

SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JOINT MEETING WITH THE WM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004

MINUTES

The Joint Meeting with the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Santa Clarita Community College District Board of Trustees was called to order on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, by Board President Ernie Tichenor, in the Hart District Office Board Room, 21515 Centre Point Parkway, Santa Clarita, California.

Members Present: Mr. Bruce D. Fortine
 Mr. Ronald E. Gillis
 Mrs. Michele R. Jenkins
 Mrs. Joan W. MacGregor
 Mr. Ernest L. Tichenor
 Mr. Earl Foust III, Student Trustee

Others Present (COC): Dr. Dianne Van Hook, Superintendent-President
 Dr. Philip L. Hartley, Executive Vice President/Assistant Superintendent
 Ms. Sharlene Coleal, Dean, Business Services
 Dr. Michael Wilding, Acting Vice President, Human Resources & Student Affairs
 Dr. Barry Gribbons, VP, Institutional Development, Technology & Online Services
 Mr. Michael Dermody, Academic Senate President
 Ms. Audrey Green, Interim Associate Dean, Student Services
 Ms. Lynne Mayer, Administrative Asst. to Superintendent-Pres & Board of Trustees

Hart Board Members Present: Mr. Philip C. Ellis
 Mrs. Patricia A. Hanrion
 Mrs. Gloria Mercado-Fortine
 Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon
 Mr. Tyler Johnstone, Student Board Member

Hart Board Members Absent: Mr. Paul B. Strickland

Others Present (Hart): Mr. Robert C. Lee, District Superintendent
 Ms. Leslie Crunelle, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
 Mr. Michael von Buelow, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel and Student Services
 Mr. Rory L. Livingston, Asst Superintendent, Business Services (via teleconference)
 Dr. Cheri Marchaunt, Director of Alternative Education
 Mrs. Victoria Engbrecht, Director of Curriculum/Assessment
 Mr. Michael Otavka, Director of Facilities, New Construction
 Mr. George Beck, Director of Facilities, Modernization
 Mr. Richard Freifeld, Director of Student Services
 Mrs. Terry Deloria, Director of Special Programs
 Ms. Lorraine King, Executive Assistant

President Tichenor declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**QUORUM
 ESTABLISHED
 (1.1)**

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The Board moved to Closed Session to discuss the following:

**CLOSED SESSION
(1.2)**

- 1.2a Conference with Labor Negotiator
Santa Clarita Community College District Representative: Mr. Jim Schrage
California Schools Employee Association (CSEA)
- 1.2b Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Property: South End of Campus, Proposed University Center Site
Agency Negotiators: Ms. Sharlene Coleal and Dr. Dianne Van Hook
- 1.2c Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Those present in Closed Session were Coleal, Fortine, Gillis, Hartley, Jenkins, MacGregor, Schrage, Tichenor, Van Hook, and Wilding.

The Board concluded Closed Session at 6:10 pm. Following dinner with Hart District Board members and staff members of both districts, the Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:39 pm and announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Hart Board President Sturgeon asked Vice President MacGregor to lead the flag salute.

**FLAG SALUTE
(1.3)**

President Tichenor thanked the Hart Board Members for hosting the meeting and for their hospitality. He welcomed the members of the audience and invited anyone desiring to address the Board to so indicate and they would be recognized. There were none.

**WELCOME GUESTS
(1.4)**

The Board moved approval of the Agenda for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
(1.5)**

Motion: MacGregor Second: Jenkins Record of Board Vote: 4-0-1
(Fortine not present for vote)
Student Trustee: Aye

President Sturgeon welcomed the Board of Trustees, staff and administrators from College of the Canyons. At this point, the Hart Governing Board proceeded with items on their agenda.

Mr. Michael Otavka provided a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the new and recent construction projects occurring within the Hart District for several new schools including Rio Norte Junior High, Sierra Vista/Boys and Girls Club, Golden Valley High, Rancho Pico Junior High and West Ranch High.

**NEW SCHOOLS AND
BUILDING PLAN
UPDATE FOR WM S.
UNION HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT SCHOOLS
(Hart District)
(2.1)**

Mr. George Beck discussed the modernization projects occurring at Arroyo Seco Junior High, Canyon and Saugus High Schools, and the changes to the athletic fields for Canyon, Hart, Saugus and Valencia High Schools. They plan to install synthetic turf at these schools, similar to what was done at COC. The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

Dr. Phil Hartley provided a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the new Performing Arts Center (PAC) at College of the Canyons and describing the building, seating, scene shops, staging, lighting, acoustical sound system and other amenities of the Center. He also:

**UPDATE ON THE
PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER (COC)
(2.2)**

- ✓ Noted a consultant has been hired to assist us in all areas of the center including the identification of appropriate commercially produced events for the opening year of the Performing Arts Center.
- ✓ Discussed the planned uses for the PAC, including instructional programs, college functions and community center and venue needs.

Dr. Van Hook noted we are developing a *Patrons of the Arts* group. They will secure sponsorship to underwrite performances and raise money for an endowment to support the PAC and programming. She also noted we are developing a public relations plan and preparing for the month-long grand opening.

