

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

July 29, 2015

Honorable E. Bradley Nelson Judge of the Superior Court Hall of Justice Department 4, Room 306 600 Union Avenue Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Hon. E. Bradley Nelson:

Re: Grand Jury Report Regarding Measure Q

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Governing Board

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As requested by the Solano County Grand Jury, below please find the Solano Community College District ("District") governing board's ("Board") response to the above referenced Grand Jury report ("Report").

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The Board strongly disagrees with the Report. It does not provide an actual or complete understanding of Measure Q and the Board's decision to place it before voters. The Report mischaracterizes the facts and misstates the language of the measure itself.

Measure Q was clear and properly placed before voters. The District and Board spent several months analyzing and publically reviewing the potential projects to be funded by Measure Q. Measure Q itself included a comprehensive description of the measure and how its proceeds would support the District's mission. Further, additional details on the future plans for specific District facilities were reviewed at multiple Board meetings and made available for public review at the District office before nearly 2/3 of voters decided to approve Measure Q.

Specifically, the Board disagrees with each of the Report's Findings and Recommendations as follows:

Grand Jury Finding & Recommendation 1

Grand Jury Finding

The language of Measure Q was misleading. While Proposition 39 generally authorizes funding of buildings and land purchases even the name of the measure, "The Solano Community College District Student/Veterans' Affordable Education Job Training, Classroom Repair Measure", suggests otherwise.

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Grand Jury Recommendation

Language used in future school bond proposals be limited to that which is stated in the authorizing statute.

Board Response

The language of Measure Q was clear and legal. Therefore, the Board disagrees with this finding.

Measure Q identified the types of projects that the proceeds would support and how those projects related to the District's primary educational mission. The language was the result of comprehensive planning and consideration by the Board and District staff. It was drafted by one of the State's leading bond measure attorneys and parallels the structure and content of similar community college measures across the state.¹ In fact, such ballot language was specifically sanctioned by the Court of Appeal in *Foothill-De Anza Community College District v. Emerich* (2007) 158 Cal.App.4th 11 (Proposition 39 bond measure "sufficiently specific" as it "clearly identifies the *types* of projects to be funded....").

The District's progress on Measure Q projects parallels the very language used in the Measure Q ballot question. For example, the first four Measure Q projects include a Biotechnology project ("affordable education job training"), an Autotechnology project ("affordable education job training"), a Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) building that replaces a worn out existing science building with state of the art laboratories ("classroom repair") and which includes a 2,700 square foot Veteran's Center ("expanding access by students, military, disabled veterans to affordable education"). The fourth building is the Performing Arts project, a modernization of the existing Theater and Theater classroom building ("classroom repair"), which leverages Measure Q funding with state funding set aside for earthquake retrofit work.

The recommendation has been, and will continue to be implemented, as the District will continue to ensure that any language used in future ballot measures is in full compliance with the law.

Grand Jury Finding & Recommendation 2

Grand Jury Finding

Contrary to statements contained within the actual ballot measure, the Master Plans were not on file and were not available at the time the voters approved the bond.

Grand Jury Recommendation

Ensure the accuracy of all statements made to the public.

Board Response

¹ The Report takes issue with the Measure's use of bold and capitalization; however, this is a commonly accepted practice to organize ballot materials. In fact, a majority of ballot measures on the Solano County November 2012 ballot used bold type and/or capitalization, as did the ballot materials for Proposition 39 itself.

Master Plans were made available to voter before voters decided on Measure Q. Therefore, the Board disagrees with this finding.

The final draft facilities master plan was presented to the Board on October 3, 2012, and included plans and a budget for each campus based on the anticipated work. This draft plan was appropriate for the pre-election stage and sufficient to allow the Board to exercise its discretion in placing Measure Q before voters. Additionally, Measure Q contained a legally sufficient "project list" to satisfy the requirements of Proposition 39. It described three categories of projects that would be funded by Measure Q proceeds. As noted above, California courts have found that this structure for the project list complies with Proposition 39. Neither Proposition 39 nor statute require any more.

The Board and District have already implemented this recommendation as they provide accurate information to the public.

Grand Jury Finding & Recommendation 3

Grand Jury Finding

Contrary to statements contained within the actual ballot measure, no "project list" identifying \$348 Million in cost allocations existed prior to or at the time the citizens voted on Measure Q.

Grand Jury Recommendation

No bond measure be presented to the public until such time as a needs assessment consistent with the bond amount requested has been fully completed, reviewed and approved.

Board Response

The Board and voters were provided with a description of bond funded projects prior to the Measure Q election. Therefore, the Board disagrees with this finding.

As discussed above, the project list contained in the ballot language informed voters as to the use of the \$348 million in Measure Q proceeds. Further, the Board was presented with a specific project list for potential bond expenditures in July 2012. Overall budgets by campus were provided in the aforementioned October 3, 2012 presentation and were based on the Facilities Master Plan at that time. Projects were illustrated on a plan for each campus and the budgets for each campus were based on those drawings. All of this information was presented in open session at Board meetings for public viewing and copies of the documents have always been available to the public upon request.

The Board and District have already implemented this recommendation. In keeping with past practice, the Board will only seek voter approval for a bond measure where allowed by law and clearly dictated by the needs of its students and community.

Grand Jury Finding & Recommendation 4

Grand Jury Finding

The Board of Trustees failed to uphold their Bylaws in representing the public interest in the exercise of their duties in relation to Measure Q.

Grand Jury Recommendation

The Board of Trustees, elected by the voters, act in accordance with their Bylaws, roles, duties and responsibilities to the citizens of Solano County.

Board Response

The Board fulfilled their duties to the public and complied with the law in placing Measure Q on the ballot. Therefore, the Board disagrees with this finding.

The members of the Board take their responsibility for allocating taxpayer funds seriously. The description of the process leading up to the decision to place Measure Q on the ballot illustrates it was deliberate, open to the public,² and in conformance with both the best practices employed by community college districts throughout the State and in full compliance with Proposition 39 as well as their Board Policies. The Board discussed and considered the scope and detail of Measure Q at multiple public meetings prior to placing it on the ballot. The Board worked with staff and numerous professionals to craft a measure that fit the District's needs. It believes it, and the professionals it retained to assist with Measure Q, acted in accordance with the law and their responsibilities to the public.

The recommendation has been, and will continue to be implemented. The Board will act in accordance with law and their Policies³ in representing the voters of the District.

The Board is pleased to provide this information and response to the Grand Jury. Additionally, attached please find a presentation from the open session of the July 15, 2015 Board meeting which provides additional information and detail on Measure Q and the District's program.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely, Stan Arterberry

Interim Superintendent/President/Governing Board Secretary Solano Community College District

cc: Cheryl D. Clower, Grand Jury Administrative Assistant (via email)

Attachment: Measure Q Update July 15, 2015; Governing Board Minutes August 1, 2012

² In reviewing the report, the Board is concerned that certain statements by Board members were either misconstrued or misunderstood. The Board desires this response to eliminate any confusion.

³ The Board is governed by Governing Board Policies, it does not have Bylaws.



PRESENTED TO:

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

JULY 15 2015



1. PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO JUNE 24 CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT: "WE HAVE YOUR MONEY, NOW WHAT?"

