

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES

December 3, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, in the Administration Building, Room 626, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534-3197, by Phil McCaffrey, Governing Board President.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At the request of Board President McCaffrey, Board Vice President Ubalde led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Phil McCaffrey, President
A. C. "Tony" Ubalde, Jr., Rel.D., Vice President
James M. Claffey
Denis Honeychurch, J.D.
Pam Keith
Stephen Murphy, J.D.
A. Marie Young
David R. Brannen, Student Trustee
Lisa J. Waits, Ed.D., Interim Secretary

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ross Beck, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications
Richard Christensen, Director, Human Resources
Jay Field, Vice President, Technology and Learning Resources
Don Mourton, Ph.D., Interim Vice President, Student Services
Robin L. Steinback, Ph.D., Vice President, Academic Affairs
Nora O'Neill, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent/President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Terri Pearson-Bloom, Women's Softball Coach, stated that the CTA will clear its calendar for the next two weeks to make itself available to work with the District to finalize contract negotiations for 07/08.

Board President McCaffrey thanked Ms. Pearson-Bloom for her comments.

Mr. Tom Grube, CTA President, stated the CTA wants to settle the contract and be reasonable. He said, however, that it seems as if there is a move to drag out the process by going to mediation or going to impasse. He mentioned that the College's legal bills have been extensive this year, stating that \$250,000 was budgeted for legal fees, yet \$619,000 was spent on legal fees and warned that, if this matter goes to impasse and fact finding, the legal bills will be even more extensive. Mr. Grube pointed out that the SCC salaries rank between 65th and 68th out of 72 community college districts and stated that it will take 11.75% to move them up to middle ranking. He said they are not asking for that – they are asking to move a little bit closer and to close the books.

Board President McCaffrey thanked Mr. Grube for his comments.

Mr. Irving Teranishi, along with Mr. Reden Infante, Mr. Mel Orpilla and Ms. Belle Orpilla, recognized Board Vice President Tony Ubalde, on behalf of the Asian Pacific Islander Organization, for his four years of service on the Governing Board of Solano Community College and made the following comments:

They thanked Trustee Ubalde for his support in promoting excellence in education at Solano College and acknowledged his support for teachers, mentors, staff, administrators, and students in overcoming obstacles to achieve their educational goals.

They recognized Trustee Ubalde's work in reaching out to the community as an ambassador for the College in working to build a stronger, healthier, safer community for all of us and noted his work to promote cultural understanding, increase diversity, and reduce violence.

They further thanked Trustee Ubalde for his courage in speaking out in the face of challenging situations and stated that, despite Asians being the largest ethnic group on campus, there is a shortage of Asian American college leaders. They expressed their gratitude to Reverend Ubalde for serving as an outstanding role model and an advisor to the Asian American students and pointed out that, during the last four years, Trustee Ubalde made a point to attend Asian Pacific Islander events and activities and was always interested in being involved with students to make

things better. They noted that this support from Trustee Ubalde will continue even after his term ends here.

They also said that not many people know about Trustee Ubalde's long and committed years of service to the community and all of the other organizations, agencies, and commissions that he has devoted his life to, stating that they have been fortunate to have Trustee Ubalde work on behalf of Solano Community College.

They commented that Trustee Ubalde will be missed by students, faculty, and staff at Solano Community College and wanted him to know that his dedication to the College has not gone unnoticed. They acknowledged his departure with a donation of \$3,000 from the Asian Pacific Islander Organization to the Solano Community College Educational Fund and stated they would like to have this used for the educational activities of the Asian Pacific Islander Club, as deemed proper by their advisor, suggesting that it could be called the "Tony Ubalde Memorial Fund."

In closing, they thanked Trustee Ubalde on behalf of the students and wished him the best in his future endeavors. Trustee Steve Murphy, Vice Chair of the SCC Foundation, joined by Foundation Director Charles Shatzer, accepted the check from Mr. Teranishi on behalf of the Foundation.

