board wants to honor deserving employees and would welcome nominations for future Above and Beyond awards.

# STATEMENTS FROM EXECUTIVES AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Skyline College Vice President Briones said two recent events were sponsored by the President's Innovation Fund:

- 1. Brothers and Sisters Conference, which was a collaboration among several learning community programs at the College. The purpose of the conference was to strengthen and expand outreach to local high schools to bridge the gap that currently exists in the educational pipeline for African American students. More than 60 students from five high schools attended.
- 2. KinderCaminata, at which more than 350 Kindergartners and 140 parents and chaperones visited the campus. President Stanback Stroud welcomed the students as the "Class of 2026." The event was enjoyable for the students and also provided an opportunity for parents to see programs in which they might be interested.

Vice President Briones said that at the Student Recognition and Awards ceremony, 247 scholarships, totaling almost \$220,000, were awarded. Many donations for the scholarships were secured by the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation. After the ceremony, students had the opportunity to personally thank donors at a reception. Student Trustee Latt was the recipient of one of the most prestigious scholarships. Commencement will be held on May 23. On May 29, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the Bay Area Entrepreneur Center.

College of San Mateo President Claire said Mike Mitchell won a statewide California Community Colleges Classified Employee of the Year award. This is the second consecutive year that a College of San Mateo employee has received the award. President Claire will accompany Mr. Mitchell to Sacramento on May 20 for the awards ceremony. The Lady Bulldogs softball team finished the season with a 42-2 record. They were victorious in post-season play and will play for the state championship next week. As part of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the College hosted an event at which four successful Polynesian professionals shared their stories and encouraged students to stay in school. There was also a screening of the film "When the Man Went South" which was filmed in Tonga. The filmmakers were present at the event to answer questions. President Claire recognized classified employees Fi Tovo and Deborah Laulusa who continue to conduct outreach to the Pacific Islander community.

Cañada College President Buckley said Dr. Andrés Roemer, the Consul General of Mexico in San Francisco, will be the speaker at the commencement ceremony on May 24. Beginning July 1, ESL instructor Dr. Anniqua Rana will serve as the first Dean of Athletics, Library, and Learning Resources. Misha Maggi, who has served in an interim role as Student Life and Leadership Manager, has been selected to the permanent position. The District and Cañada College have entered into a partnership with the ESL Language Center. They will be bringing foreign students to the campus this summer and it is hoped that those students will be recruited to stay in the District. A delegation from the NSG Colleges visited the campus from Japan. They are interested in sending Japanese students to the College and having American students attend colleges in Japan. Cañada College hosted a meeting of the Adult Education, College, and Career Educational Consortium (ACCEL), the purpose of which is to mobilize in response to AB 86. Gregory Anderson, Vice President of Instruction at Cañada College, is co-director of the project for the District. Cañada College also hosted a meeting of the San Mateo County Leadership Institute, at which teachers and principals heard speakers address "21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning." The Associated Students of Cañada College and Interclub Council held an awards event which was attended by President Schwarz. Assemblyman Rich Gordon was on campus last week to talk with students in Political Science classes.

- \$50 million in one-time funds for economic and workforce development
- \$20 million (\$6 million increase since January) for technology infrastructure; will likely impact the District more indirectly than directly
- \$148 million (\$27 million decrease since January) for physical plant and instructional equipment; all funds are slated to go toward deferred maintenance; no local match required in 2014-15
- slight decrease since January for Proposition 39 projects
- continuation of shifting of deferral paydowns

Deputy Chancellor Keller said an area of concern for next year and for the future is the amount of funds available – or not available – for retiree benefits. The Governor is proposing adding an additional \$450 million in this year's state contribution for STRS. He is also talking about increasing the employee contribution over the next three years from 8% to 10.25% and the employer contribution over the next seven years from 8.2% to 19%.

Deputy Chancellor Keller said another area of concern is the Governor's proposal for an increased use of infrastructure financing districts, which essentially provide a way for cities and counties to pay for their infrastructure that was previously financed through redevelopment agencies. The Governor has suggested decreasing the threshold for passage of bonds for infrastructure financing from two-thirds to 55%. If this happens, there will likely be more city and county bonds on the ballot which will compete with local school district and community college initiatives. In addition, increases in local property taxes are used to pay off the bonds. Deputy Chancellor Keller said there is also a question of whether the legislature has the ability to reduce the threshold from two-thirds to 55% without a change in the Constitution.