2. MEASURE Q RECENT ACTIVITY

Grand Jury Report Summary

- Grand Jury report #1, dated June 24, 2015. "We Have Your Money, Now What?"
 - Four findings
 - Four recommendations
 - Three comments
 - Preliminary response on July 15, 2015
 - Final response before September 23, 2015
- Grand Jury report #2, dated June 25, 2015. "Citizens Monitoring Measure Q"
 - Five findings
 - Five recommendations
 - One comment
 - Preliminary response on August 5, 2012
 - Final response before September 25, 2015

Findings & Preliminary Response

MEASURE Q GRAND JURY REPORT #1 DATED JUNE 24, 2015

Grand Jury Findings

• Finding 1:

• The language of Measure Q was misleading. While Proposition 39 generally authorized funding of buildings and land purchases, even the name of the measure, "The Solano Community College District Student/Veterans' Affordable Education Job Training, Classroom Repair Measure," suggests otherwise.

• Recommendation 1:

• Language used in future school bond proposals be limited to that which is stated in the authorizing statute.

- The report focuses on references to District programs and enhancements to those programs that Measure Q would allow.
- The report notes that "any relationship between offering high school students college courses or 'high quality affordable college options' and buildings...is hard to understand." However, the District sees a necessary connection.
- The District's primary mission is to provide a quality and affordable education for residents in the community.
- The quantity and quality of those facilities is directly correlated to the ability of the District to offer quality educational opportunities for local residents.

- Furthermore, the District disagrees with the suggestion that detailing the types of programs which will benefit from Measure Q is misleading.
- In fact, excluding this information would provide voters with a less complete picture of how the District proposed to use the bond proceeds.
- The bond language was drafted by one of the State's leading bond measure attorneys.
- The bond language parallels the structure and content of similar community college measures across the State.

• Finding 1, part A, "The language of Measure Q was misleading."

- The ballot language is organized into four basic parts:
- <u>Part 1</u>: Describes the basic question for the voter.
 - "Solano Community College District student/Veterans' Affordable Education, Job Training, Classroom Repair Measure. To prepare Solano/Yolo County students/veterans for universities/jobs, by:
 - × Expanding access by students, military, disabled veterans to affordable education;
 - × Meeting earthquake and fire safety codes;
 - × Upgrading employer job placement facilities;
 - × Upgrading engineering, welding, nursing and firefighting training centers;

► Acquiring, constructing and repairing facilities, sites and equipment; shall SCCD issue \$348M in bonds, at legal rates, with citizens' oversight, annual audits and no money for pensions and administrators' salaries?" Yes or No?

- <u>Part 2</u>: Describes the process and projects generally, stating that "in approving projects, the Board of Trustees determine that Solano College must:
 - Provide essential job training and workforce preparation...
 - Improve access to disabled students and war veterans...
 - Expand high quality and affordable college options for students transferring to four-year colleges...
 - Offer middle college options to high school students...
 - Increase collaborations and partnerships with private and public employers..."
- For a project to be approved, it will meet at least one of those five basic principles.

- <u>Part 3</u>: describes three basic categories of projects, including the goal & purpose of each category
- First Project Category includes (project examples follow):
 - <u>Basic Maintenance, Repair and Construction</u>; projects that provide essential job training for students, military and veterans.
 - × Upgrade facilities to meet earthquake & fire safety codes (VV Annex)
 - × Update campus facilities to provide access for disabled students (All)
 - Replace aging plumbing and sewer systems to prevent flooding, water damage and reduce future maintenance costs (Districtwide Infrastructure)
 - Repair, renovate or replace aging classrooms and facilities that lack adequate heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical and lighting systems (ESCo)
 - × Repair leaky roofs (FF buildings 1600 & 1800)
 - Upgrade utilities infrastructure such as electric, communications, environmental, sewer and gas systems to improve function, control and energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs (Districtwide Infrastructure)
 - Modernize nursing and firefighting job training centers

Second project category includes:

- <u>Academic Facility and Technology Upgrade</u>; projects to help students, military and veterans to transfer to four-year universities
 - × Replace outdated science, laboratories and classrooms to equip students with the advanced skills they need to complete in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (VV Biotech and Science & FF Science)
 - Increase the capacity to offer distance learning opportunities & online courses (Intercampus connection; Dixon & Winters HS)
 - Expand facilities for Middle College options to high school students to allow them to earn an associate's degree so that when they graduate they are better prepared for college (VV Annex & FF Modulars)

• Third project category:

- <u>21st Century Job Training</u> and projects to increase collaboration and partnerships with private and public employers to fulfill local job training needs.
 - Upgrade facilities and classrooms to meet earthquake and fire safety codes (VV Annex – with SCOE)
 - × Provide and maintain up-to-date technology, data and communication equipment for job-training programs and facilities
 - Renovate, repair or replace outdated laboratories, classrooms, training centers and support facilities (Nut Tree Aeronautics – with Jimmy Doolittle Center)
 - Upgrade and expand telecommunications, Internet and network connections
 - × Upgrade and replace computers, hardware and software systems (ongoing)
 - Upgrade and replace classroom instructional equipment
 - × Replace or upgrade outdated electrical systems
 - Upgrade job training classrooms for engineering skills (VJO Autotech, VV Biotech, Nut Tree Aeronautics)
 - × Modernize bio-technology job training facilities (VV Biotech and Science)
 - Provide facilities for vocational engineering, cosmetology, welding & automotive technology (VJO Autotech)

- <u>Part 4</u>: describes a project budget & lists specific projects; commits the District to pursue State funding; and states that "certain of the projects described...may be delayed or may not be completed."
 - Project budgets will include "its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and customary contingency."
 - "Repair, renovation and construction projects may include, but not be limited to, some or all for the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; landscaping; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including solar projects; construction of new library, science building, vocational career center; repair and replacement of worn-out or leaky roofs...renovation of the cosmetology building, renovation of locker rooms; installation wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; library upgrades and materials...construct or renovate campus theater or performing arts and physical education, math and science facilities, retrofit pool; upgrade classrooms; construct new or upgrade existing parking lots or facilities...upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; construct student services buildings in Vacaville and Vallejo; build biotech center."
 - In the absence of State matching funds, which the district will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects..."

• The current list of Board approved projects includes (followed by bond language in quotes):

- 1. Solar Photovoltaics "including solar projects"
- 2. ESCo ph. 1 & 2 "upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems"
- 3. IT infrastructure "increase the capacity to offer distance learning opportunities and on-line courses" and "installation wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs"
- 4. Performing Arts Modernization "construct or renovate campus theater or performing arts"
- 5. Biotechnology and Science Building "construct or renovate math and science facilities," and "build biotech center"
- 6. Autotechnology Project "provide facilities for…automotive technology"
- 7. Science Building & Veterans Center "replace outdated science, laboratories and classrooms" and "construct or renovate math and science facilities" and "provide essential...workforce preparation for students, military and veterans.
- 8. Vacaville Annex purchase "Expand facilities for Middle College options to high school students" and "modernize...firefighting job training centers"

 Finding 1, part B: "...Even the name of the measure, "The Solano Community College District Student/Veterans'¹ Affordable Education² Job Training³, Classroom Repair Measure⁴," suggests otherwise."

• Footnotes:

- 1. <u>Student/Veterans</u>: The Fairfield Science Building includes a 2,700 square foot Veterans' Student Center providing student support services for SCCD's Veterans' program.
- 2. <u>Affordable Education</u>: SCCD's tuition rate is \$46/unit. One year (30 units) at SCCD is \$1,380. Compare to Sonoma State tuition at \$7,324 per year or UC Davis tuition at \$13,951 per year.
- 3. <u>Job Training</u>: Two of the first major Measure Q projects, Automotive Technology & Biotechnology, support the "job training" programs.
- 4. <u>Classroom Repair</u>: ESCo ph. 2 will repair the failing mechanical systems above classrooms in buildings 100, 500, 700, 1400 and 1600 making those classrooms more comfortable for the students.

- The Grand Jury recommendation has been, and will continue to be implemented, as the District will continue to ensure that any language used in future ballot measures is in full compliance with the law.
- Projects will continue to follow the bond language and projects will continue to be approved by the board, prior to implementation.