Board President McCaffrey thanked Mr. Teranishi, Mr. Infante, Mr. Orpilla and Ms. Orpilla for their comments and generous donation to the SCC Foundation in honor of Trustee Ubalde.

6. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED):

(a) Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC)

Michael LaRiviere, ASSC Legislative Advocate, reported that:

- The ASSC Food Drive for the Solano Food Bank ends this Friday.
- ASSC collected six turkeys for the Food Bank for Thanksgiving.
- A Signage Committee has been formed, and the members are David Brannen, Student Trustee; Lillian Nelson, ASSC President; and Michael LaRiviere, ASSC Legislative Advocate.
- ASSC has discussed the budget crisis and have charged their standing Political Activities Committee the task of drafting a petition to the State Government asking that they reconsider the amount of money they are planning to cut from the Education budget. The Political Activities Committee is also charged with the task of obtaining as many signatures as possible from the campus community in support of the petition.
- ASSC voted to cooperate with the Student Senate of California Community Colleges in petitioning the State Government to reconsider the budget cuts.

- On behalf of all of the students at Solano College, Mr. LaRiviere also thanked Trustee Ubalde for his service to the College, stating it was an honor having him help ASSC.

(b) Academic Senate

Board President McCaffrey advised that Academic Senate President Jeff Lamb was attending an out-of-town conference and that there would not be an Academic Senate Report at this meeting. He reminded everyone that the full and complete Academic Senate reports to the Board are available on the Academic Senate blog at www.sccsenate.blogspot.com

(c) Superintendent

Dr. Waits began her report by congratulating Jeff Cardinal, SCC's Women's Soccer Coach, for winning the Bay Valley Conference this year and being selected as Coach of the Year. She also announced that Katie Knopp was named Conference MVP.

Dr. Waits advised the Board of the following information:

- There will be extra student support during the winter break for online registration.
- Today the Bookstore helped celebrate the new Faculty/Staff Lounge. There is a courtyard outside of the Faculty/Staff Lounge; and, as part of the Foundation's Buy-A-Brick program, that courtyard is reserved for bricks purchased to honor SCC retirees.
- There was a ceramic sale, as well as a horticulture sale, on campus today.
- Sir Ian Wilmet, the supervisor who first cloned the lamb, Dolly, will be visiting SCC's Biotech program on December 11, 2008.
- In January, 2009, SCC, along with the Student Organization of Latinos, will be hosting a joint mixer with the Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Building 400.
- She met with faculty and the Dean of Humanities to discuss SCC hosting the Learning Communities Conference in April, 2009.
- She advised that, in connection with the State budget, the Governor has declared a state of fiscal emergency; and, the legislature is now into its second special session. She commented that she is glad to hear that student government is taking a stand on this matter and planning to do some political action about it, adding that the Legislative Analyst has advised that next year is predicted to be a worse year and the next five years will be difficult.

Dr. Waits introduced Bob Myers, Dean of Athletics and Physical Education, who presented the Fall Sports Update.

• ***Fall Sports Update***

Bob Myers, Dean of Athletics and Physical Education, stated it gave him great pride to have this opportunity to showcase the accomplishments of Solano's Fall Sports Teams and introduced each of the coaches:

Football Coach Floyd Burnsed advised that Solano College had an outstanding group of men in the Football program, and the team finished first in offense in the Bay Valley Conference (BVC) this year. He credited Mr. Bryce Hawthorne as the main reason for the success of the offensive team and stated that Bryce is an outstanding young man from Vallejo High School and a 2-year starter for the Falcons. His stats include being the 2nd in rushing in Northern California and 3rd in rushing in the state with over 1,400 yards. Also, Bryce broke the 28-year school record this year with the longest run from the line of scrimmage of 95 yards. One of the great honors Bryce achieved this year is that he will be playing in the Junior College All-American Game in Chandler, Arizona, on December 13, 2008, where he will be representing Solano Community College.

