

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES
Special Board Meeting
April 8, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in the Administration Building, Room 626, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534-3197, by Board President A. Marie Young.

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

At the request of Board President Young, Student Trustee Brannen led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

A. Marie Young, President
Denis Honeychurch, J.D., Vice President
*James M. Claffey
Pam Keith
Phil McCaffrey
Vacant, Area #1
Rosemary Thurston
David R. Brannen, Student Trustee
Tom Henry, Special Trustee
Dr. Robert Jensen, Interim Secretary

**Trustee Claffey arrived after roll call.*

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ross Beck, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications
Richard Christensen, Ed.D., Director, Human Resources
Jay Field, Vice President, Technology and Learning Resources
Robin L. Steinback, Ph.D., Vice President, Academic Affairs
Lisa J. Waits, Ed.D., Vice President, Student Services
Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent/President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey for approval of the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

Board President Young recessed the special meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Trustee Claffey arrived at 5:39 p.m.

6. CLOSED SESSION

- (a) Public Employee Employment/Appointment
Title: Superintendent/President

Board President Young called the Closed Session to order at 5:40 p.m., and adjourned the Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

7. RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING

Board President Young reconvened the special at 6:02 p.m.

8. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President Young reported that the Governing Board took action in Closed Session to employ Dr. Jowel C. Laguerre as Superintendent President of the Solano Community College District, effective July 1, 2009.

9. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Employment Contract: Superintendent/President

Special Trustee Tom Henry presented the employment contract for the Superintendent/President between the Solano Community College District and Dr. Jowel Laguerre.

The term of the contract commences July 1, 2009 and ends on June 30, 2012. The powers and duties are outlined in the contract. Dr. Laguerre shall be paid an annual salary of \$225,000, plus a stipend for professional allowance, vehicle allowance, housing allowance, and doctorate degree. Dr. Laguerre shall receive a performance evaluation at least once each fiscal year in accordance within the terms of this agreement and the performance objectives for the term of the agreement.

A copy of the employment contract for the Superintendent/President is available for review in the Office of the Superintendent/President and the Office of the Director of Human Resources.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Vice President Honeychurch to employ Dr. Jowel C. Laguerre as Superintendent/President and approve the employment contract as presented for the Superintendent/President. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE – David R. Brannen concurred.

AYES – Vice President Honeychurch, Trustee Keith, Trustee Thurston, Trustee McCaffrey,
and President Young

NOES – Trustee Claffey

ABSENT – Vacancy, Area #1

Dr. Laguerre greeted the Board of Trustees and audience with the following statement:

“I am humbled by the decision of the Search Advisory Committee to move my name forward, and I am humbled by the presence of many faculty and staff and public at the open forum, and I am humbled by the vote of the Board to select me as the College’s next Superintendent/President. My commitment to Solano County is for the rest of my life. As I promised at the open forum, this will be my presidency. For that to happen, I will need your understanding, your compassion, your patience, and your total dedication to our students in support of the work of our faculty and staff.

It is true that the accreditation issue is on everyone’s mind at the College and in the community. My goal is to work with our faculty leaders from the Senate and the unions, the current administration, our faculty and staff, as well as the Western Association staff to bring this chapter of our history to an end. I will also ask the Board to support an on-going effort to keep the College accredited. Ultimately, meeting accreditation standards is about doing things right. At the end, the work we do for accreditation should be part of our normal way of doing business. We should meet accreditation standards for the good of our institution and the good of our students.

As I shared with you during the interview process, ‘You are not your circumstances. You are your possibilities.’ We have endless opportunities to make a difference. You have already done a lot of work. I am asking each of you to renew your belief and dedication to Solano Community College and let us get to work immediately to make Solano Community College one of the most disciplined; one of the highest achieving community colleges in the nation. Our citizens support us and we should show a great return on their investment in us.

My wife, Marie-Claude, and I are delighted to be with you and look forward to getting to work and moving the College to its respectable place.”

There was a round of applause extended to Dr. Laguerre from those present.

Dr. Jensen reported that there were eight applicants who completed the application process for the Board vacancy (Area #1). The Board was polled for their availability to interview the candidates and April 22 and April 27 were established as Special Board Meeting dates for interviews, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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A. MARIE YOUNG DR. ROBERT JENSEN
BOARD PRESIDENT INTERIM SECRETARY

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