Grand Jury Findings

• Finding 2:

• Contrary to statements contained within the actual ballot measure, the Master Plans were not on file and were not available at the time the voters approved the bond.

Recommendation 2:

• Ensure the accuracy of all statements made to the public.

- This finding appears to focus on two issues:
 - The inability to locate an "approved" master plan; and
 - Concerns about the level of detail provided in the plans.
- The report misquotes the Measure Q resolution, stating that the "the Board *has approved*" each of the Solano College Educational Master Plan and Facilities Plan...
- The actual resolution states that "the Board has *been presented with* each of the Solano College Educational Master Plan and Facilities Plan...

o (italics added)

- The resolution therefore, is consistent with the Board's consideration of the master plans prior to the election.
- The Board was presented with the final draft master plan on October 3, 2012, which included a needs list totaling \$475M, in excess of what Measure Q could provide.
- Finalization of the Master Plan absent certainty over the funding would not be an good use of District resources.
- The timeline was appropriate & reasonable in light of the uncertainty over the passage of Measure Q.

- A number of presentations were made, starting in late 2011, to the Board prior to the election in November 2012:
 - 1. July 18 2012 Educational Master Plan was presented.
 - 2. July 18, 2012 Facilities Assessments were presented, including the "Draft Project List," which formed the basis for the Facilities Master Plan.
 - 3. July 18, 2012 Bond survey information presented by Lew Edwards Group
 - 4. July 18, 2012 Ballot language presented as a "first read."
 - 5. August 1, 2012 Ballot approved (resolution 12/13-01), describing the types of the projects and scope of the bond.
 - 6. All material referenced above was provided to the Grand Jury and CBOC.

- It is not a requirement of Prop 39 that Educational & Facilities Master Plans are approved by the Board prior to the election.
- What's important is that the bond language sufficiently captures the type of projects intended by the measure.
- The District acknowledges that the Educational and Facilities Master Plans were not approved by the Board prior to the election, but as stated in the board resolution, the board *"has been presented with"* the master plans.
- Both plans were available to the public prior to the election on November 6, 2012.

















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Vallejo

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Fairfield		\$	327,032,642.53				
	Campus-wide Infrastructure, Parking, Landscape, Signage, and Security	\$	28,748,374	8.8%			
	Building Projects	\$	198,422,049	60.7%			100%
	Seismic/Structural				\$	26,474,500	8.1%
	Renovation (finishes, mechanical/electrical, structural upgrade)				\$	70,602,000	21.6%
	Retrofit (gut interior of building and repurpose for new use)				\$	21,126,400	6.5%
	Demolition				\$	1,026,340	0.3%
	New Construction				\$	76,575,825	23.4%
	Building Related Landscape				\$	2,616,984	0.8%
	Planning and Construction Management & Implementation	\$	80,291,360	24.6%			
	Other (M&O Set-aside, Technology, Equipment, Land Acquisition)	\$	27,570,759	8.4%			
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	Campus-wide Infrastructure, Parking, Landscape, Signage, and Security	\$	6,048,259.73	7.1%			
	Building Projects	Ś	51,464,670.00	60.1%			100%
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	Renovation (finishes, mechanical/electrical, structural upgrade)				ŝ	5,090,260	9.9%
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	Building Related Landscape				Ś	646,200	1.3%
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	Demolition				\$	3,654,000	14.0%
	New Construction				\$	5,684,000	21.8%
	Building Related Landscape				\$	108,000	0.4%
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Grand Jury Findings

• Finding 3:

• Contrary to statements contained within the actual ballot measure, no "project list" identifying \$348M in cost allocations existed prior to or at the time the citizens voted on Measure Q.

Recommendation 3:

• No bond measure be presented to the public until such time as a needs assessment consistent with the bond amount requested has been fully completed, reviewed and approved.

Preliminary Response to Finding 3

- The bond language states: "The Board conducted comprehensive evaluations and considered community and District priorities and perspectives in developing the scope of college projects to be funded..."
 - 1. July 18, 2012 The "Draft Project List" is presented, which forms the basis for the Facilities Master Plan.
 - 2. August 1, 2012 The projects were defined and described in the ballot language and approved by the Board by resolution.
 - 3. October 3, 2012 The Facilities Master Plan is presented, and each project listed on the "Draft Project List" is found on the Facilities Master Plan.
 - 4. All material referenced above was provided to the Grand Jury and CBOC.

July 18, 2012



Facilities Master Plan Status Update

AGENDA

- Activities to-date, Status
 - Assessments
 - May Workshops
 - Site Opportunities
 - Draft Design Principles
- Project Priorities



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Facility Assessments



Space Justification

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Campus and Community Workshops





Facilities Planning Solano Community College District



- EDUCATION
- COMMUNITY
- SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS
- ECOLOGY
- HEALTH / HAPPINESS











The Complete Campus Planning Goals

- Supportive Educational Environment
- Environments for Interaction/Connection
- Inviting Front Door
- Destination with Aesthetic Appeal
- Infrastructure for the Future
- Reduce Energy and Water Costs
- Reduce Maintenance
- Rental Facilities
- Restore Habitat
- Promote Natural Systems

June 18, 2012 / July 18, 2012 Facilities Master Plan Status Report

Preliminarily, there is strong justification for seeking Community support to update/maintain and build required facilities:

Facilities require modernization and update

- Building Condition
- Campus and Building Systems
- Access, Security, Safety

There are inadequacies in how current facilities provide the desired/needed learning environments

- Current Programs/Curriculum
- Educational Master Plan: Future Growth and Capacity
- Existing and New Community / College Partnerships / Job Creation

There are efficiencies that can be obtained to reduce maintenance and operational costs

- Systems Type, Age
- Maintenance and Operations
- Environmental Stewardship / Presidents Climate Commitment
- Return on Investment/Total Cost of Ownership Related to Curriculum and M&O

Distinguishing Solano Community College

- Sustainability: Economic, Social, and Environmental
- · Values, Programs, Partnerships, Facilities

Energy & Water

Community

Facilities

Education

Draft Project List

	FAIRFIELD CAMPUS	AUSTIFICATION
F1	New Library Learning Resource Center (Replaces Bidg 100)	Not Enough Existing Capacity,
		Outdated inadequate Facilities
FZ	New Science (Replaces Bidg 300)	Inadequate Facilities;
		Supports CTE and Transfer Programs;
		Supports Biotechnology/Biomedical and Health Care
		Assistants growth identified in EMP
F3	New Vacational (CTE) Center (Replaces 1800)	Supports CTE Program Growth identified in EMP:
		Acronautical/Aviation Technology, Alternate Energy,
		Autemotive Collision Repair, High-Tech Manufacturing,
		Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Repair; Waste and Wastewater
		Technology & Weiding Technology
F4	1600 Remodel (Cosmetology)	Inadequate Facilities
-		Supports Cosmetology growth Identified in EMP
PS	New Horticulture Center (Replaces 1000)	Supports Program Growth identified in EMP
F6	Performing Arts Center (1200 Remodel)	Indequate Facilities
F7	Alternete Energy Systems Projects	Operational Savings funds Program Diversity and Additional
		Students; helps achieve the American College and University
		President's Climate Commitment
FØ	Site Infrestructure - (Site Plumbing, HVAC and Wiring)	Operational Savings funds Program Diversity and Additional
		Students; helps achieve the American College and University
		President's Climate Commitment
P9	Corporate Training and innovation Center	Fulfills Community Need; Generates Revenue to fund
		Additional Students and Diversity of Programs
F10	Food Sciences (bridging Nutrition, Health and Allied Sciences)	Supports Program Growth identified in EMP
F11	New Early Childhood Development Center (Replaces 200 and 201)	Supports Student Success and Demand
512	Applied Arts (Graphic/Digital Media) Cluster	Supports Program Re-Dasign
F13	Middle College	Supports Student Success, Basic Skills and Demand
514	Security & Lighting	
F15	Police & IT Complex (Replaces Portable)	Supports College Operations
2U	M & O Complex and District Storage Building (1900 & Chemical Storage	Supports College Operations
	Building	
-17	Pool Retrofit - Pool and Deck	Supports Programs and Community Demand
18	Track & Field Replacement Project	Supports Programs and Community Damand
F19	District-wide Technology	Supports New Teaching Pedagogies