Bryce advised the Governing Board that he is planning to transfer to a 4-year college and has been talking to both Division 1 and Division 2 schools. Trustee Keith told Mr. Hawthorne that she represented Vallejo on the Solano Community College Governing Board; and, she thanked him for doing such a fabulous job and being such an outstanding youth from Vallejo, adding that he is a good example of what Vallejo has to offer. Board President McCaffrey acknowledged the 86 tough yards Bryce achieved in the game against Yuba. Trustee Ubalde congratulated Coach Burnsed for being an inspiration to the players and for the leadership he offers them.

Volleyball Coach Darla Williams began by stating the team's season record was 12-2, they finished in 2nd place in the BVC, and they were in the playoffs this year. The team is ranked in the top 16 in Northern California. She introduced Volleyball Team Captain Jillian Hall, who came to Solano College from Vanden High School, where she was active in student leadership. Jillian is a 2-year starter as a middle hitter and hopes to continue on to the 4-year level at an out-of-state college. Coach Williams stated that Jillian was the "glue" for the team, and her support of all of the Solano sport teams has served to bring a lot of athletes to the volleyball games, pointing out that it has been nice having all of the sports team support each other, attend each other's games, and pack the gym. Trustee Murphy acknowledged that he often hears comments about Solano's sports teams, and those comments are often in the context of athletic excellence combined with support for the community. He thanked both Coach Williams and Jillian Hall for their great spirit and for doing such a great job for the College.

Jillian advised the Governing Board that she is a Liberal Arts and English major and will complete her A. A. in Liberal Arts in May, 2009.

Men's Water Polo Coach Scott Parrish stated that, as a coach, he puts academics first, development of character second, and winning of games third. He pointed out that both winning and losing games build character. Coach Parrish also believes in community service and advised that the members of the Men's Water Polo team do a volunteer service for the community each year. They have done projects for the Solano Land Trust at the Rush Ranch, which have resulted

in great team building as well as giving back to the community. The team works out two times every day and plays 20 games each year. 40% of last year's team had a grade point average of 3.3 or above, and Coach Parrish's goal is to have all athletes graduate in two years. Coach Parrish introduced the team's goalie John Norris, who has placed sixth for goalie saves for all of

Northern California and 7th for goalie saves in the State. He also received a 2nd Team All-Coast Conference Award.

John advised the Governing Board that he is majoring in Physical Education and wants to master in it so he can teach at the community college level. He will be transferring to the University of Redlands, in San Bernardino, who are currently rated No. 13 in the State.

Women's Soccer Coach Jeff Cardinal was unable to be present at the meeting; however, in his absence, Dean Myers introduced Ms. Rachel Johnson and Ms. Adriana Vasquez, two of the members of the SCC Women's Soccer team, to address the Governing Board. Ms. Johnson informed the Board that Coach Cardinal sent his apologies for not being able to attend the Board meeting as he was at an appointment with his son. She advised that the SCC Women's Soccer team is the 2008 BVC Champions with an 8-0 record. Their final record is 17-5-2, and they are ranked No. 4 in Northern California and No. 8 in the State. They are the highest ranking team in SCC history. Coach Cardinal was selected as the BVC Coach of the Year; sophomore Katie Knopp, from Fairfield High School, was named BVC MVP Player of the Year; and sophomore Adriana Vasquez was named BVC Mid-Fielder of the Year for the second year in a row. Freshman Caitlin Kemp was named Defender of the Year, and sophomores Katie Knopp and Adriana Vasquez were named to the All-Northern California Team for the second year in a row. Rachel Johnson stated that she won the Women's Scholarship Award for sportsmanship and dedication and has a 4.0 GPA with over 90 units.

Adriana Vasquez advised the Board about the Women's Soccer Teams 2008 playoffs, stating they made the second round of playoffs but were eliminated by Modesto 4-3 in an overtime kick shoot-out.