Trustee Holober asked if there are projections regarding increases to the employer contributions for CalPERS. Executive Vice Chancellor Blackwood said the CalPERS rate currently is slightly over 11% and is proposed to be over 20% by 2021. Trustee Holober said the increases for STRS and CalPERS will be phased in but they are issues the Board will have to deal with over time. Deputy Chancellor Keller said he will be surprised if the increases are as high as projected.

District Academic Senate President Bennett said the work of the Performance Evaluation Task Force is close to being finalized. Over the summer, the Academic Senate and AFT will review the document. They will share the document on Flex Days and will move forward for approval before the October accreditation visits. President Bennett said the Senate is working on Chapter 6 of Board Policies and Procedures. Revisions to Policy 6.22, Academic Renewal, will be presented to the Board in June so that it can be included in the College catalogs. There will be Flex Day faculty meetings across the campuses to discuss curriculum and other issues. In addition, the Senate has agreed to work with the Flex Coordinators at each campus so that the Flex Memo will include all activities for faculty, who can then choose from the list and not be restricted to what takes place on their own campus. President Bennett said elections are taking place for Senate leaders at Cañada College, Skyline College, and the District Academic Senate.

Hayley Sharpe, President of the Associated Students of College of San Mateo (ASCSM), reported on events that have taken place since her last report. They include: a Holiday Angels Toy Drive, a holiday party at the Child Development Center, Reboot Week, Club Fair, International Week, Valentine's Day event, and Lunar New Year. The Cultural Awareness Board planned the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict event which featured guest speakers and panelists, along with two movies. Advocacy events included a trip to Sacramento during which student leaders met with assembly members, and attendance at the U.S. Student Association's Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. Ms. Sharpe said elections were held last week and all Senate seats and Executive Board positions are filled. Maggie Garcia will be the new ASCSM president. Ms. Sharpe said she will be transferring to Sacramento State University. She thanked the Board for their work and said that because of the Board, students in the District have opportunities to grow.

Vice President Miljanich said discussion of the Palestinian/Israeli issue provided an opportunity to learn more about people's beliefs and ideas. President Schwarz said she is impressed by the diversity of events hosted by ASCSM. She wished Ms. Sharpe best of luck in Sacramento. Trustee Mohr said he is impressed with the level of public service exhibited by the student body. He said Ms. Sharpe and other student leaders have tried to connect learning outside the classroom with what occurs inside the classroom; he said this enhances the learning process. Trustee Mandelkern thanked Ms. Sharpe for her excellent report and for her leadership. He wished her well and said he hopes she will tell others she meets of her success at College of San Mateo. Student Trustee Latt complimented Ms. Sharpe on her report. He said there is an active Associated Students group at the College and the incoming student leadership group is diverse. President Claire said it has been a pleasure to work with Ms. Sharpe. He said students are represented on all College committees. He said students are an important part of the team and the College is better because of their involvement. Chancellor Galatolo congratulated Ms. Sharpe and wished her all the best.

Student Trustee Latt introduced Student Trustee-Elect Rupinder Bajwa, who was in the audience. He said he is leaving the District with the knowledge that Mr. Bajwa is well-qualified to be the new student trustee.

# <u>BOARD SERIES PRESENTATION – INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING, LEARNING AND SUPPORT</u> <u>SERVICES: STEM CENTER ACTIVITIES AT CAÑADA COLLEGE (14-5-2C)</u>

Gregory Anderson, Vice President of Instruction at Cañada College, introduced the three STEM Center presenters: Danni Redding Lapuz, Project Director; Anna Camacho, Assistant Project Director; and Chris Burwell-Woo, Retention Specialist, Math Jam Coordinator.

