

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Ohlone College
Room 1216
43600 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94539

Minutes of Board Meeting
April 28, 2004
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UNADOPTED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ruthe Foster, President
Mr. John H. Weed, Vice President
Mr. Bob Brunton, Secretary
Mr. Dan Archer
Mr. Bill McMillin
Mr. Garrett Yee
Mr. Nick Nardolillo
Ms. Ritzi Lam, Student Trustee

MANAGEMENT PRESENT: Dr. Douglas Treadway, President/Superintendent
Dr. Lisa Waits, Vice President, Student Services
Ms. Deanna Walston, Vice President, Business Services/Deputy Superintendent
Dr. James Wright, Vice President, Instruction
Mr. Lyle Engeldinger, Executive Dean of Human Resources

COLLEGE COUNCIL: Mr. Dennis Keller

CLASSIFIED SENATE: Mr. Patrick Lane

FACULTY SENATE: Mr. Rob Smedfeld

OPEN MEETING: Mrs. Foster called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The roll was called and all members were present.

Mrs. Foster led the pledge of allegiance.
The Board recessed for a tour of the Broadcasting Department.

Returned to Board Room at 7:50 p.m.

Communications from the Public

Ms. Eileen McDonald, Newark resident and former Newark Unified School District Trustee and presently representing Newark and part of Fremont on the Alameda County Board of Education, referred to the testing of high school students for community colleges. She

questioned the possibility of standardizing the Assessment Test to allow students to take the test at Ohlone and use the test scores for other colleges in the state. Dr. Treadway advised that the Board could place this item for consideration on a future agenda.

Agenda Modifications

Ms. Walston advised that several speakers were present to address Item 3, and she requested that this item be discussed as the first item of business.

3. (Attachment 1) Approval of Newark Schematic Design and Authorization to Proceed with Design Development Phase

Mr. Don Eichelberger, project manager, introduced Ms. Karen Cribbins-Kuklin and Ms. Susan Seastone, representatives from MBT Architects. An overview of two issues (the site and the buildings) that were identified at a workshop on April 21, 2004, were discussed. A handout was provided with revised drawings reflecting solutions and/or alternatives for those questions and concerns that were expressed at the workshop. A discussion followed, providing the Board an opportunity to discuss the suggested revisions.

Motion Approved

Moved/Brunton/Seconded/Archer/Passed to approve the Newark Schematic Design and Authorization to Proceed with Design Development Phase. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Nardolillo, Brunton, Foster, Yee, McMillin, Archer; Noes: Weed; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0, (Advisory Vote - Ayes: Lam)

1. (Attachment 2) Proposals to Change Board Structure and/or Elections

Dr. Treadway referred to a summary of the items submitted by Mr. Weed for the Board's consideration. A letter addressed to the Board of Trustees from the city of Newark, Section 5019 (the code that governs elections of community colleges and the structuring of the districts), and Chapter 2 (Organization of the Board) were distributed.

Dr. Treadway recommended that Items one through six be addressed first and then proceed with items seven, eight, and nine. Mr. Yee suggested that each item be voted on by at least three members in order to be discussed as an item of interest at a future Board meeting.

Ms. McDonald expressed her appreciation of the fact that Newark has had two representatives, and she urged the Board to keep seven Board members with two representatives from Newark.

Mrs. Foster read the letter from the city of Newark written by Mayor David Smith, expressing objection to any elimination of the two Newark seats.

Item 1: Eliminate the numbered seats. May be done by a vote of majority of the Board. (Ayes: 3; Noes: 4)

Item 2: Reduce the number of seats from seven to five. Could be put on the next general election ballot by majority vote of the Board of Trustees. (Ayes: 1; Noes: 6)

Item 3: Remove restrictions on city of residence. Newark residents could run for a seat on the Board of Trustees in every election and be considered for all appointments to open seats. Could be put on the next general election ballot by majority vote of Board of Trustees. (Ayes: 1; Noes: 6)

Item 4: Increase the payment required of candidates to file a candidate statement to \$500 (currently \$200) and annually index the amount to reflect inflation. Over the past 25 years inflation has more than doubled the original limit of \$200. Requires a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. (Ayes: 7; Noes: 0)

Item 5: Require a candidate to have 20 signatures of registered voters in the District to file for the election. May be done by a vote of a majority of the Board. (Ayes: 7; Noes: 0)