Rachel informed the Board that her major is Geology, and Adriana advised that her major is Business Financing. Both are planning to transfer to 4-year colleges.

Student Trustee Brannen asked Rachel if she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and AGS, and she advised that she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Student Trustee Brannen advised her to also get involved with AGS so that she could get all of those honors; and, he acknowledged her accomplishment of achieving 90 units. She advised that she took advantage of the opportunities available and started taking college courses while in high school.

- ***Bond Update***

Stan Dobbs, Independent Contractor for the Maintenance and Operations Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation updating the status of various Measure G Bond projects as follows:

Building 1400, Student Union. The new Faculty/Staff Dining Room and new Health Services Center are now open and in use. The old Bookstore area has been demolished, and the work in the Lobby has begun.

Building 1700, Gym: The Gym is fully functioning with new locker rooms and sports medicine room included, and the new round-about driveway and landscaping in that area are complete.

Building 1700-B, Adaptive Building: This building has been framed and wrapped, and the windows are in so the building is now weather tight.

Building 1800A: Renovation is now complete, and staff has been in this building for a few months. The modernization of the building turned out very well and should last another 30-40 years before needing modernization again.

Sports Complex Projects: Baseball fields are in, and sod has been installed on the football practice field. Soccer complex is almost complete as well.

Vacaville Center: Grading has begun and footings have been prepared. Concrete is scheduled to be poured by the end of this week.

Vallejo Center: The overflow Parking Lot has been re-graveled with smaller, more compact gravel as a temporary fix to get through the winter. A driveway apron has been added as well.

Trustee Young asked Mr. Dobbs if these current slides will be on the SCC website. Mr. Dobbs stated that they are not on the website yet and advised that the website photos are updated about every three months. Mr. Dobbs also informed the Board that a 24-hour webcam will be set up at the Vacaville site.

Trustee Ubalde stated that, prior to the departure of the former Superintendent/President Gerry Fisher, he raised the issue of the badminton court as he has had a lot of complaints from Asian students that they cannot see the lines because the color of the line is similar to the color of the floor. He stated that he has had a commitment from Mr. Fisher, the Dean and Mr. Dobbs that this was going to happen; however, it has not taken place. He advised that badminton is one of the favorite sports of the Asian American students and said that he felt Mr. Dobbs, Dean Meyer and Mr. Fisher were taking his request lightly and not taking him seriously. Mr. Dobbs responded by stating that he does not take anything lightly from any Board member or Administrator on any issue at all. He informed Trustee Ubalde that, when he made the request of Mr. Dobbs, he discussed it extensively with Dean Myers and the Kitchell construction manager; and, they went to the badminton court and reviewed the situation. Mr. Dobbs said he would like to have Dean Myers comment on this matter, specifically in connection with his discussion with the instructor and his staff. He, again, told Trustee Ubalde that his comments were not taken lightly. As Mr. Dobbs invited Dean Myers to come forward to discuss this issue, Trustee Ubalde asked Mr. Dobbs if he was going to change the lines so the kids could see the borders when they are playing the game. Mr. Dobbs responded, "The short answer is no."

Mr. Dobbs then asked Dean Myers to come forward and explain the situation. Dean Myers stated that the lines are the color that the Gym Use Committee and the designer set forth, and they are the same color badminton lines as those at the new Gyms at Dixon High School and College of Alameda. It was set as part of the map of the whole Gym color scheme with all of the sports that are played in the Gym; i.e., the competitive basketball court, 3 side basketball courts,

1 main volleyball court, and 3 side volleyball courts. He said that the Gym Use Committee, which the instructor was invited to participate on but declined, set this color scheme. It was approved and went through. Dean Myers stated that it might be a little bit light, especially when you look at it from a distance; however, when you are on the court playing, it is, in his opinion and the professionals' opinion, appropriate.