Ms. Redding Lapuz said the STEM Center was created in 2012. It was the result of an idea to create an umbrella entity that would encompass all STEM related grants, programs, opportunities, events, information, and people in one place. Its mission is to provide programs, activities, support services, and opportunities related to STEM education for students, faculty, staff, and the greater community. Ms. Redding Lapuz said the STEM Center provides accelerated math courses; college and career workshops; faculty office hours; field trips and campus visits; research opportunities; STEM events (Pi Day, Earth Day); clubs; internships; mentors; Research Poster Expo; scholarships, STEM Speaker Series; transfer support; tutoring and study groups; supplemental instruction; and a social hub. The STEM Center serves high school students (STEM Institute and Summer Engineering Institute); college students (Math Jam, Physics Jam, Supplemental Instruction, STEM Speaker Series, NASA-CIPAIR Internship Program, NSF Scholarship Program, Accelerated Math); and faculty (Summer Engineering Teaching Institute and Joint Engineering Program). Students may join the STEM Center even if they are not STEM majors.

Ms. Camacho said the STEM Center provides a roadmap for students who do not always understand how to use resources and take advantage of opportunities. It provides a STEM Student Action Plan, a three-year plan for STEM student engagement and preparation for transfer.

Mr. Burwell-Woo discussed key obstacles students face: lack of awareness of academic options; attrition; lack of social/academic integration; and low self-efficacy. He outlined STEM Center activities and programs which address these obstacles.

Ms. Redding Lapuz outlined what the STEM Center can do to better serve students – improve current programs, create new services to address student needs, and discontinue ineffective practices. She said the STEM Center has developed partnerships with the College for Working Adults, Placement Testing Office, Middle College, Outreach and Recruitment, and ESL. Partnerships with outside organizations include San Francisco State University, Pierce College, NASA Ames Research Center, Stanford University, local high schools, UC Santa Cruz and Cal Tech.

Ms. Redding Lapuz said that in 2013, the STEM Center received a J. Russell Kent Award for Exemplary Program; Excelencia in Education Associates Level Award; and Academic Senate of California Community Colleges Exemplary Program Award.

Vice President Miljanich asked if the accelerated math program is for students who have had difficulty with math or for those trying to finish requirements. Ms. Camacho said the program addresses both. The Pathway to Statistics

course takes students from pre-algebra to statistics and the Fast Track to Calculus course covers trigonometry and pre-calculus in a single semester.

Trustee Mohr asked if a comparative study has been started regarding retention rates of students participating in STEM Center programs. Ms. Redding Lapuz said research has been done on specific programs, such as MathJam, but not on the STEM Center as a whole. She said a new researcher has just been hired and this will allow further research to be conducted.

Trustee Mandelkern said the success of STEM Center programs, as well as other programs, is a result of outstanding and dedicated faculty members. He asked what is being done to assure that programs will continue and become self-sustaining over time after individual faculty members retire. President Buckley said staff play a very important role as well as faculty. He said the College is committed financially and philosophically to supporting the STEM Center and the people who are part of it. He said it is important to stay in touch with program leadership and to provide mentorship to others so that they can step into roles as faculty members retire. Ms. Redding Lapuz added that there are many new, young faculty members who are very engaged in the program.

President Schwarz said she is impressed by the expansion and growth of the STEM Center between 2012 and 2014 and is pleased to learn that all students may join the STEM Center. President Schwarz asked if there is substitute funding to replace the loss of Measure G funds. Ms. Redding Lapuz said Measure G provided a small part of STEM Center funding and its loss will not devastate the program.

# STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

# NEW BUSINESS

# <u>APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS: CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT, COMPENSATION, PLACEMENT, LEAVES, STAFF ALLOCATIONS AND CLASSIFICATION OF ACADEMIC AND CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (14-5-1A)</u>

President Schwarz announced that under "Reassignments," Lindsey Bynum should be listed under College of San Mateo rather than Cañada College. It was moved by Vice President Miljanich and seconded by Trustee Mandelkern to approve the actions in the amended report. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

# AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 829, COUNCIL 57, AFL-CIO INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL TO THE DISTRICT (14-5-2A)

It was moved by Vice President Miljanich and seconded by Trustee Mohr to accept the initial proposal and hold a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

# CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA), CHAPTER 33 INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL TO THE DISTRICT (14-5-3A)

It was moved by Vice President Miljanich and seconded by Trustee Holober to accept the initial proposal and hold a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

# APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Schwarz said the consent agenda consists of Board Reports 14-5-1CA through 14-5-5CA:

