# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 1, 2016

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Richard Caglia at 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2016, in Room STC-100 at Reedley College Student Center, 995, N. Reed Avenue, Reedley, California.

**Trustees Present** 

Richard Caglia, President John Leal, Vice President

Robert "Bobby" Kahn Jr, Secretary

Miguel Arias Ronald Nishinaka Patrick Patterson Eric Payne

Brenda Fuentes, Student Trustee Cody Sedano, Student Trustee

Also present were:

Bill F. Stewart, Interim Chancellor, SCCCD

Ed Eng, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration, SCCCD

Diane Clerou, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources

Barbara Hioco, Interim Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and

Institutional Effectiveness

Cynthia Azari, Interim President, Fresno City College

Sandra Caldwell, President, Reedley College

Deborah Ikeda, President, Clovis Community College

Christine Miktarian, Vice Chancellor of Business and Operations, SCCCD

Gregory Taylor, General Counsel, SCCCD

Lucy Ruiz, Executive Director, Public and Legislative Relations, SCCCD Barbara Martin, Interim Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCCD

Introduction of Guests

Dr. Caldwell introduced faculty member Lina Obeid who introduced two students, Christian Cortez and Max Figueroa. They were there regarding the aeronautics program and applying for internships with NASA.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2016, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Payne and seconded by Trustee Kahn to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016, as presented. The motion passed without dissent.

#### **Public Comment**

Jennifer Haney spoke from the Academic Senate for Liz Romero. They wanted to thank the Board for the speed with which the President Search is being handled and request input from faculty.

Omar Bautista from Carpenters 1109 spoke in favor of the proposed bond measure.

Marco Monlina from Farmersville, Carpenters 1109, spoke in support of the proposed bond.

Joe Estrada, IBEW Local 100, spoke in favor of the bond as well.

Michael Lopez from the Building Trades spoke in support of the bond.

Tomiez Ammonds, Caprenters Local 701 spoke in favor of the bond.

Rene Craig-Marius – FCC Dean of Student Success thanked Dr. Azari for her service.

Jewel Riversmith – Administrative Services at FCC and she helps with president's support when needed. Ms. Riversmith gave a personal statement in support of Dr. Azari and thanked her for all she's done. She stated her admiration for Secretary to the President Kim Quesada and Dr. Azari.

Jose Quesada has an AA in history from FCC and is now a CSUF student. He spoke to the requirements for the Community College AA degree and the requirements transferring to CSU's. The disconnect has caused hardship for many students. He asks the schools to look at and evaluate the situation.

Michael Stanard – Clovis Faculty, Academic Senate. He spoke regarding the hiring of a president for Clovis Community College.

Leroy Candler – President of NAACP – Have done a review of present and past practices of FCC Interim President Cynthia Azari. They concluded she has failed, and give her a vote of no confidence. He states there are reasons for not re-hiring.

Rochelle Franklin, FCC Student. Ms. Franklin stated that she feels no support for African American students. She feels like she isn't having a voice as an African American student and has been disrespected and treated rudely by staff.

Joint District and Campus Presidents' Reports Sandra Caldwell, Reedley College President, reported on activities taking place in the District during the months of February and March. A written report from each campus was available as well. She presented Board members and the Interim Chancellor with products of Reedley College, Olive Oil, Vinegar, and Wine.

Academic Senate Report Stephanie Curry, Reedley College Academic Senate President, reported on meetings and activities of the Academic Senates, including that Reedley College faculty are in favor of the potential bond.

Classified Senate Report Corinna Lemos, Reedley College Classified Senate President, reported on meetings and activities of the Classified Senates. Corina Lemos presented for all campuses. She mentioned that the Reedley College Senate supports the potential bond. Reedley College Senate has elected new officers and she introduced Darnell Harris as their new president.