Trustee Murphy asked why they did not put down tape and said he understood that it was dangerous but he did not see why. Dean Myers explained that a player could catch a foot on it and trip and said that sometimes the tape pulls up the covering of the varnish-type material on the floor. He pointed out that SCC offers one badminton class per semester as well as over a dozen other classes. In addition, he pointed out that SCC has competition basketball and volleyball. Trustee Murphy again asked why taping the floor was not an option, stating that it should be pretty easy to have tape that was not so strong that it would rip off the flooring. He said, if you have people bouncing around in sneakers on the floor, the flooring should be able to withstand a little tape. Dean Myers also pointed out that it would take three to four hours each week to put the tape down and pick it up and said that the tape cannot be put down and left down as it would be illegal for some of the intercollegiate contests that we host because it would be unsafe.

Student Trustee David Brannen asked Mr. Dobbs if he had an updated projected occupancy date for Building 1400, stating they keep hearing rumors that it is being pushed back to February and March. Mr. Dobbs advised that occupancy will be sometime between the middle of February to March 1, 2009, and stated that this is reaffirmed at every construction meeting. He said that, at this point in time, there is nothing in the construction process that would push that completion date, adding that if something developed to alter this schedule, he would advise the Board.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent/President

- (a) Minutes for the November 5, 2008, Meeting (Amended) and November 19, 2008

Human Resources

- (b) Employment – 2008-09; Gratuitous Service

Administrative and Business Services

- (c) Warrant Listings
- (d) Construction Change Order No. 9 Approval for Alten Construction, Inc. – Bid No. 08-003
- (e) Construction Change Order No. 4B Approval for Alten Construction, Inc. – Bid No. 08-003

- (f) Construction Change Order No. 9 Approval for J. W. and Sons, Inc. – Bid No. 08-001
- (g) Construction Change Order No. 7 Approval for J. W. and Sons, Inc. – Bid No. 08-002
- (h) Construction Change Order No. 1 Approval for Quality Sound – Bid No. 08-003

Academic Affairs

- (i) Crestwood Behavioral Health, Solano and Solano Community College Nursing Student Clinical Experience Agreement Renewal

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Murphy for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

9. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent/President

- (a) Resolution Honoring A.C. “Tony” Ubalde for Service on the Solano Community College District Governing Board, Resolution No. 08/09-15

Board President Phil McCaffrey presented Resolution No. 08/09-15 to Vice President A.C. Tony Ubalde in honor of his service to the Solano Community College District since December 2004.

Trustee Ubalde thanked the Board for this acknowledgement and stated that he was surprised to also be recognized by the Asian Community at the Board meeting. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family and friends, doing the things that he enjoys, and taking the time to take care of himself. He also stated that he was disappointed that his goal of establishing a Pacific Rim Institute at the College has not happened, and he hopes to bring it up to the Board as a citizen. He thanked the Board for their support and encouragement.

Moved by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Claffey to approve Resolution No. 08/09-15, honoring Trustee Ubalde’s service with the District. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: David R. Brannen concurred.

AYES: Trustee Young, Trustee Claffey, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee Keith, Trustee Murphy and Board President McCaffrey.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Board Vice President Ubalde

A round of applause was extended to Trustee Ubalde.

(b) Set the Date, Time and Place for the Annual Organizational Meeting

Board President McCaffrey presented this item for the purpose of setting the date, time and place for the Annual Organizational meeting.

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Murphy to set Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 626, of the Solano Community College campus, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA 94534-3197, for the annual organizational meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board. The motion passed unanimously.

(c) City of Fairfield Waterline Easement

Dr. Lisa Waits, Interim Superintendent/President, presented the agreement with the City of Fairfield for a proposed water easement running parallel to the proposed I-80 frontage road along the far side of the District's southern border and stated that Mr. Dobbs, as well as Mr. Jay Trottier, from the City of Fairfield, and Mr. Ken Swenson, of C&D Engineers, were present to answer any questions.