- 14-5-1CA Ratification of Student Trustee Privileges
  14-5-2CA Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative and Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement
  14-5-3CA Acceptance of Grant Funds from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement
  14-5-4CA Curricular Additions Cañada College and College of San Mateo
  14-5-5CA Approval of Agreement with Jacobs Technology Inc. to Fund Internships at NASA
- 4-5-5CA Approval of Agreement with Jacobs Technology Inc. to Fund Internships at NASA for Cañada College Students

It was moved by Vice President Miljanich and seconded by Trustee Mandelkern to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

# **Other Recommendations**

#### CONSIDERATION OF SERVICE AWARD FOR 2012-13 STUDENT TRUSTEE (14-5-100B)

It was moved by Trustee Mandelkern and seconded by Trustee Mohr to approve the service award as detailed in the report. Trustee Mandelkern said he supports the service award enthusiastically. He said Mr. Latt has been an exemplary student trustee who is always prepared and asks insightful questions. Vice President Miljanich said she also appreciates the way in which Student Trustee Latt recognizes students who are present at Board meetings, either in the audience or making presentations to the Board. Trustee Mohr said he admires Student Trustee Latt's quiet, understated way of being brilliant; he said Mr. Latt has served the District very well. Trustee Holober said Mr. Latt has been outstanding as a student and as student trustee. He said he has enjoyed serving with him and wishes him well as he continues his higher education. President Schwarz said it has been a pleasure to work with Student Trustee Latt. She said she appreciates the way he brings the student perspective forward. She said Student Trustee Latt began his term as the Board was going through the process of trying to appoint a Board member and he participated with expertise. She said he will continue to make the Board, as well as his family, proud.

After this discussion, the motion carried, all members voting "Aye." President Schwarz presented a plaque to Student Trustee Latt in appreciation for his service. Student Trustee Latt thanked the Board for being open to listening to the student perspective on issues affecting students. He said that even when there are differences of opinion, the Board works effectively and efficiently to resolve the challenging issues facing the District. He said it has been an honor and privilege to be a part of this Board. Student Trustee Latt also thanked Chancellor Galatolo and Ginny Brooks for their assistance during his term of office.

#### APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICIES: 2.27 POLICY ON SMOKING; 6.34 KCSM-TV AND KCSM-FM; 7.73 STUDENT GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS; 8.38 GIFTS AND DONATIONS (14-5-101B)

It was moved by Vice President Miljanich and seconded by Trustee Holober to approve the revisions as detailed in the report. Regarding Policy 2.27, Trustee Mandelkern said he believes it is an excellent idea to include e-cigarettes in smoking prohibitions; he said many organizations are doing the same. Trustee Mohr said he is encouraged to see the statement that the Colleges may impose more restrictive policies than the minimum restrictions listed in the policy. Trustee Mandelkern said that the section in Policy 7.73 that deals with parking citation appeals appears to be procedural. Chancellor Galatolo agreed and said staff will move the detailed steps in the appeals process to the procedure. After this discussion, the motion carried, all members voting "Aye."

# POSSIBLE ACTION ON SURVEY OF VOTERS AND DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL BOND MEASURE (14-5-103B)

It was moved by Trustee Mohr and seconded by Vice President Miljanich to direct staff to conduct a survey of the public regarding a potential bond measure for the November 2014 ballot.

Trustee Mohr said he reviewed the list of proposed bond projects. He said most of the projects are critical to advancing the teaching and learning process of the District; therefore, he believes it is important to conduct a survey to determine if it is an appropriate time to move forward with a bond measure.

Trustee Mandelkern said the 2011 bond measure lost and he believes this was a message that what the District was asking for was not sufficiently compelling to at least 55% of the voters. Trustee Mandelkern said that after that loss, he suggested a community needs assessment as a way of communicating with voters in the County to see what they would like the District to do and what the District's needs would be in order to fulfill those wishes. He said that if the results of the assessment indicate a need for additional facilities, capital construction, capital equipment, etc., the District would be in a position to tell the public that it has listened to them and is ready to move forward in keeping with their wishes. Trustee Mandelkern said the process is not complete as the Board has not yet received a final report on the community needs assessment. He said he believes it is premature to talk about going to the public until completing the process. Trustee Mandelkern said the results of surveys are relevant for a limited period

Trustee Holober said he believes the Board should ascertain Board members' interest in placing a bond measure on the November ballot before conducting a survey. He said that if it is determined that there is interest, a survey would then be conducted as a check of public support before making a final decision. He said the Board agrees that there are substantial unmet needs that can only be met by going to the public. Trustee Holober said he believes the issue is one of timing: (1) whether there has been sufficient passage of time since the fall 2011 bond measure, and (2) with regard to the decision not to ask for renewal of Measure G, Trustee Holober believes there would be benefit in terms of goodwill to let voters see the decrease in their tax bills before asking them to be taxed in a different way. He said he believes that waiting even one year would create a proper space in time.