	VACAVILLE	JUSTIFICATION
ACT	New Multi-Disciplinary Science & BioTech Center (Indudes Middle College)	Supports Demend and Expansion of Center into a Cempus
VCL	New Fire Training Facility and Burn Towar	Supports Demand and Community Partnerships
/C3	New Apriculture Center	Supports Program Growth identified in EMP
/C3	Kew Student Services Center	Supports Expansion of Center into a Campus
/C4	New Child Care Facility	Supports Expansion of Center into a Campus
VCS	Food Café	supports expension of content and a compute

	VALLEJO	
	PROPOSED PROJECT	JUSTIFICATION
VJ1 VJ2	Education Persner Building	Supports Gemend
	New Student Services Center	Supports Expansion of Center
A/A	New Child Care Facility	Supports Expansion of Center
V/4	Food Cale	

Preliminary Response to Finding 3

- Furthermore, the project list included in SCCD's bond language is similar in specificity and content to other community college bonds throughout the State.
 - 1. In *Foothill-De Anza CCD v. Emerich* (2007) 158 Cal.App.4th 11, taxpayers challenged the sufficiency of a bond measure proposed by a community college district, arguing that the use of categories for projects was not specific enough to meet the requirements of Prop 39.
 - 2. The Court found the bond language "sufficiently specific" as it "clearly identified the *types* of projects to be funded..."
 - 3. The Court explained that it was unnecessary and impractical for a bond measure to name each building where a roof would be replaced or other work would take place, acknowledging that running a facilities program over several years requires the ability to adapt to circumstances impacting the District and its facilities.

Grand Jury Findings

• Finding 4:

• The Board of Trustees failed to uphold their Bylaws in representing the public interest in their duties in relation to Measure Q.

• Recommendation 4:

• Board of Trustees, elected by the voters, act in accordance with their Bylaws, roles duties and responsibilities to the citizens of Solano County.

Preliminary Response to Finding 4

- We acknowledge the Grand Jury's concern with ensuring that voters are fully and accurately informed as to the purpose of a bond measure.
 - 1. As early as May 4, 2011, the Board was presented with items related to facilities planning, in preparation for a bond. As early as July 2012, the Board heard presentations about the project list and the Educational and Facilities Master Plan.
 - 2. On August 1, 2012, the Board approved the bond language (resolution 12/13-01), describing the types of the projects the District would undertake with Measure Q. Nearly three pages of discussion are found in Board meeting minutes from that evening. Parties representing both sides of the discussion were included.
- Approval of the bond, at 63.49%, suggests that the Board accurately represented the public's interest and that the public agreed. The District continues to adhere to projects as described in the bond language.

Preliminary Response to Finding 4

- Members of the Board take their responsibility for allocating taxpayer funds seriously.
- The sequence of events leading up to the decision to place Measure Q on the ballot was deliberate, open to the public, and in compliance with Prop 39.
- The District understands the report's concern with ensuring that voters are fully and accurately informed as to the purpose of a bond measure.
- The District's policies and procedures were met by the Board in preparation for Measure Q.

Recent Program Activity



Recent Program Activity

Equity Inclusion and Outreach Program

- Workshop on July 9 over 50 attendees
- Local firms have already performed work for Measure Q:
 - × **VPCS** Construction Manager, Performing Arts
 - Creegan D'Angelo Civil engineers, various projects
 - × Integrity Data & Fiber IT specialist and integrator, various projects
 - × JLC General Contractor, small projects

• CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)

- Vacaville CEQA process complete
- Vallejo CEQA process ongoing
- Fairfield CEQA vendor selection ongoing

• FFE (Furniture Fittings and Equipment)

• FFE standards and procurement strategy complete

Recent Project Activity

- Vacaville Biotechnology & STEM Building
 - Contract negotiation with DBE contract for Board approval in August
- Vallejo Autotechnology Building
 - DBE selection ongoing mid August selection
- Fairfield Science Building
 - Programming complete
 - Schematic design ongoing looking for solution to exterior "style." Options will be provided for Board input.
- Fairfield Performing Arts Modernization
 Out to bid week of July 13 bids due mid August

Recent Construction Activity

• ESCO (Energy Services Contract) phase 2

- o Buildings 100, 500, 700, 1400 and 1600 affected
- Buildings 500 and 1400 complete
- Buildings 100, 700 and 1600 complete by end of summer

Building 600

• Paint, skylight and furniture – ongoing. Complete by Fall semester

• Building 1100 Portables

- o Two are operational
- Two will be operational by end of summer
- Space required to accommodate Middle College High School

Building 1800 Revisions

- Theater Shop will be complete by end of summer
- Drafting and Mechatronics classrooms complete during Fall

Questions?

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SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES August 1, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Board Study Session of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, in the Administration Building, Room 626, located at Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534, by Board President Rosemary Thurston.

Board President Thurston announced that due to participation of Trustee McCaffrey in the meeting via teleconference, all votes would be considered by roll call vote.

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

At the request of Board President Thurston, the Honorable Elizabeth Patterson, Mayor of the city of Benicia, led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rosemary Thurston, President Sarah E. Chapman, Vice President** Denis Honeychurch, J.D. Pam Keith Phil McCaffrey* (participated via teleconference) Catherine M. Ritch A. Marie Young Kayla Salazar, Student Trustee Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D., Secretary

*Teleconference Location: Trustee McCaffrey - Fort Eustis, Virginia - SPOC Training Area

**Arrived after roll call.

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Charo Albarran, Interim Director, Human Resources Yulian Ligioso, Vice President, Finance and Administration Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent-President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President Thurston reported that Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, made the following correction to the Agenda.

Item 10.(c), Bond Election, beginning with pages 21-33, was amended. The amended version has been identified as Appendix A.

A copy of the amended resolution is available for review on the Solano College Web site at www.solano.edu (Governing Board – Minutes – August 1, 2012 - Appendix A).

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote.

Trustee Chapman arrived at 6:38 p.m.

 STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Kayla Salazar concurred.

 AYES:
 Trustee Ritch, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee Keith, Vice President Chapman, Trustee Young, Trustee McCaffrey, and Board President Thurston

 NOES:
 None

 ABSENT:
 None

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Board President Thurston recognized Mr. Rufus T. Williams, Jr., VFW Post 2333, who requested to comment on Item 10.(c), Bond Election. Mr. Rufus commented buy saying veterans today come back from military service sometimes physically marred and emotionally challenged and need a facility where they can normalize and re-enter society at large and train for civilian vocations. Solano College plays a critical role in helping our veterans and others improve their lives. Mr. Williams encouraged the Board to favorably consider the Bond Election.

Board President Thurston recognized Mr. Galen Tom, Technology Specialist, who requested to comment on Item 10.(c), Bond Election. Mr. Tom began by commenting that SCC has been a part of his family's education for the past 40 years. Mr. Tom, as an employee, voter, and especially as a father of a three-month old daughter, encouraged the Board to support the Bond Election initiative stating this bond will enhance his daughter's opportunity to transition from high school to college with expanded course opportunities.