Trustee Young asked if SCC's attorneys have looked at the documents from the City; and, if so, what are their comments and advice to the Board. Dr. Waits responded that SCC attorneys have had a great deal of time to look at this, and one of the attorneys' comments was that SCC needed a little more value, and that is how they came to agreement about the foot path. Trustee Young asked Dr. Waits if she had anything in writing from SCC attorneys. Dr. Waits stated SCC attorneys have helped her negotiate the agreement with the City attorneys, there has been quite a bit of back and forth, and the SCC attorneys are comfortable with the language. Trustee Young stated that the Board members had not seen anything in writing from the attorneys. Dr. Waits stated that the 18-page document was prepared by SCC attorneys with the City attorneys.

Student Trustee Brannen asked if the property being considered for the easement falls within the city limits of the City of Fairfield. Mr. Trottier advised that it does.

Trustee Honeychurch stated that he has seen the property involved with this easement request; however, he continues to have some concerns about the easement in terms of value versus the improvements that have been offered by the City of Fairfield. He suggested an additional two weeks' time for that information to be obtained. Dr. Waits said she was not sure that securing an assessment could be accomplished before December 17.

Trustee Keith asked how the property was evaluated. Dr. Waits stated that it was determined by the value of the land on the other side of the fence. Trustee Keith asked why the College's property was not evaluated, and Dr. Waits said she did not know. Mr. Trottier stepped to the podium and stated that the City had asked for an accommodation, and the accommodation meant that the City had done things for the College in the past and one and one-half years ago he asked the College to help the City out in this situation. He stated that they had asked a non-partisan

person, an MAI appraiser, to provide a recommended value but not to do a formal narrative appraisal, which usually takes two months. The appraiser advised that there were no comps for the sale of college property; however, there were comps for the property on the other side of the fence based on sales at a cost of \$7.00 per square foot for industrial property office space. They took that number and looked at what the industry does in value and property for an easement, and that is at 50%. Mr. Trottier said, if the 50% basis is used, this requested accommodation is close to the value amount. He said this can be argued because the 50% means that SCC has the surface, and the City has the subsurface; however, this is a non-exclusive easement, which mitigates the fact that SCC can use the remaining 20 inches for other utilities after the City installs their 30-inch wide pipe. Mr. Trottier said he felt there was an argument that they are very close based on the appraisal from the non-biased appraiser and stated that former President Fisher felt it was fine. Pam Keith advised Mr. Trottier that former President Fisher did not have the authority to negotiate a land agreement without the Board's approval and that Mr. Trottier obviously had more information about the situation than the Board members had. Mr. Trottier said, if the Board did not approve this easement agreement at this meeting, the project would have to be delayed one year.

Trustee Young asked Dr. Waits whether or not our attorneys were concerned about the valuation of the property. She responded that they are not concerned about it; however, when the attorneys first reviewed the matter, they felt that just paving the road was not enough, so the footpath was added to the accommodation. Dr. Waits stated that, in terms of users of the campus, it would be over 100 years before the District moved out to that edge and pointed out that the Vallejo and Vacaville Centers would be built out first, adding that it seemed like a prudent good neighbor effort.

Trustee Ubalde stated he was not clear on the sense of urgency on this matter. Trustee Keith explained that, if this agreement is not approved tonight, the City of Fairfield will have to wait another year to proceed. Mr. Trottier again stated that former President Fisher felt there would not be any problem with this and that the Board would approve it. That is why the City already went out to bid.

Student Trustee Brannen stated that this area is one of the most unsafe areas for egress to the campus and trying to cross the street there can be very hazardous. He said that the disabled students would appreciate it, and he didn't know how the College would be able to fund this otherwise.

Trustee Honeychurch stated that the Board should not be challenged for approval on this matter even if the City has put the project out for bid prior to the Board's approval. He felt the Board

should wait to see whether this accommodation is appropriate and pointed out that, as Board members, they had the responsibility to do the right thing. He felt they should take time to consider any long-term effects from this accommodation to ensure that 30 years from now a problem will not develop from approving this accommodation.

