

**SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2005**  
**MINUTES**

The Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District was called to order on Wednesday, August 24, 2005, by President Joan MacGregor, in the Staff Dining Room of the Student Center, College of the Canyons, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, 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  
 Ms. Annie Yang, ASG President (sitting in as Student Representative)

Others Present: Dr. Dianne Van Hook, Superintendent-President  
 Dr. Michael Wilding, Vice President, Student Services/Interim Assistant Superintendent  
 Ms. Sharlene Coleal, Vice President, Business Services  
 Dr. G. Carole Long, Interim Vice President, Instruction and Community Extension  
 Ms. Diane Fiero, Vice President, Human Resources  
 Mr. Michael Dermody, Academic Senate President  
 Mr. Jim Schrage, Dean Physical Plant and Facilities Planning  
 Ms. Lynne Mayer, Administrative Assistant

Special Presenters: Mr. Michael Joslin, Asst Dean, Student Development & Retention  
 Ms. Kelly Dapp, Student Services/Student Development  
 Ms. Kathy Long, COC Cougar Mentor Program  
 Mr. Steve Dowty, Architect, Kruber Benson Ziemer  
 Ms. Laurie Hammack, Architect, Kruber Benson Ziemer  
 Mr. Thierry Kassan, Architect, Kruber Benson Ziemer

President MacGregor declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**QUORUM  
 ESTABLISHED  
 (1.1)**

The Board moved to Closed Session to discuss the following:

- 1.2a Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation – one case  
*(pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b)(3)(a))*
- 1.2b Conference with Real Property Negotiator(s)  
 Property APN's #2839-004-023, 2839-004-024, 2839-004-026, 2839-002-027, 2839-041-022, 2839-004-028, 2839-004-041, 2839-004-025, 2839-004-027, and 2839-002-026  
 Agency Negotiators: Dr. Dianne Van Hook, Mr. Jim Schrage and Mr. John Dietrich  
 Negotiating Parties: Mr. Bob Kellar, Mr. Marty Kovacs, Mr. Michael Rodgers  
 Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment  
*(pursuant to Government Code §54956.8)*

**CLOSED SESSION  
 (1.2)**

Those present in Closed Session were Coleal, Mr. John Dietrich (via teleconference for item 1.2a), Fiero, Fortine, Gillis, Jenkins, MacGregor, Schrage, Tichenor, Van Hook, and Wilding

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:09 pm. President MacGregor announced the Board had provided parameters for the District to move forward to finalize all aspects of remaining property transactions and all associated agreements.

President MacGregor asked Ms. Yang to lead the flag salute.

**FLAG SALUTE  
(1.3)**

President MacGregor welcomed all present and invited members of the audience desiring to address the Board to so indicate and they would be recognized.

**WELCOME GUESTS  
(1.4)**

Dr. Van Hook introduced four members of the Measure “C” Citizens Oversight Committee who were present: Ms. Becky Basham, Ms. Jill Harper, Ms. Rita Garasi, and Ms. Anne Yang.

Ms Garasi announced that the committee has reviewed the financial records and they approved acceptance of this year’s performance audit for the General Obligation Bonds. She added that the committee members are proud to serve on this committee for the College.

Ms. MacGregor also thanked Mr. Sheldon Wigdor (who was not able to attend) for his help as the chairman of this committee.

Ms. MacGregor asked the public to keep their comments to a minimum and not to be repetitive.

The Board moved approval of the Agenda for the meeting, with the additional information presented for Item 7.1. and to move Item 10.1 to precede Item 10.3

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
(1.5)**

Motion: Gillis                      Second: Tichenor                      Record of Board Vote: 5-0  
ASG President: Aye

Mr. Joslin and Ms. Dapp were present to provide an overview of the Cougar Mentor Program at COC. This program provides numerous services to students, including several successful workshops for students. Ms. Dapp summarized the program’s accomplishments for the past year, noting they conducted telephone surveys and assisted with campus programs and events, including SCV College Day and the College Ambassador Program. Ms. Long, a 3-semester mentor, provided her personal experience with this program and the extraordinary accomplishments they achieved.