Board President Thurston recognized the request of the Honorable John Vasquez, Solano County Supervisor, District 4, who could not be present, but sent his comments as follows: "I have a meeting this evening in Dixon, but want to say that I am in favor of the Bond Election."

Board President Thurston recognized the Honorable Anthony Intintoli, former Mayor of the city of Vallejo, who requested to comment on Item 10.(c), Bond Election. Mayor Intintoli stated he was heavily involved in the first Bond initiative and thanked the Board for keeping their promises to Vallejo. Mr. Intintoli urged the Board to continue to believe in the future and offer veterans an opportunity for training and affordable education. Vallejo is particularly interested in their continued partnership with Sonoma State University and efforts to increase involvement with California Maritime Academy.

Board President Thurston recognized Ms. Laura Strand, representing Stationary Engineers, Local 39, who requested to comment on Item 10.(c), Bond Election. She began by stating that members of Local 39 in Solano College's employment know firsthand the condition of facilities. This Bond measure creates opportunity for Solano College to invest in the future and provide the region with a modern learning environment to prepare students for the future. Additionally, it will create jobs, which in turn circulates and promotes the local economy. Ms. Strand, on behalf of Local 39, encouraged approval of the Bond Election and offered assistance to get the Bond initiative passed.

Board President Thurston recognized Ms. Laura Strand, representing Stationary Engineers, Local 39, who requested to comment on Item 9.(a), resignation to retire by Zandra Gilley. Ms. Strand's comments were deferred to later on the Agenda.

Board President Thurston recognized Mr. Jim DeKloe, Professor of Biotechnology, who requested to comment on Item 10.(a), Bond Election. Professor DeKloe commented that he teaches at the Vallejo Center and that the Center is a good example of the results of the last Bond measure, stating further that the Vacaville Center is just as beautiful. Part of the 2002 vision was for a Biotechnology Training Center, which would be the only of its type west of the Mississippi. The next century is the century of bio science. This is our century. Mr. DeKloe encouraged passage of the Bond Election and the hope of doing something even more special for Solano Community College.

Board President Thurston recognized Mr. Naser Baig, Interim President, ASSC, who requested to comment on Item 10.(a), Bond Election. Mr. Baig expressed gratitude and appreciation for Solano Community College. "This institution," he said, "has transformed my life." Students depend on institutions like this one and encouraged the Board to approve the Bond Election in order to continue to transform students' lives.

Board President Thurston recognized the Honorable Elizabeth Patterson, Mayor of the city of Benicia, who requested to comment on Item 10.(a), Bond Election. Mayor Patterson stated that she was not representing her city as Mayor but as a citizen and voter in Solano County. She began by stating she would not be where she is today without Pasadena City College, which gave her opportunity to pursue her career. It was because of working class people like her parents who

were willing to pass measures to benefit community colleges that offered opportunity, a story which is universal. She concluded by saying if we want to change facts and figures of high unemployment that this is the time to offer vital tools needed to prosper, and providing good experiences at this community college is a way to make people better citizens in our community and county.

Board President Thurston recognized Ms. Monica Brown, citizen, teacher in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, and parent of a SCC student. Ms. Brown expressed concern that if the Bond Election is passed and approved by the voters that we employ Solano County workers from our community—"not someone from Arizona." Ms. Brown encouraged that the College employ local firms and include a project labor agreement in contracts, and also to make sure our facilities are built to last. Ms. Brown also encouraged the Board to work hard on this initiative, including walking precincts and participating in phone banks.

Board President Thurston stated additional requests to comment on Item 10.(c), Bond Election, would be heard later on the agenda, and thanked all those who came forward with their comments.

- 6. **REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED):**
- (a) <u>Update by The Lew Edwards Group</u> Facilitated by Catherine Lew, President

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, introduced Ms. Catherine Lew, President of The Lew Edwards Group (Consultant), who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the latest polling results relative to whether Solano Community College could be successful with a Bond initiative on the November ballot.

Ms. Lew began by stating that The Lew Edwards Group was successful in all June election measures attempted and remains undefeated in community college bonds attempted. Two-thirds of all school measures on the June ballot passed, and with the right proposals, voters are willing to protect and expand affordable local education.

Consultant recommendations are that a Solano Community College District bond of as much as \$348M is potentially viable in November 2012. Overall support levels are consistent with support levels from November 2011. The Lew Group recommends that the Board consider proceeding with placing a measure on the November 2012 ballot.

Ms. Lew identified the methodology behind the recommendations given as well as their key findings as a result of their research.

A full and complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for review in the Office of the Superintendent-President and the Office of the Vice President of Finance and Administration.

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, thanked Ms. Lew for her presentation and reminded the Board that the Office of the Finance and Administration has actively worked with this group and engaged the public at large to inform them of the importance of this initiative and the needs of the College.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

(a) <u>Minutes from the Regular Meeting held July 18, 2012, will be approved at a future</u> meeting.

Human Resources

(b) <u>Employment 2011-2012; Employment 2012-2013; Gratuitous Service</u>

Finance and Administration

(c) <u>Personal Services Agreements</u>

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Kayla Salazar concurred.

 AYES:
 Trustee Young, Trustee Keith, Vice President Chapman, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee McCaffrey, Trustee Ritch, and Board President Thurston

 NOES:
 None

 ABSENT:
 None

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

9. RETIREMENTS OF STAFF WITH 10 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE

Board President Thurston recognized Ms. Laura Strand, representing Stationary Engineers, Local 39, who requested to comment on the resignation to retire by Zandra Gilley. Ms. Strand commented that she was saddened to learn of Ms. Gilley's intent to retire. She stated when you envision Solano Community College, you can most assuredly see Zandra Gilley at the hub, and her contributions must be acknowledged. On behalf of the members of Local 39 and herself, Ms. Strand thanked Ms. Gilley for her excellence, efficiency and professionalism to provide a positive employer-employee relationship. It was with warm affection that Ms. Strand wished Zandra well "as she strolls off to loafers paradise" for a happy and healthy retirement. She will be missed.

(a) Resignation to Retire – Zandra Gilley

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, presented the resignation to retire on behalf of Ms. Zandra Gilley, who has served the District faithfully for 35 years, 3 months as Executive Assistant in the Office of Human Resources.

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Vice President Chapman to approve the resignation to retire for Zandra Gilley, effective August 17, 2012. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Kayla Salazar concurred.

AYES:Trustee Keith, Vice President Chapman, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee
McCaffrey, Trustee Ritch, Trustee Young, and Board President ThurstonNOES:NoneABSENT:None

10. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

(a) Proposal Between Solano Community College and KPS|3 for Media/Interview Training

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, presented a proposal offering extensive media training/interviewing skills, crisis communications, and strategic message development services for designated College personnel during the fall semester. This training will prepare more College personnel to interact with the media more productively. KPS/3 Marketing is a full-service agency based out of Reno, Nevada. It specializes in advertising, marketing, public relations, Web, and digital media. Dr. Laguerre stated since we no longer have the Office of Institutional Advancement to do public relations for us, we need others to speak on behalf of the College. Interaction with KPS/3 will provide needed training for faculty and staff who will play different roles in providing information to the public.

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Vice President Chapman to approve the proposal between Solano Community College and KPS|3 for Media/Interview Training. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Kayla Salazar concurred.