Trustee Young stated that it appeared that Mr. Trottier assumed that the Board members had more details. She explained that the usual practice for bringing this type of situation to the Board

is that the Board members are provided all of the paperwork involved with the project and have an opportunity to review it and discuss it. She said that it is highly unfortunate that Mr. Fisher did not do that in this situation.

Trustee Murphy stated that Dr. Waits had recommended approval of this accommodation and asked her if she had any concerns about the Board approving this request and what did she think about the concerns of Trustee Honeychurch.

Dr. Waits stated, regarding College buildings and how the property would be used, she felt this was a good use in terms of what it seems to be valued. She commented that she is not an appraiser but has worked at other colleges where this type of activity is fairly standard.

Trustee Honeychurch stated that he was not concerned about whether or not the College will build on this property – he is concerned about the value. He said the Board has not participated in any part of this negotiation and has not seen a thing from our lawyers on it.

Trustee Claffey inquired of Mr. Trottier whether or not the City explored obtaining the easement somewhere other than the College property. Mr. Trottier responded that other areas are not accessible because of buildings and setbacks. The College seemed like the least obtrusive option. He stated that the City would be giving the College a lot of money by overlaying four lanes (two they would have to pave and two they would not have to pave). Two of those lanes are equal to about \$120,000, and the extra footpath would be an additional \$25,000 to \$30,000. He stated the City is paying for another \$160,000 worth of work and, at most, the value of the easement is \$170,000 to \$200,000. The City thinks this is a fair exchange of value even if the value of the property is taken into consideration. They looked at all of the other alternatives and felt this was the best one.

Trustee Ubalde moved to approve the City of Fairfield waterline easement agreement. There being no second to the motion, the motion was defeated.

Dr. Waits asked if the Board would like to give any direction on this matter and did they want to spend money on this. Trustee Honeychurch answered her by saying the matter died because of the lack of a second to the motion.

Administrative and Business Services

(d) Resolution Authorizing Employer Pick-up of Contributions to PERS Retirement in Compliance with IRC 414(h)(2), Resolution No. 08/09-16

Board President McCaffrey introduced Resolution No. 08/09-16, authorizing employer pick-up of contributions to PERS Retirement in compliance with IRC 414(h)(2).

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve Resolution No. 08/09-16, authorizing employer pick-up of contributions to PERS Retirement in compliance with IRC 414(h)(2). The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: David R. Brannen concurred.

AYES: Trustee Claffey, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee Keith, Trustee Murphy, Board Vice President Ubalde, Trustee Young, and Board President McCaffrey.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(e) Proposed Consulting Services with SafirRosetti for a Campus-Wide Security Master Plan

Mr. Lester Young, of Kitchell CEM, presented the proposed consulting services with SafirRosetti for a campus-wide security master plan.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Ubalde to approve the consulting services with SafirRosetti for a campus-wide security master plan. The motion carried unanimously.

(f) Proposed Consulting Services with GNU Group for a Campus-Wide Signage Master Plan

Mr. Lester Young, of Kitchell CEM, presented proposed consulting services with GNU Group for a campus-wide signage master plan.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Ubalde to approve the consulting services with GNU Group for a campus-wide signage master plan. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Ubalde said he had sent a follow-up email to Mr. Ross Beck, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications, in connection with the two students at SCC who received scholarships. He stated that he has not seen any write-ups about it and wondered if it had been done. Mr. Beck responded that he will do some follow-up on it and apologized for having overlooked it.

Trustee Ubalde also stated he had visited with Mrs. Judy Spencer and her husband at Kaiser Hospital.

Trustee Young reported that she attended the following community events:

On November 20, 2008, she attended Solano Economic Summit 4. The theme for this Summit was “Our Opportunity for an Even Better Solano.” The Summit was sponsored by Solano Economic Development Corporation and was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield. Mr. Doug Henton, of Collaborative Economics, gave a presentation entitled, “Solano County 2008 Index of Economic and Community Progress.” The panel discussion topic was, “Thinking Differently about Familiar Problems.” The panelists were John Thompson, of Vacaville Public Education Foundation; Mary Bull, Superintendent of the Vallejo Unified School District; and

Jennifer Ortega, of Fighting Crime: Invest in Kids. Group discussions focused on the topic, “We need radical change. What can you do to make that change.”