Item 6: Move the date of the election to November of odd years. An effect would be to lengthen the current terms by one year. Would allow a Proposition 39 bond election for any November election. Would help reduce the influence of partisan and city of Fremont political faction support of individual or team of candidates for Ohlone Board of Trustees. Would be a near-term cost savings for the current election year, but may increase long-term costs. Requires a majority vote of Ohlone Board and the concurrence of the Registrar of Voters and County Board of Supervisors. (Ayes: 7; Noes: 0)

Item 7: Term Limits (Ayes: 1; Noes: 6)

Item 8: Changing to Wards (Ayes: 1; Noes: 6)

Item 9: Union City being given a seat or able to run for Board in Fremont (Ayes: 7; Noes: 0)

Ms. Walston advised that there is a small part of Union City that is within the boundary of our District but that our Board policy defines the boundaries as Fremont Unified and Newark Unified, noting that there needs to be some changes in the wording.

Ms. Elizabeth Silva, Librarian at Ohlone College, referred to her research of the District precincts. She advised that one portion is near the Mobile home park which is off of Alvarado-Niles road on the east side of Highway 880,

another on a court across the street, and another three courts that are near Paseo Padre Parkway and Decoto Road. She pointed out that there is a much larger section now newly developed, since the 1980's, and currently is on the west side of Highway 880. In this development, there is a new elementary school, Delaine Eastin Elementary School, off of Newark-Union City Boulevard, and a new development off of Lowry and Alvarado Boulevard, Ponderosa Homes. Ponderosa Cove 1 and 2 are also under development.

Ms. Silva noted that in talking with the various agencies and the Registrar of Voters, the boundaries have not changed over the years. Ms. Silva advised that Ms. Walston has a complete map of the precincts in her office.

Mr. Brunton stated that if the district would go to a non-ward, the Board would go with 5-1-1 allowing each a guaranteed seat--Newark would have one seat, Union City would have one seat, and Fremont would have five seats. All seats would be voted At-Large. Mr. Brunton asked if that would be a legal decision. Dr. Treadway responded yes. He explained that there are at least four combinations. 1) They can have their own seat and the other seats reduced to six. 2) They can be attached to Newark's two seats: Union City and Newark two seats, and Fremont five. 3) Attached to the Fremont five seats; and 4) Let Union City run for all seven seats.

Dr. Treadway reiterated that legal counsel advises that the District has to include these precincts before the next election; they have to be able to run for the Board.

Following a discussion, Dr. Treadway asked the Board if the District wants to have the changes in effect for the 2004 election. **All seven Board members voted in favor of this proposal.**

2. (Attachment 3) Discussion of District Vision Statement, Values, and Goals

Item will be discussed on the May 12, 2004, Board Agenda.

4. (Attachment 4) Report on Electronic Board Packets

Dr. Treadway advised that the Board would continue to receive a hard copy of the Board packet as usual. However, to save staff time and several thousand dollars, staff will prepare an electronic copy to everyone except the Board. The packet would be available on the Ohlone College website and would be open to public access. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to provide a hard copy to everyone who sits at the Board table.

5. (Attachment 5)

Report on Relocation of Board Room

Dr. Treadway discussed the proposed location of the President's Office in the center of the campus. He noted that the present Board Room, Room 1216, appears to be the most optimal and feasible to remodel at a low cost and tie the President's Office into the Vice Presidents in Building One. He further advised that a proposed location for the Board Room has been considered and that Mr. Barros is present to discuss this site. Mr. Barros stated that the new location would be in the new Child Development Center, noting that the room is approximately 1200 square feet, that it is multimedia ready, and easy access to parking in lots G and H.

6.

Report on Parliamentarian

In following up on the Board's request to consider having a parliamentarian at Board meetings, Dr. Treadway recommended that the Board schedule a workshop in June to critique Board meetings. He reiterated that the Board policy reads that the Board is to follow Robert's Rules of Order. Research has been done with the Alameda County Association of Parliamentarians, a volunteer group but a professional group as well. This group would be willing to audit a couple of the District's meeting tapes and then follow up with Board training. Dr. Treadway advised that as a result of the workshop, the District would then consider hiring a paid parliamentarian for a period of six to nine months and follow up with an assessment at the end of six months.

Items for the next meetings

Proposals to Change Board Structure and/or Elections
Discussion of District Vision Statement, Values, and Goals
Presentation: Accomplishments of Ohlone College Students
Tentative Budget Workshop

Date and Time of Next Meeting

May 12, 2004

Tentative Budget Workshop: 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 10:10 p.m.

Bob Brunton
Secretary