AYES:Vice President Chapman, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee McCaffrey, Trustee
Ritch, Trustee Young, Trustee Keith, and Board President ThurstonNOES:NoneABSENT:None

Human Resources

(b) <u>Proposed New Job Descriptions – Operating Engineers/Stationary Engineers, Local 39</u> <u>Theater Technician and Theater Production Technician</u>

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, presented the proposed new job descriptions for Operating Engineers/Stationary Engineers, Local 39 Theater Technician and Theater Production Technician. With the changes made in the Theater, it was determined that these two positions are needed to accommodate the theater operations. The job descriptions have been discussed with the Operating Engineers/Stationary Engineers, Local 39 constituent group. The funding schedule is part of the allocated \$150K when the association with the SCTA was terminated.

Moved by Trustee Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve the new job descriptions for Operating Engineers/Stationary Engineers, Local 39 Theater Technician and Theater Production Technician as presented. The motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Kayla Salazar concurred.

AYES:Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee McCaffrey, Trustee Ritch, Trustee Young, Trustee
Keith, Vice President Chapman, and Board President ThurstonNOES:NoneABSENT:None

Finance and Administration

(c) <u>Bond Election</u>

Board President Thurston recognized Mr. George Guynn, Jr., who requested to comment on Item 10.(c), Bond Election. As President of the Central County Citizens Taxpayers Group, Mr. Guynn stated that his group has their eyes on what we [SCC] are trying to do. He stated, "This is not the right time to go out for a bond." We already have \$124M from the past Bond initiative. It is very easy to redistribute someone else's money and asked how the consultant was going to be paid. Mr. Guynn was clear in his opposition of the Board approving the Bond Election resolution.

Board President Thurston recognized Chief Vince Webster, President of the Solano County Fire Chiefs Association, who commented on how important it is to hire people as soon as possible upon completion of their education, which SCC does by providing the successful Fire Academy. "We are thrilled by the College's commitment to expanding their Fire Training Facility that will assist area firefighters in learning vital skills and we, the County Fire Chiefs, hope the College will consider adding EMT and Paramedic Programs in the future." Chief Webster stated the County Fire Chiefs in the audience were present to lend their support for continuing education and approval of the Bond Election.

Board President Thurston recognized Chief Jay Huyssoon, Cordelia Fire Protection District, who also requested to comment on Item 10,(c), Bond Election. Chief Huyssoon stated that the majority of students in the fire fighter program come from Solano Community College. There is not enough money available to put students through the association fire academy; therefore, the association relies heavily on Solano Community College and its Fire Academy program. Chief Huyssoon thanked SCC for what we do for students and the community.

Board President Thurston recognized Mr. Richard Giddens, a citizen and taxpayer from Suisun. Mr. Giddens stated that the state of California and government agencies once again have come to town begging for more money. Mr. Giddens believes the average citizens are thinking people and are going to see this. We have massively overspent taxpayer dollars. As a veteran and homeowner, "I don't like bloated government," he said. Mr. Giddens commented that California spends half of its budget on education. The schools and colleges need to seek productivity and efficiency gains instead of exercising on the basketball courts. Mr. Giddens stated that he didn't think the schools could wager a bet on folks going along with this (propositions and resolutions with monetary attachments) in light of what has happened in the past, i.e., Prop 29. (smoking initiative). "Stop living in fantasy land and take a long hard look at our once golden state, which now has massive unemployment, riots in the streets, bankruptcies, and leadership woes."

Board President Thurston recognized Ms. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry from the city of Winters, who requested to comment on Item 10.(c). Ms. Aguiar-Curry thanked Dr. Laguerre for his visits to Winters, stating for many years the city didn't know of their affiliation with Solano Community College. Our association has opened the flood gates for opportunities for our students and residents and appreciates the relationship that now exists. The city of Winters is committed to helping with the bond initiative. Ms. Aguiar-Curry shared a story of a woman in the city who married young, did not graduate high school, but raised her three children who now are attending university. A recent visit by Dr. Lamb was encouragement for her to get her GED and is now enrolled at SCC. This is only one success story. The city of Winters wished the Board well in making this tough decision and extended their help however it is needed.

Board President Thurston recognized Mr. Lou Franchimon, representing the Napa-Solano Building Trades, who requested to comment on Item 10.(c). Mr. Franchimon stated a vote of the Building Trades Executive Council was to support the bond initiative 100%. Mr. Franchimon elaborated on recent meetings with Dr. Laguerre regarding working with the College to get curriculums established for training programs to move people from college into the work place. Passage of this bond would help with this planning.

Board President Thurston recognized Ms. Carol Larson, a Vallejo business owner, who requested to comment on Item 10.(c). Ms. Larsen stated that she is a small business owner, property owner, and participated in the Blue Ribbon Committee. As a result of lively and interesting discussions, she feels confident that the Bond measure is the right move for Solano Community College. In these tough economic times, Solano College is more important now than ever before. It is important to keep the College current with state of the art facilities and equipment in order to move students into the job market. Ms. Larson encouraged the Board to approve the Bond Election.

Board President Thurston recognized Mr. James Pierson, a medic and ambulance driver, who requested to comment on Item 10.(c). Mr. Pierson echoed what Chief Webster had to say, stating that Solano's programs (EMT, nursing, and fire) are important in what we do in the community, and they need to stay viable, active, and expanded upon wherever possible.

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, read a statement supporting the Bond Election.

"This is really a historic evening for the Solano Community College District. We are determined and committed to serving the diverse communities within our District and supporting the teachers and staff who implement our vision for quality, affordable education.

In today's tough economy, this vision is more important than ever. The state deficit has caused years of state budget cuts to education and community colleges. In this fiscal year alone, Sacramento took \$4.7 million from Solano College and is proposing to take another \$2 million from us next year, an absolutely devastating reality. It is clear we can't rely on Sacramento to fund some of the needs of this community's college. That's why it's so important that we continue providing the affordable education and job training needs our communities are desperate to have.

Many of our College classrooms were built in the 1970's—they don't meet current earthquake safety standards or fire codes for college facilities built today. A potential bond measure will provide funding to repair campus facilities, address health and safety hazards, improve facility access for disabled students, and ensure that all buildings meet current earthquake and fire safety codes.

As the home of Travis AFB, our community is very proud of those who serve in our armed forces. Many local veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have been hit hard by the recession and are unemployed. We are committed to providing resources to expand job-placement programs and facilities to train and re-train local veterans as they re-enter the civilian workforce.

While it is true that we had a bond ten years ago, it brought us the Vallejo Center, the Vacaville Center, and the Student Services Building in Fairfield among other projects. It is a strong indication of the District's ability to show results for the investments the taxpayers have made.

We promised the voters in 2002 that we will bring classes from Sonoma State University to Vallejo. Not only did we do that, the first class of these students graduated this year. That was a promise made and a promise kept. We have the will and the track record to keep our promise to the voters of Solano County and Winters.

I am extremely gratified at the overwhelming response and support that we've continued to receive from the community! More than 1,000 constituents were engaged in our effort, providing important input to our planning, which has taken more than a year to complete. Six of you have sat through numerous meetings and discussion sessions leading to this recommendation. We did our best to prepare you for this day. And I so value our business and workforce development partnerships with local employers who have pledged support.

Thank you to our faculty, staff, students, and the community, as well as the local media, who recognize our needs and have been so supportive.

I call on an overwhelming majority of the Board to place this measure on the ballot for the community's consideration. The future of many generations of students is at stake.
The easy decision is to resist looking toward the future. You have so far steered this institution in the right direction with your prudent fiscal decisions. Your employees are eager to get to work to change the face of this College with the funds this bond would bring."

Trustee Honeychurch stated that as the senior member of the Board and after 25 years of experience at the College that he can say this is the right thing to do to move the College forward and will support the resolution.