Dr. Van Hook discussed the University Center (UC) and the Interim facility currently in use, highlighting the fact that 340 students have received their bachelor or master degrees in the 14 months of operation. She noted the Center is at full capacity and we have more partners eager to come on board. She noted we have committed \$7M of the \$10M contribution goal for the UC and \$1.7M of the \$2M equipment grant. She distributed a photograph of the UC, a newsletter from the Center, a “Questions & Answers” document (frequently asked questions), and an information card, showing the majors and partners we have in place.

President Tichenor noted that College of the Canyons is not looking to become, nor will it ever become, a 4-year institution, as our charter is to serve the community as one of the California community colleges. He noted he has heard this rumor in the community and wanted to put such a notion to rest. We will always be a community college. However, because we respond to the community’s need, the UC will enable other college and universities to offer their upper division majors and graduate degrees on our campus.

President Tichenor announced that the COC Board had discussed the Joint Use Agreement between COC and the Hart District for the Academy of the Canyons (AOC) to be located in the “west wing” of the UC. He noted Section 28 (termination provision) of the agreement was the major issue. He identified that COC had indicated our position and had communicated it to Hart without a response prior to the meeting. He asked for input from the Hart District within a reasonable period of time on this issue. Mr. Lee suggested the possibility of including a “shall not terminate” option with a 15 year grace period for the Hart District. Both boards agreed more discussion would need to take place on this agreement. However, everyone agreed that AOC is a wonderful program and option for students in the Hart District.

Ms. Audrey Green reviewed the changes that have occurred for community college, college and university admissions policies and practices, and the impact on transfers from the community college system. Due to budget cuts, the UC and CSU systems are reducing their student populations statewide and increasing their fees. She noted that SB 338 has changed concurrent enrollment procedures, particularly that secondary school students will not be allowed to register in “basic skills” courses at community colleges. She noted the need to keep students aware of their choices and apprised of their options.

The Board requested assistance from the Hart District in getting the word to their high school staff and faculty to help eliminate a subtle bias against community colleges as an option for students. In particular, the COC Board noted the tremendous impact high school teachers and counselors could make by encouraging students to attend a community college, thereby raising the awareness and positive outcomes associated with community colleges. In light of the recent changes to transfer policies, they’d like to see more students consider a community college as their first step after high school towards furthering their educations.

Mr. Johnstone, who is concurrently enrolled at COC and Saugus High School, noted there is a bias within the high schools against community colleges. He felt the quality of his education at COC has been great. He was just notified he was not accepted to the university of his choice, and he now plans on continuing at

**UPDATE ON THE
UNIVERSITY CENTER &
DISCUSSION OF THE
JOINT USE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN COC AND
HART DISTRICT (COC)
(2.3)**

**CHANGES TO
COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
COLLEGE AND
UNIVERSITY
ADMISSIONS POLICIES
& PRACTICES AND THE
IMPACT ON TRANSFERS
FROM THE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE SYSTEM (COC
and Hart District)
(2.4)**

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At 8:04 pm., during discussion of Item 2.4, Mr. Livingston’s teleconference was disconnected.

Mr. Sturgeon noted that Item 2.5 and 2.6 would be addressed simultaneously by the two governing boards.

Both Boards noted the unique opportunity we are presented with to work together to help each others causes, both at the local level, as well as the state level to further our legislative advocacy. During the discussion, several ideas and priorities were raised, and Mrs. Engbrecht took notes on a flip chart.

The two boards discussed the idea of having a COC/Hart District Advocacy Committee, comprised of two members from each board and the student member representative, as well. This committee would meet for a variety of reasons; to discuss legislative bills of interest to both districts, work with local representatives, and work on legislative issues that do not necessarily focus on funding. President Sturgeon and VP MacGregor noted we’d like to be part of the solution, not the problem, as we work through the issues facing us. Mrs. Mercado-Fortine from the Hart District volunteered to serve as a representative of this committee, as did Mr. Fortine. The idea was presented to place an item for nomination for these representatives on their respective future agendas.

The board members then discussed assembly bills affecting community colleges and high school districts, equalization funding, site tours by the Board members to high schools (including former students to explain the community college benefits), the role of “vocational” courses, partnerships with community resources, and the sharing of demographic information.

President Sturgeon also noted the unique representation the Santa Clarita Valley will have during this next fiscal year as two local board members become leaders in major organizations. Mr. Kerry Clegg, a Board member from Sulphur Springs School District will become President of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and Mrs. Jenkins will be President of the California Community College Trustees (CCCT).

None.

President Tichenor announced the next Business meeting for the Santa Clarita Community College District will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2004. Closed session is scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm, followed by Open Session at 6:30pm in S-132 (Staff Dining Room) at College of the Canyons.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

**DEVELOPMENT OF
JOINT ADVOCACY
PRIORITIES BETWEEN
THE TWO GOVERNING
BOARDS (LOCAL/STATE
LEVEL DISCUSSION)
(COC and Hart District)
(2.5)**

AND

**OPEN DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE
GOVERNING BOARDS
(COC and Hart District)
(2.6)**

**COMMENTS BY THE
AUDIENCE FOR ITEMS
NOT ON THE AGENDA.
(3.1)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF
NEXT BUSINESS
MEETING
(04/14/04) AND
ADJOURNMENT
(4)**

Mrs. Michele R. Jenkins, Clerk
Board of Trustees
Santa Clarita Community College District

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook
Superintendent-President
College of the Canyons