**UP CLOSE AND  
PERSONAL  
(1.6)**

The Board moved approval of the Consent Calendar, with the additional information presented for Item 7.1 as follows:

**CONSENT CALENDAR  
(2)**

- 6.1 Approval to Award Contract for Electrical Installation for Public Safety Modular Classroom Project
- 6.2 Approval to Award Contract for Electrical Infrastructure Project
- 7.1 Approval of Personnel Schedule PERS 2005/2006-3
  - B. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL
    - 2. Employment – Regular  
**Michelle Augustine**, Student Services Technician I (Transcript Evaluation), **Classified Represented Salary Schedule B, Range 22, Step 3 (\$3276). Effective September 12, 2005.**

Motion: Tichenor

Second: Fortine

Record of Board Vote: 5-0  
ASG President: Aye

The Board opted to move this item up on the agenda for any action/discussion. Ms. MacGregor announced releasing such information must be passed by a majority of the Board, and cannot, by law, be authorized by one individual. The Board moved approval of a limited waiver of the confidentiality guaranteed by Government Code Section 6254(h) to permit disclosure of real estate appraisals.

**APPROVAL OF A LIMITED WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY GUARANTEED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6254(h) TO PERMIT DISCLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS (10.1)**

Motion: Tichenor

Second: Jenkins

Record of Board Vote: 5-0  
ASG President: Abstain

The Board received an Update on the Canyon Country Educational Center from Mr. Schrage and Dr. Van Hook. Dr. Van Hook provided a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted a detailed timeline for acquiring this property and the process the College followed to acquire the land. Mr. Schrage reviewed the legal requirements the College followed, including meeting California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) evaluations, EIR reports, and property appraisals. He discussed the parameters required for eminent domain (ED) proceedings. Before one can proceed to ED, the buyer needs to either offer the Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI) appraised value or offer to pay the public listing price. Further, he clarified the difference between a MAI appraisal and an “opinion” of an appraisal.

**UPDATE ON THE CANYON COUNTRY EDUCATIONAL CENTER (6.3)**

Dr. Van Hook distributed to the Board and the audience the following:

- ✓ A summary of the property purchases,
- ✓ A timeline for the purchase of property #6,
- ✓ The essential components of the letter of intent and the needs study,
- ✓ A detailed list of Frequently Asked Questions, and
- ✓ Price per acre of property purchased.

A copy of this presentation and the handouts are hereby made a part of these minutes as if fully set forth herein.

The following people addressed the Board:

Mr. Allan Cameron  
Ms. Tiffany Peterson  
Mr. Jonathan Kraut  
Ms. Steven Winkler  
Ms. Jill Harper  
Ms. Roberta Gillis  
Ms. Leigh Hart  
Mr. Michael Rodgers  
Mr. Lou Garasi

Following the public comments, the following members of the Board and administration responded:

Ms. Joan MacGregor  
Ms. Michele Jenkins  
Mr. Bruce Fortine  
Mr. Ron Gillis  
Mr. Ernie Tichenor  
Mr. Michael Dermody

Following their comments, the Board took a recess at 9:40 pm.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Dr. Van Hook reiterated that the Classroom/High Tech Building is funded by Measure C and state funds. Mr. Steve Dowty, KBZ Architects, along with Ms. Laurie Hammack and Mr. Thierry Kassan, provided the Board with a presentation on the Classroom/High Tech Building and the Board meeting room.

Dr. Nancy Smith provided an overview of the departments that will reside in this new building. She, along with Mr. Bob Maxwell and Mr. Chris Ferguson, discussed the technology and set-ups they will have in the new layout for the building and classrooms and how these environments will enhance instructional development and offerings.

There was a short question and answer period following the presentation.

The Public Hearing on the College of the Canyons Faculty Association (COCFA), CTA/NEA Contract Re-Opener Proposal with the Santa Clarita Community College District for 2005/2006 was opened for any public input. There was none.

Dr. Van Hook had nothing to report.