Trustee Ritch commented that she will be voting no on this item. She stated that she does everything she can to support the mission of Solano College, but is troubled by this measure. She thanked the staff and Bond Counsel, but stated her concerns are that she would have been more comfortable if the Educational Master Plan and Facilities Plan were approved. She is uncomfortable with the fact that the document stated the Board has reviewed and prioritized projects which have not been adequately identified. She is uncomfortable asking her family, friends, and neighbors to increase their property tax assessment when it is not specific how the money is going to be allocated. Trustee Ritch encouraged the Board to take a deep breath, work diligently to finalize the two documents, cost them out, and define specific needs.

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, presented the recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 12/13-01 ordering an election and establishing specifications of the election order.

Moved by Trustee Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve Resolution No. 12/13-01, as amended, ordering an election and establishing specifications of the election order. The motion passed with the following roll call vote.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Kayla Salazar concurred.

 AYES: Trustee McCaffrey, Trustee Young, Trustee Keith, Vice President Chapman, Trustee Honeychurch, and Board President Thurston
 NOES: Trustee Ritch
 ABSENT: None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

Academic and Student Affairs

(a) <u>Agreement Between Solano Community College District and the Permanente Medical</u> Group

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent-President, presented the Agreement between Solano Community College District and the Permanente Medical Group.

A collaborative agreement dated June 18, 2012 through December 31, 2012, between Solano Community College and The Permanente Medical Group, Inc., for use of facilities in support of the Healthy Hearts Cardiac Project and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in order for Solano College

to provide on-campus facilities to conduct a one-day cardiac screening for student athletes in the community in an effort to identify cardiac abnormalities that could place student athletes at risk of cardiac events. The screening will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., on August 4, 2012.

A copy of the agreement is available in the Office of the Superintendent-President, the Office of the Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, and in the Office of the School of Human Performance and Development.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Trustee Salazar announced that the ASSC will be assisting with Preview Day scheduled August 8, 2012. Ms. Salazar encouraged the Board to attend if their schedules permit. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m., in the theater.

Vice President Chapman announced that The Solano Kids Insurance Program (SKIP) [helps kids get the coverage they need by assisting families to enroll their children into Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs, or into the Healthy Kids Solano program for those children who do not qualify for state-sponsored care] will be holding another fundraiser this year and that she will have tickets available for purchase at the next Board meeting. If interested in participating in the golf tournament, it will be held at the Chardonnay Golf Course, off Highway 12, at \$175 per person.

13. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Keith reported that the city of Vallejo passed their sales tax measure last November. \$3.4M has been set aside towards a new idea, participatory budgeting. A steering committee will be tasked with structuring how things will work, and Trustee Keith stated she is on that committee to determine how best to spend the money. In talking with Dr. Laguerre, Trustee Keith is hopeful the College will partner with the city and encourage students to participate.

Student Trustee Salazar gave visiting Chinese students a tour of the campus. She thanked Ms. Shemila Johnson for organizing the event. Ms. Salazar stated how fascinated the students were with American culture and feels confident many will return to Solano College and other institutions and emerge into the American college systems.

Trustee Keith announced that she attended the Interagency Committee meeting in Vallejo, held July 30, comprised of city officials, school districts, parks and recreation, library representatives, and others, all of whom who were supportive of the Bond Election.

Board President Thurston reported that she attended the recent Blue Ribbon Committee meeting and was impressed with the presentation. Both she and Dr. Laguerre went to Gilroy for the Chancellor's Circle Luncheon at Gavilan College held on July 24, 2012.

Trustee Young reported that she attended the following College and community events:

July 2012

19 – Blue Ribbon Community Advisory Group meeting, which was held at Solano Community College.

22 - 29 - 2012 International Conference (65th Boulé) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKA), which is an international service organization. AKA is the oldest Greek lettered organization established in 1908 by African-American, college-educated women. The local chapter of the sorority, Kappa Beta Omega, of which Trustee Young is a chartered member (1974), was one of the sponsoring chapters for the awesome conference. The conference was held at the Moscone Center in San Francisco with over 9,000 in attendance, and its theme was "Gateway to Global Leadership through Timeless Service." Trustee Chapman also attended.

Trustee Young introduced from the audience 11th grade Debutante students from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority: Erika Kenion, Deonna Smisek, and Asia Bridges, from Rodriguez High School.

Board President Thurston recessed the Governing Board Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Board President Thurston called the Closed Session to order at 8:17 p.m.

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator
 Agency Negotiator: Charo Albarran
 Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

15. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President Thurston reconvened the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.

16. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President Thurston reported that the Board held Conference with Labor Negotiator and CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers-Local 39 in Closed Session, and no action was taken.

Board President Thurston reported that the Board discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in Closed Session, and no action was taken.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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APPROVED

ROSEMARY THURSTON BOARD PRESIDENT

JOWEL C. LAGUERRE, Ph.D. SECRETARY

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AGENDA ITEM 10.(c) MEETING DATE August 1, 2012

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TO: Members of the Governing Board

SUBJECT: BOND ELECTION

REQUESTED ACTION: APPROVAL

SUMMARY:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent-President that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 12/13-01 ordering an election and establishing specifications of the election order.

- Bond Election
- Resolution Ordering Election
- Tax Rate Statement

Governing Code: N/A Board Policy: N/A BOT 2012-2013 Goals: Goal 2, Advocate for the Co	Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A ollege through the Educational Foundation
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SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 12/13-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, Solano Community College District (the "District") provides high quality, affordable local educational programs and essential job training, re-training and workforce preparation for students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the costs of attending a U.C. and State college are expensive—more than six times that of attending a community college-- students are relying on community colleges, such as Solano College for the high quality, affordable college options; and

WHEREAS, in today's tough economic times and competitive job environment, the District must continue offering local residents accessible, affordable training and education in the automotive, technology, nursing, firefighting, health sciences, biotechnology and clean energy career programs; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate students in high-demand, core academic classes which facilitate transfer to a four-year university, will require investment in Solano College facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") has determined that updating academic facilities and technology to help students prepare to transfer to four-year universities; providing upto-date academic facilities and technology to prepare students for 21st century jobs; making all buildings, classrooms and community facilities earthquake safe and accessible to people with disabilities; and improving college buildings to provide students with more affordable course options are among the highest priorities of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is home to Travis Air Force Base and our region has a tradition of supporting our military, and our Iraq, Afghanistan and other war veterans, many of whom need better access to job placement programs and facilities to be trained and re-trained as they re-enter the civilian workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that certain college classrooms, buildings, properties and facilities within the District need to be repaired, maintained, acquired, constructed, improved, furnished and equipped to enable Solano College to provide affordable, local higher education; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding concerted and ongoing efforts by the District to obtain sufficient money from the State of California (the "State"), the State has been unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain and enhance Solano College facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with each of the Solano College Educational Master Plan and the Solano College Master Facilities Plan (together, the "Master Plans"), each of which sets forth the long-range strategic plans for Solano College, and prioritizes their most immediate and critical project needs; and WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to provide additional funding for such facility, technology and basic infrastructure needs as described in the Master Plans by means of a general obligation bond; and

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WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State of California on June 3, 1986 ("Proposition 46"), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution by adding a provision which exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those ad valorem taxes used to pay for debt service of any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for ad valorem tax levies used to pay for debt service or bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a community college district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight which are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District's voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for essential improvements to the District's educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39, which prohibit any bond money to be used for administrator salaries and other operating expenses of the District shall be strictly enforced by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 et seq. of the Elections Code of the State of California (the "Elections Code") requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on November 6, 2012, and to request each of the Solano County Registrar of Voters and the Yolo County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District;

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NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 et seq., 15264 et seq. and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests each of the Solano County Registrar of Voters and the Yolo County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$348,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold to raise money for the projects described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter sample ballot pamphlet.