Reedley College Mentoring Programs Sandra Fuentes and Nate Saari presented information regarding the Reedley College Mentoring Programs. The Mentoring for Success was developed by the Latino Faculty and Staff Association in 2014. The program now includes 41 faculty members and 63 student mentees. The program has three goals, to establish a network of faculty and staff to mentor students, to foster student self-reliance and to foster students' self-esteem and confidence. Introduced was Vanessa Buldo, faculty mentor that has four mentees. She gave information about her experience as being a mentor as well as her personal background as a student and how others mentored her. Sierra Huckobey, student mentee of Vanessa Buldo, gave a look at what being a mentee entails and how much it has meant to her.

FCC Registered Nursing Program Update Lorraine Smith, Fresno City College Dean of Allied Health, Physical Education and Athletics and Stephanie Robinson, FCC Director of Nursing presented an update on the FCC Nursing Program. It is the largest associate degree nursing program in California. They shared some of the challenges they have had, some of the factors that contribute to those, some of the research that has been done to approach these challenges and some of the changes they will be making.

Reports of Board Members Student Trustee Sedano reported on activities for the month at Fresno City College. Last week was club rush. The ASG will host a debate between candidates in 31<sup>st</sup> district race. ASG is in favor of potential bond. Regarding the topic that was brought up in the public comment section of the meeting regarding requirements for AA degree, he would like to thank Dr.

Reports of Board Members (continued) Azari and others at FCC for giving the help that is needed.

Student Trustee Fuentes reported on activities for the month for Reedley College, Madera and Oakhurst Community College Centers. There have been multiple events for Black History Month. Madera Community College Center has hosted several events including the Spring Extravaganza coming up on March 17<sup>th</sup>. She expressed her support for the potential bond and encouraged other students to vote.

Trustee Patterson thanked Dr. Sandra Caldwell for the wine. She reluctantly had told him she paid for it personally, so he thanked her personally.

Trustee Arias thanked Dr. Sandra Caldwell for the wine as well.

Trustee Nishinaka greeted incoming chancellor Dr. Paul Parnell and thanked interim chancellor Dr. Bill Stewart for his service. He also reported on many activities he participated in the last month.

Trustee Payne attended the Wall of Honor last week as well as the City of Fresno Councilmember Esmeralda Soria's welcome reception with the Sister City Program. He congratulated Trustee Nishinaka for being recognized by Reedley Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding leadership in this community. He thanked Dr. Stewart for his service.

Trustee Kahn thanked Dr. Stewart for his service and leadership.

Trustee Leal reported on many activities he attended this month. He also congratulated Trustee Nishinaka on his recognition by the Chamber of Commerce. He thanked Dr. Stewart for his service.

President Caglia reported that he attended the Wall of Honor. He presented Trustee Bobby Kahn the certificate of achievement and pin for completing the Excellence in Trusteeship Program through the Community College League of California. He also congratulated Trustee Payne for his Outstanding Public Leader Award. Also wants to thank interim chancellor Dr. Bill Stewart and presented him with a gift from the board.

Future Agenda Items

None

## Consideration of Consent Agenda Action

President Caglia announced that there has been an amendment to the exhibit for item 16-13HR and an amendment to item 16-15HR on the consent agenda. Changes are in bold and copies have been provided.

It was moved by Trustee Arias and seconded by Trustee Kahn that the Board of Trustees approve consent agenda items 16-13 HR through 16-19HR, items 16-16 G through 16-17 G, and items 16-21 G through 16-24G, as amended.

The motion passed without dissent.

Employment,
Change of Status,
Resignation,
Retirement,
Academic
Personnel
[16-13HR]
Action

Approve the academic personnel recommendations, items A through E, as presented

Employment, Promotion, Change of Status, Transfer, Resignation, Retirement, Classified Personnel [16-14HR]

Action

Approve the classified personnel recommendations, items A through I, as presented

Consideration to
Approve Academic
Personnel
Teaching in
Secondary Subject
Areas
[16-15HR]
Action

Adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 52060 of the California Code of Regulations, the governing board of a district may authorize holders of the Community College Instructor Credential issued before January 15, 1977, to teach courses in those secondary subject areas designated on their credential documents; and, for holders of the Community College Instructor Credential issued after January 15, 1977, to teach courses in a subject matter area in which the holders have completed a minor; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Board to provide such authorization as needed to carry out the educational programs of the institutions of this district during the 2016-2017 academic year;