Trustee Holober said he believes that, because of the success of the District's prior bond measures, the assumption was made in 2011 that if the public is asked, they will support the District's initiatives. He said that because of that assumption, some groundwork that was done for prior measures was not done in 2011. He said he would like to see outreach efforts, e.g. appearances at school board meetings, city council meetings, Chambers of Commerce, etc. to explain the District's needs. He said he believes these efforts should take place over a one-year period before placing a bond measure on the ballot.

Vice President Miljanich said the District has important needs and there is no way to meet them other than to ask voters to pass a bond measure. She said she believes the Board would be shirking their responsibility if they do not do everything they can to assure the needs are met. She said that during her time on the Board, she has learned how important data is when making decisions. Vice President Miljanich said any reasons given for the failure of the last bond measure are pure speculation. She said the only way to get a sense of whether the timing is right is to go to voters to see if they would support a bond measure. She said she is in favor of obtaining this information and then making a decision. She said she does not benefit personally from a bond measure and does not apologize for asking the public for support.

President Schwarz asked what the status is of the needs assessment. Barbara Christensen, Director of Community/Government Relations, said the Board has received a report on the general survey of community members. They have also received two of five business needs assessment reports and two more will be presented at the Board meeting of June 11. The Computer/Information Science business needs assessment has been delayed because faculty will be going out to small businesses during the summer to gather information; this report will likely be presented in early September. The student needs assessment report will be presented at the Board meeting of June 25. Ms. Christensen said the community needs assessment and the business needs assessments have not provided any information regarding facilities needs; they are directed at educational needs.

Trustee Mohr said he believes a survey is the only way to determine the feasibility of pursuing a bond measure now or at a later time. He said the people of San Mateo County depend on the District to drive the economy and facilities are needed to carry it out at the highest level. He said he believes people understand that community colleges are critical in filling the educational gap created by national and state policies that have disinvested in higher education.

Trustee Holober said there is agreement that a public opinion survey provides essential information and is needed at some point before making a decision about a bond measure. He said there is also agreement that there are facilities needs that cannot be met in other ways. He said the disagreement concerns whether there are considerations beyond the public opinion passage number when deciding if 2014 is the year to go forward. He said that for reasons that are not data-related, i.e. relationships with the community, 2014 is not the year he would support for going forward. Therefore, he would not need to obtain the data from a survey at this time. Trustee Holober said his position is based on keeping faith with voters for a longer term. He said the message regarding the non-renewal of Measure G was that taxpayers were there when the District needed them and they helped the District through a crisis. He believes it would be right for taxpayers to see the Measure G charge removed from their tax bills before bringing forth another tax measure. He said he believes a tax measure in 2014 might create the appearance that one tax went

away because the District is asking for another, more costly tax. Trustee Holober said he would like to allow a separation in time.

Trustee Mandelkern said he respects Vice President Miljanich's passion and enthusiasm for attempting to meet the District's unmet needs. He said he believes there is a difference in philosophy. One approach is to always ask taxpayers for support if poll numbers indicate that a measure would pass. On the other hand, Trustee Mandelkern said he believes it is the Board's and District's responsibility to build a compelling case regarding the District's needs; he said if a compelling case is made to voters, the survey numbers will indicate that there is support. He said he believes one reason the last bond measure failed is because a compelling case was not presented. He said he believes the Board and District have yet to build a compelling case and, based on some of the projects on the list, it could be a difficult case to build. He said he believes time is needed to explain to the public why the projects are needed to meet the community's needs as expressed in the community needs assessment.