Dr. Van Hook announced that:

- ✓ She acknowledged Mr. Bob Brode for working with Dr. Gribbons to expand the public safety offerings at COC. We are trying to set a date for an open house with Sheriff Lee Baca for the new Sheriff's Academy on campus.
- ✓ There are several late start classes in the works and she appreciates faculty members' help, to continue to develop programming in response to community demands and external competition.
- ✓ We received a middle-college grant, providing us with an additional \$95, 250 to support the Academy of the Canyons.
- ✓ Mr. Yasser Issa and Ms. Christina Chung's reception will be held this Friday at 4:30pm in the Music/Dance building.

Dr. Long noted that the faculty is excited about the Canyon Country site and what will be going into it. They have already started to think about the future goals for many programs.

Dr. Wilding had nothing to report.

Mr. Dermody noted that:

- ✓ He is glad to be back to campus, had a great summer in the mountains, and provided highlights of the events that occurred while he was there.
- ✓ His son is now attending the Academy of the Canyons this year.

Ms. Mayer had nothing to report.

Ms. Yang reported that:

- ✓ The ASG officers are working on their Back to school bash.
- ✓ They will be hosting a Vendor's Fair and Club Rush.
- ✓ They appointed 4 people as officers and currently have 21 people in student government. They project to grow to 26 people or even up to 30 officers.
- ✓ The officers are constructing a resolution in support of AB982 (BOG waivers for students/health fees).

**PRESENTATION ON THE  
CLASSROOM/HIGH  
TECH BUILDING AND  
THE BOARD MEETING  
ROOM  
(6.4)**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON  
THE COCFA, CTA/NEA,  
CONTRACT RE-OPENER  
PROPOSAL WITH THE  
SCCCD FOR 2005/2006  
(7.2)**

**UPDATE ON  
LEGISLATION  
(10.2)**

**SUPT-PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT  
(11.1)**

**REPORTS BY STUDENT  
TRUSTEE, STAFF  
MEMBERS, AND BOARD  
MEMBERS  
(11.4)**

- ✓ She submitted her application for the Advisory Committee on Legislation with the CCLC.
- ✓ Several officers are planning to attend the Presidential Summit as they received an invitation from the Chancellor's Office.
- ✓ ASG is creating a Legislative manual for students to inform them of their rights.
- ✓ This could be her last time representing the ASG officers. She has enjoyed her time and the opportunity to grow and learn as a student, leader and a person. She noted she admires the way the Board conducts themselves professionally and personally.

**REPORTS BY STUDENT TRUSTEE, STAFF MEMBERS, AND BOARD MEMBERS (11.4) con't**

Mr. Tichenor thanked Ms. Yang for serving as the student representative over the past few months. He also noted he attended the "Wizard of Oz" production done by the Canyon Theatre Guild in our Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Gillis had nothing to report.

Mr. Fortine announced that he participated on the KHTS advisory board.

Mrs. Jenkins announced that she attended the fundraiser for the Downtown Newhall Association at the Disney Ranch. She noted East LA College is having an event this weekend for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mrs. MacGregor reminded everyone that the Foundation's Texas Poker Tournament will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged everyone to come.

She also thanked the administration and staff involved in the last couple of weeks leading up to the start of this semester, the opportunities presented for staff, the Opening Day luncheon, and everything that occurred during Welcome Week to make it a positive experience for students.

None.

**COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. (11.5)**

None.

**REQUESTS/RECAP OF REQUESTS MADE DURING THE MEETING BY BOARD MEMBERS TO HAVE AN ITEM ON A FUTURE AGENDA (11.6)**

President MacGregor announced the next meeting will be a Budget Study Session and will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, in the Staff Dining Room, Student Center Building. Closed session will begin at 5:30 pm and open session will begin at 7:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING (9/14/05) AND ADJOURNMENT (12)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

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Mr. Bruce D. Fortine, Clerk  
Board of Trustees  
Santa Clarita Community College District

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

Entered in the proceedings of the District \_\_\_\_\_