Consideration to
Approve Academic
Personnel
Teaching in
Secondary Subject
Areas
[16-15HR]
Action
(continued)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that whenever the College/Campus Presidents and the Chancellor believe it is necessary and in the best interest of the District's students, the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District hereby authorizes holders of the Community College Instructor Credential issued:

- 1) before January 15, 1977, to teach courses in those secondary subject areas designated on their credential documents, and
- 2) after January 15, 1977, to teach courses in the subject matter area in which the credential holders have completed a minor.

Consideration to Approve 2016-17 Contract Status of Academic Personnel [16-16HR] Action Pursuant to Education Code Sections 87605, 87608 and 87609, approve the submitted contract Status List of academic personnel for reemployment for the 2016-17 academic year, as indicated, subject to assignment by the Chancellor and salary placement as adopted by the Board of Trustees

Ratification of Appointment of Interim Dean of Student Services, Madera Community College Center [16-17HR] Action Appoint Ms. Leticia Canales as Interim Dean of Student Services, Madera Community College Center, Reedley College, with placement on the Management Salary Schedule at Range 62, Step 8 (\$11,577.50 monthly), effective February 8, 2016

Consideration to Approve Six-Month Extension of Limited Term Human Resources Systems Analyst, Personnel Commission [16-18HR] Action

Approve the six-month extension of limited term Human Resources Systems Analyst in the Personnel Commission

Approve the short-term, part-time employment agreement with Dr. Bill F. Stewart, effective March 18, 2016

<b>Review of District</b>
Warrants and
Checks
[16-16G]
<u>Action</u>

Review and approve the warrants register for the following accounts:

Account:	Amount:	For the Period:
District	23,463,275.67	01/12/16 to
Fresno City College Bookstore	543,653.83	02/08/16 01/13/16 to
Reedley College Bookstore	980,207.64	02/09/16 01/13/16 to
Fresno City College Co-Curricular	146,963.59	02/09/16 01/12/16 to
Reedley College Co-Curricular	166,087.24	02/08/16 01/09/16 to
Total:	\$ 25,300,187.97	02/05/16

Consideration of Report of Investments [16-17G] Action Accept the Quarterly Investment Report, as provided by the County of Fresno, for the quarter ending December 31, 2015

#### Consideration to Authorize Process for Transfer of Student Credit Balances to General Fund [16-18G] Action

Authorize the Interim Chancellor or his designee to initiate the process for the transfer of long-standing credit balances by placing a Public Notice in The Fresno Bee with Board action to approve the transfer of funds at the May board meeting

Trustee Payne spoke to this item, then made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Trustee Leal and approved without dissent.

Consideration to Establish 2016-17 Residence Hall and Meal Plan Rates, Reedley College [16-19G] Action

- a) Establish the residence hall annual rate for 2016-17 at \$3,578 (\$1,789 per semester) plus a non-refundable contract fee of \$150; and
- b) Establish the mandatory residence hall meal plan rates at \$1,850 (\$925 per semester) with an optional augmented plan at \$2,550 (\$1,275 per semester)

Trustees Payne and Arias asked questions which were addressed by President Caldwell and Vice President Donna Berry.

Motion was made by Trustee Arias and seconded by Trustee Leal. The motion passed without dissent

Consideration to Accept Grant for California Apprenticeship Initiative, Districtwide [16-20G] Action

- a) Authorize the District to accept the California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI) grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for the period January 21, 2016, through February 28, 2018, with maximum funding in the amount of \$440,717;
- b) Authorize renewal of the grant with similar terms and conditions; and
- Authorize the Interim Chancellor or Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration to sign grant related documents on behalf of the District

Trustee Payne asked questions which were addressed by Dr. Barbara Hioco.

Motion was made by Trustee Kahn and seconded by Trustee Payne. The motion passed without dissent.