Also, in the evening of November 20, 2008, Trustee Young attended the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce Mixer, which was held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Vallejo.

On November 29, 2008, Trustee Young had the great honor of introducing the keynote speaker, The Honorable Judge Alesia Jones of Solano County Superior Court, at the 31st Anniversary Debutante Ball sponsored by Kappa Beta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Twenty-seven young ladies, who, along with their escorts, attend local area high schools, were presented at this spectacular event, which was held at the Concord Hilton Hotel. The theme was, “Precious Pearls: Endeavor to Succeed with Purpose.”

Trustee Honeychurch raised a concern about something discussed several meetings ago regarding Trustee Murphy wanting to explore a reorganization. He said he recently read an article, allegedly authored by Trustee Murphy, wherein one of his proposals was a succession of his district from Solano Community College. Trustee Honeychurch stated that he felt those efforts, as well as efforts that he has reportedly made to contact other persons about this concept, are counterproductive in relation to the College and are extremely negative, especially in view of the College’s current situation with problems it is facing in a number of directions. He stated he is publicly commenting that he thinks it is inappropriate and that it should stop, and any authorization this Board gave to explore a reorganization tacitly, by not being aware of what they were doing, should be revoked by this Board. He said this should stop as he felt it was a violation of ethical governing standards and is inappropriate for the College at this time.

Trustee Murphy stated that the reason he brought it up was to be candid because he did not have the full guideline. He stated that the District may be configured in the optimal manner or may not be, and he thought discussing it or looking into it was a good idea and consistent with the general mission of education.

Trustee Keith stated that she agreed with Trustee Honeychurch because Trustee Murphy is a sitting trustee; and, as a sitting trustee, he has an allegiance to the District. The concern is that a sitting trustee is doing this.

Student Trustee Brannen said that this was the sort of subject that should be left in the hands of the voters.

Trustee Honeychurch pointed out that the College is facing accreditation problems and fiscal problems, and the Board does not want people thinking that the College is breaking into pieces. Trustee Murphy stated that he felt it strengthens the Board as trustees who are people willing to look at all options.

Trustee Honeychurch said that Trustee Murphy is looking at an option of separating his district from this College district and stated that it is wrong and inappropriate. He said that the Guide to Ethical Actions states actions of this nature are inappropriate.

Student Trustee Brannen commented that this type of action would not be in the Governing Board's authority. Trustee Keith pointed out to Trustee Murphy that, in the newspaper, he identified himself as a trustee of the College.

Trustee Murphy stated that it is known that this Board has had certain divisions recently, and he is not trying to be divisive. He was trying to be open about what he was thinking and educating himself about these options because he did not want to come to some point where he has to fix a situation and not done the research to come up with what he thinks is the right path. He felt the wrong path would be to not look, to not educate, and to not inquire. He understands that there are those that disagree and stated he respected their opinions.

Trustee Keith stated that this is about the timing and the position the College is in right now.

Board President McCaffrey recessed the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

(a) Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Richard Christensen, Ed.D.

Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39

(b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

(No additional information required.)

Board President McCaffrey called the Closed Session to order at 8:52 p.m. and adjourned the Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

13. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President McCaffrey reconvened the regular meeting at 9:11 p.m.

14. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President McCaffrey reported that the Board held conference with the Labor Negotiator, discussed public employee discipline/dismissal/release, and discussed Interim Superintendent/President Waits' contract in Closed Session. No action was taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

LJW/no

APPROVED

PHIL McCAFFREY
PRESIDENT

LISA J. WAITS, Ed.D.
INTERIM SECRETARY

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