President Schwarz said the case must be made to the public that a parcel tax and bond measure are for two entirely different needs; that the District has unmet facilities needs; and that there is no other way to get funding for facilities. She said she would not make a commitment to go forward with a bond measure without first conducting a survey, and she would like to go forward with a survey at this time.

Trustee Mohr said he believes that in the last effort to pass a bond measure, the compelling needs were not conveyed to the public. He said the playing field has changed and community colleges are now more critical than ever before to the County. He said the District must explain its vision clearly and explain that it has compelling needs because it is now the linchpin to the economy and to the education of the populace. He said the District should be open, honest and transparent from the very beginning. Trustee Mohr said he believes now is the time to move forward.

Vice President Miljanich said she appreciates Trustee Holober and Trustee Mandelkern explaining their positions, but she cannot base her decision-making on their opinions. She said "building a compelling case" and "keeping faith" seem to her to be vague and subjective thoughts. She said she needs data to help guide her decisions, as has always been done in the past. Vice President Miljanich said she would not want to base her decisions on anyone's – including her own – subjective opinion on why the last bond measure was not successful.

Trustee Mandelkern said he agrees with Trustee Mohr about the importance of creating a compelling vision and communicating it to the public. He said he does not believe there is enough time to do so between now and early August, when a bond measure would have to be submitted for the November 2014 ballot. Therefore, he does not believe money should be spent on a survey at this time.

President Schwarz said she is in favor of conducting a survey at this time. She said if the results are positive, the Board can then consider whether there is time to convey a vision to the public before the November 2014 election. She said her options remain open but a survey would help her in making decisions about the future of the District. She said competition on future ballots, as mentioned by Deputy Chancellor Keller, would play a part in discussions about timing.

Student Trustee Latt said he believes conducting a survey now is a good idea because it would help the Board make an informed decision about whether to go forward or wait until later. He said the District's needs are great and a successful bond measure would help enhance the opportunities the District is trying to provide to students.

After this discussion, President Schwarz called for a vote on the motion to direct staff to conduct a survey of the public regarding a potential bond measure for the November 2014 ballot. The measure carried, as follows:

Aye: President Schwarz, Vice President Miljanich, Trustee Mohr Nay: Trustee Holober, Trustee Mandelkern Student Trustee Latt cast an advisory "Aye" vote.

# **INFORMATION REPORTS**

#### **REVIEW OF BOARD CORE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES (14-5-3C)**

Trustee Mandelkern thanked Barbara Christensen for accurately capturing the Board's comments and discussion in editing the document. Vice President Miljanich said she particularly appreciates that this document is a broad overview and expresses values and principles as opposed to goals. Trustee Mohr said the core values and principles are a good springboard for moving toward a vision. He noted that the core values and principles, as well as the goals, are the Board's and the District's values and goals.

Trustee Holober said the document is very well written. Regarding the statement, "The Board is committed to providing a wide array of student services that support student success and that do not duplicate services offered in the community", he said previous Board discussions included the idea that the District is not responsible for replacing services that other public agencies are required to provide when those agencies fail to fulfill their obligations. After discussion, Ms. Christensen said she would clarify the statement in the document that will be submitted for Board action.

Regarding the statement, "The Board believes that adherence to these core values and operating principles will allow the District to be one of the most innovative and progressive in the State, and that these values and principles will continue to support the District and advance the interests of students, faculty, staff and the San Mateo County community", Trustee Mohr said he hopes the Board will at some point discuss what it means to be one of the most innovative and progressive districts and how this District knows that it is one of those districts. Chancellor Galatolo said some examples of things the District has done that set it apart are: the parcel tax initiative; faculty/staff housing; and the STEM, MathJam and Writing in the End Zone programs. He agreed that there should be discussions to identify other things for the future that will set the District apart relative to other districts in the State. Trustee Mohr said those discussions should focus on the basic mission of the District, which is teaching and learning. Vice President Miljanich said she looks forward to a future discussion. She said the District might be interested in things other districts are doing and might also be interested in expansion of some things the District is doing currently.

# REVIEW OF PROPOSED BOARD GOALS FOR 2014-15 (14-5-4C)

Board members said they are comfortable with the goals as presented. They thanked Ms. Christensen for capturing their ideas and comments from previous meetings.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Schwarz said she sent a letter of congratulations to Mike Mitchell on being selected as a statewide classified employee of the year. She said she will attend the awards ceremony in Sacramento with Chancellor Galatolo, President Claire and CSEA President Annette Perot.

#### STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Student Trustee Latt said it has been a rewarding experience to work with the Board. He said he will attend the Skyline College commencement ceremony as a graduate and will attend the commencement ceremony at Cañada College the next morning. He said he will be transferring and will most like attend UC Berkeley.

Trustee Mohr said it has been a great pleasure to sit next to Student Trustee Latt at Board meetings. He said Mr. Latt is service-oriented and will do well in his future endeavors. Trustee Mohr said he attended the scholarship events at the three Colleges; he said it was inspiring to see the impact of great teaching and support services. He attended the SAMCEDA Innovators: Awards of Excellence event and the San Mateo County School Boards Association event titled "Progress Report: Beyond Newtown Summit." Trustee Mohr also attended the Housing Leadership Council's Legislative Policy Breakfast and the Social Justice Forum; at both events, people from around the County approached him to comment on the leadership of the District Board and Chancellor regarding housing.

Trustee Mandelkern said Student Trustee Latt's success in college admissions is striking. He said he hopes Mr. Latt will continue to be an ambassador, sharing with others what the District has done for him. Trustee Mandelkern welcomed Student Trustee-Elect Bajwa and said he looks forward to working with him. Trustee Mandelkern

reminded Board members and others of the second annual Skyline College Success Summit to take place on the morning of September 26. He congratulated the scholarship winners at all of the Colleges and said he is looking forward to commencement ceremonies.

Trustee Holober said he is certain that Student Trustee Latt will achieve great success; he said he has enjoyed working with him. Trustee Holober said he is looking forward to commencement ceremonies. He said the Board received an informative report on MediFit at the last Board meeting. He said that as a future topic, he would like the Board to discuss related policy questions that are of interest to them. He said there is approximately one year left on MediFit's contract. Trustee Holober said the CCLC dropped its opposition AB 2087 (Ammiano) because of the amendments added to the bill. He said the amended bill is weaker than the Board would like to have seen; it merely tells the Board of Governors that they need to develop more specific timetables and goals for a district to move out of state-imposed trusteeship back to self-governance and they need to make sure they communicate with districts while they are under the rule of special trusteeship. The Board agreed to consider action to support the amended bill at the meeting of June 25.

President Schwarz congratulated Student Trustee Latt and wished him much success. She said she attended the scholarship events at the three Colleges and will attend commencement ceremonies at College of San Mateo and Cañada College. She said that hearing accolades for students and witnessing their success remind her of why she has been a trustee for all these years. President Schwarz said she attended the leadership awards at Cañada College, retirement parties for Vice Chancellor Harry Joel and Sue Eftekhari, Business/Workforce Development Program Services Coordinator at Cañada College, and the District 25 Year Service Awards.

President Schwarz said *The Daily Journal* published an article on the hospitality program to begin at Skyline College; she asked if there is an update on the program. Sarah Perkins, Vice President of Instruction at Skyline College, said Andrea Vizenor, Director of the Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Program, is the Deputy Sector Navigator for the Bay Area Region. Ms. Vizenor is working on developing curriculum at Skyline College and is working with industry partners all around the Bay Area. Vice President Perkins said hospitality is an emerging industry for the Peninsula.

President Schwarz referenced an article announcing that 24 California community colleges and six law schools signed an agreement to smooth a way to a law degree; she asked if any of the District's Colleges is interested in this program. Vice President Perkins said this is a pathways to law school program designed to place more underrepresented people into the pipeline for law school. There is no money involved in the program but it provides an opportunity for articulation. Vice President Perkins said Skyline College applied and was not selected but will proceed with a pathways program nonetheless. President Buckley said Dean Linda Hayes and the paralegal faculty are working on a program at Cañada College as well.

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

President Schwarz announced that during Closed Session, the Board will consider the personnel items listed as 1A, 1B and 1C on the printed agenda.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 8:59 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 9:50 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS TAKEN**

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 items listed as 1A, 1B and 1C.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Mandelkern and seconded by Trustee Holober to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, all members voting "Aye." The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Ron Galatolo, Secretary

Approved and entered into the proceedings of the June 11, 2014 meeting.

Patricia Miljanich Vice President-Clerk