Consideration to Accept Grant for California Apprenticeship Initiative, Madera Community College Center [16-21G] Action

- a) Authorize the District, on behalf of Madera Community College Center, to accept the California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI) grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for the period January 21, 2016, through February 28, 2018, with maximum funding in the amount of \$1,000,000;
- b) Authorize renewal of the grant with similar terms and conditions; and
- Authorize the Interim Chancellor or Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration to sign grant related documents on behalf of the District

Consideration of Claim, Elizabeth A. Gill [16-22G] Action Reject claim submitted by Elizabeth A. Gill and direct the Interim Chancellor or Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration to give written notice of said action to the claimant Consideration of Approve Student Travel for Fresno City College City Singers to France [16-23G] Action Approve the Fresno City College City Singers and accompanying faculty to travel to France in July 2016 for a singing tour with the understanding that no college or district funds will be used

Consideration to Approve Out-of-State Student Travel to Music Teachers National Association Conference in Texas [16-24G] Action

Approve Fresno City College students to travel to San Antonio, Texas, in April to attend the Music Teachers National Association Conference

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*End of Consent Agenda\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Recess

At 6:36 p.m. President Caglia announced a short recess. The Board reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

Consideration to Adopt Resolution Ordering a Bond Election on June 7, 2016

for the district.

[16-12] Action

Lucy Ruiz, Gregory Taylor, Brian Speece, Ed Eng, Bill F. Stewart presented information on the potential bond measure.

President Caglia asked Dr. Paul Parnell to offer his opinion regarding the

potential bond measure. He thinks it is the right time to do this. He also is

in favor of it being on the June ballot. He believes it will be very beneficial

Dr. Stewart introduced the topic. It has been a long time coming. They will walk everyone through the resolution.

Lucy Ruiz presented information on what has been done. First was the informational video. She also pointed out hand-outs that have been provided. Each campus has established a committee. There are weekly districtwide e-mails. ASG is ready and working on a "get out and vote" campaign. Speakers' bureaus are out giving presentations. A master calendar is being developed. There will be a micro site when we get a ballot letter. Social media will be utilized. A key date is May 7th because 50% – 60 % of voters vote absentee ballots. A telephone get-out-to-vote

Consideration to Adopt Resolution Ordering a Bond Election on June 7, 2016 [16-12] Action (continued) campaign will be utilized. Campaign headquarters will be staffed by volunteers.

Gregory Taylor went over the legal aspect for district employees. They can provide information, not advocate.

Brian Speece went over the extensive planning that has taken place.

Ed Eng talked about filing requirements.

A motion was made by Trustee Arias and seconded by Trustee Leal that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 2016.02, as amended, ordering a bond election on June 7, 2016; and authorize the Interim Chancellor or his designee to sign the required election documents on behalf of the district.

There was some discussion and the Board agreed to amend the resolution by adding "apprenticeship programs" to the goals.

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

	YES	NO	Absent
Miguel Arias	Χ		
Bobby Kahn	Χ		
John Leal	Χ		
Ron Nishinaka	Χ		
Pat Patterson		Χ	
Eric Payne	Χ		
Richard Caglia	Χ		

The item passed as follows:

Ayes -6

Noes – 1 (Patterson)

Absent - 0

Trustee Patterson submitted a letter to the Board regarding his no vote. [Addendum 1 attached]

Consideration to Change the Name of Madera County Educational Center to Madera Community College Center [16-13] Action

Reedley College President Sandra Caldwell explained the background for this item.

A motion was made by Trustee Kahn and seconded by Trustee Leal that the Board of Trustees change the name of the Madera campus from Madera County Educational Center to Madera Community College Center. The motion carried without dissent. Assignment of Board Representatives for Graduation Ceremonies [16-14] Action The Trustees were assigned commencement ceremonies to attend.

Consideration to
Approve
Continuing with
President of Clovis
Community
College
Recruitment
Process and
Selection of Board
Members and
Community
Members to Serve
[16-15]
Action

Diane Clerou presented information regarding recruitment for the President of Clovis Community College. There was a discussion whether or not board members should be part of the committee. That has been the practice of the board and it was suggested that it be continued at this time and then be a topic for the board retreat in April.

After discussion and consideration a motion was made by Trustee Kahn and seconded by Trustee Arias that the Board of Trustees proceed with the Clovis Community College President search, appoint Trustees Patterson and Leal and community members Roger Oraze, Jose Flores and Tou Her, with Eugene Shimizu as an alternate in the case that any of the first three could not serve, to the Search Committee for the Clovis Community College President.

The motion carried without dissent.

Consideration to
Approve
Continuing with
Vice Chancellor of
Human Resources
Recruitment
Process and
Selection of Board
Members and
Community
Members to Serve

[16-16]

Action

Diane Clerou presented information regarding the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Recruitment.

A motion was made by Trustee Kahn and seconded by Trustee Leal that the Board of Trustees proceed with the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources recruitment, appoint Trustee Arias to the committee, and defer to the chancellor to appoint a community member.

The motion carried without dissent.

A motion was made by Trustee Leal and seconded by Trustee Kahn that the Board of Trustees approve changing the job description to include the Affordable Care Act in the duties. The motion carried without dissent.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. by unanimous consent.

#### Bobby Kahn /s/

Robert "Bobby" Kahn Jr. Secretary, Board of Trustees State Center Community College District

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### Addendum 1

#### SCCCD Board Meeting 3-1-16

#### **Bond Resolution**

Certainly there will be a need for a Bond sometime in the near future to accommodate any future growth in student population and to satisfy changing needs in both Academic and Vocational areas of education.

This is the second major Bond request to be submitted by the District.

What was our scorecard for the first Bond? That Bond did produce a Beautiful refurbished OAB...albeit budgeted at @\$33M, but costing over @\$55M. And, although that Bond has been utilized, the SE site has not been developed into a new VTC and Police/Fire facility. That SE site needs to be developed and the District needs to "keep their promises" to the voters!

The first Bond is still being paid down by tax assessments on property owners in the SCCCD District. And, that first Bond was submitted to the voters only after lengthy and comprehensive studies, needs assessments, and direct Community involvement.

During the discussions for this second Bond, no Board discussions have involved the first Bond, and our current status of the first Bond.

This Resolution is asking voters to approve a ½ Billion dollar property tax assessment without that same level of study and community involvement during the first Bond election.

This Board has not received, discussed or analyzed any needs assessment, detailed listing of expenditures/plans, or specificity of projected Bond expenditures?

Those details are important so that the Public might better evaluate SCCCD in the spending of their "tax dollars".

Furthermore, not articulated in this Bond Resolution is apparent "agreements" to relocate the Oakhurst to another site, possibly outside of Oakhurst, and construction of a new "20,000 square foot Center" in S/W Fresno in the area of Edison H.S.

The Board has not seen or discussed any comprehensive needs assessments for either of those two sites. And, those actions contradict other studies conducted in the past.

In general, before any sites are moved and/or added, a comprehensive needs assessment and study needs to be conducted that would include "Center" guidelines that are required by the State Chancellor's Office, and the Office of State Architect.

Only last week I saw a video prepared by the Interim Chancellor that included a mention of a new "20,000 sq. ft. Center to be built in SW Fresno" from these new Bond funds. This building has not been discussed by the Board.

This S/W site would be only 5 miles from FCC and the type of classes to be offered at that "proposed" location is unknown (at least to this Board Member). Is this Center intended to be for 4 year transfer students, or for Vocational/Jobs Training programs?

In summary, I do believe we will need to seek Voter approval to support a Bond to update and upgrade existing facilities that are determined by a comprehensive Planning of future growth and needs.

But, this present Bond is premature and lacking the necessary study and articulation of exactly what the Voters are approving, and expecting to achieve by their support.

Finally, it would be reasonable to delay this Bond for one year. During this year's delay, the new incoming Chancellor could incorporate the necessary studies and needs assessments into his "Vision for the District". Then we would have the support of everyone!