<u>Section 2</u>. That the date of the election shall be November 6, 2012.

<u>Section 3</u>. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 and the Act, the ballot proposition in Exhibit "A" and "B" are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall only be used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or other college operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B," evaluated safety, class size reduction, class size and offerings, and information technology needs of the District;

(c) that the Board will cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond moneys are expended for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board will cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board will cause the appointment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIIIA of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 et seq. and 15264 et seq. and Government Code Section 53506.

<u>Section 5.</u> That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

Supervisors, the Yolo County Registrar of Voters and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors are

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hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 6, 2012 within the District.

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<u>Section 7.</u> That this Resolution shall stand as the "order of election" to the Solano County Registrar of Voters and the Yolo County Registrar of Voters to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 6, 2012. The Board approves the filing of a Tax Rate Statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, and directs their publication in accordance with the requirements of the Elections Code.

Section 8. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver an original or a certified copy of this Resolution to each of the Solano County Registrar of Voters and the Yolo County Registrar of Voters no later than August 10, 2012.

<u>Section 9</u>. That any Bonds issued pursuant to Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code shall have a maturity not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, and Bonds issued pursuant to Section 53506 of the Government Code shall have maturity not exceeding forty (40) years. The maximum interest rate on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

<u>Section 10</u>. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

<u>Section 11</u>. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of each of Solano and Yolo County are requested to permit the Registrars of Voters of each of Solano and Yolo County to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse each of Solano and Yolo County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of Section 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 1st day of August, 2012.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

By ____

Board President

Attest:

Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

SOLANO COUNTY

I, Jowel C. Laguerre, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. _____, which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Solano Community College District at the meeting thereof held on the 1st day of August, 2012, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

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AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

By_

Secretary to the Board of Trustees of Solano Community College District

EXHIBIT A

"SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT STUDENT/VETERANS' AFFORDABLE EDUCATION, JOB TRAINING, CLASSROOM REPAIR MEASURE. To prepare Solano/Yolo County students and veterans for universities/ jobs, by:

- Expanding access by students, military, disabled veterans to affordable education;
- Meeting earthquake and fire safety codes;

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- Upgrading employer job placement facilities;
- Upgrading engineering, welding, nursing and firefighter training centers;
- Acquiring, constructing and repairing facilities, sites and equipment,

shall Solano Community College District issue \$348,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, with citizens' oversight, annual audits and no money for pensions and administrators' salaries?"

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION

OF THE SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2012

"SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT STUDENT/VETERANS' AFFORDABLE EDUCATION, JOB TRAINING, CLASSROOM REPAIR MEASURE. To prepare Solano/Yolo County students/veterans for universities/ jobs, by:

- Expanding access by students, military, disabled veterans to affordable education;
- Meeting earthquake and fire safety codes;
- Upgrading employer job placement facilities;
- Upgrading engineering, welding, nursing and firefighter training centers;
- Acquiring, constructing and repairing facilities, sites and equipment,

shall Solano Community College District issue \$348,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, with citizens' oversight, annual audits and no money for pensions and administrators' salaries?"

Bonds - Yes

Bonds -- No

PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Solano Community College District, to be responsive to the needs of students and the community, evaluated the District's urgent and critical educational needs, including completing essential repairs to aging classrooms and college buildings to today's health and earthquake safety requirements, and providing sufficient classrooms and science labs to offer more job training and workforce development courses and programs to students, military, and veterans, facility maintenance, safety and security issues, class size and offerings in key disciplines such as nursing, health sciences, biotechnology, solar and clean technology fields, automotive technology, and information and computer technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded, as outlined in the Solano College Educational Master Plan and the Facilities Master Plan, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety (collectively, the "Master Plans"). In developing the scope of the Master Plans, the faculty, staff and students have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical needs and the most urgent and basic needs and infrastructure repairs are addressed consistent with community and District priorities. The Board conducted comprehensive evaluations and considered community and District priorities and perspectives in developing the scope of college projects to be funded, as listed in the Master Plans. The Board, faculty and community leaders concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing and expensive. In approving the Projects, the Board of Trustees determines that the SOLANO COLLEGE must:

• PROVIDE ESSENTIAL JOB TRAINING AND WORKFORCE PREPARATION for students, military and veterans by providing facilities for training and education in automotive technology, nursing, firefighting, health sciences, biotechnology and clean energy fields, among others.

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- IMPROVING ACCESS TO DISABLED STUDENTS AND WAR VETERANS by expanding job placement programs and facilities to train and re-train local veterans as they re-enter the civilian workforce; and
- EXPAND HIGH QUALITY AFFORDABLE COLLEGE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE such as Sonoma State, Cal Maritime, Sacramento State, UC Davis, UC Berkeley and others.
- OFFER MIDDLE COLLEGE OPTIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS to allow high school students to start their college work when in high school and earn an Associate's degree, saving time and money on their way to a four-year degree.
- Increase collaborations and partnerships with private and public employers to fulfill local job training and placement needs.

The Master Plans are on file and available for review at the Solano College President's Office and include the types of projects listed below.

Basic Maintenance, Repair and Construction Projects That Provide Essential Job Training for Students, Military, and Veterans

<u>Goal and Purpose</u>: Since it is hard to get a job in the current economy, Solano College provides essential job training and workforce preparation for students of all ages. Additional funding can support training and education in automotive technology, nursing, firefighting, cosmetology, welding, health sciences, biotechnology and clean energy fields, among others. Our job training facilities at Solano College need basic repair, renovation, or replacement. Addressing these essential maintenance, repair and new construction projects at Solano College will allow it to continue to provide high quality, affordable education to local students, military and veterans:

- Upgrade facilities to meet earthquake and fire safety codes.
- Update campus facilities to provide access for disabled students.
- Replace aging plumbing and sewer systems to prevent flooding, water damage and reduce future maintenance costs.
- Repair, renovate or replace aging classrooms and facilities that lack adequate heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical and lighting systems.
- Repair leaky roofs.
- Upgrade utility infrastructure such as electric, communications, environmental, sewer and gas systems to improve function, control and energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Modernize nursing and firefighting job training centers.

Academic Facility and Technology Upgrade Projects To Help Students, Military and Veterans to Transfer To Four-Year Universities

<u>Goal and Purpose</u>: Since the costs of attending a public university in California have risen to as much as six times that of Solano College, we need to provide a high quality, affordable, option to students transferring to a four-year university. Improvements to academic facilities and technology implementations will allow it to continue preparing students, military and veterans for transfer to four-year colleges or universities:

- Replace outdated science, laboratories and classrooms to equip students with the advanced skills they need to compete in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.
- Increase the capacity to offer distance learning opportunities and on-line courses.
- Expand facilities for Middle College options to high school students to allow them to earn an associate's degree so that when they graduate they are better prepared for college.

21st Century Job Training and Projects To Increase Collaboration and Partnerships with <u>Private and Public Employers to Fulfill Local Job Training Needs</u>

<u>Goal and Purpose</u>: Solano College provides essential job training and workforce preparation for students, military and veterans. In today's economic times, these projects will allow the District to continue offering local residents training and education in the nursing, health sciences, biotechnology, and clean energy technology fields, as well as other job training and workforce programs:

- Upgrade facilities and classrooms to meet earthquake and fire safety codes.
- Provide and maintain up-to-date technology, data and communication equipment for jobtraining programs and facilities.
- Renovate, repair or replace outdated laboratories, classrooms, training centers and support facilities.
- Upgrade and expand telecommunications, Internet and network connections.
- Upgrade and replace computers, hardware and software systems.
- Upgrade and replace classroom instructional equipment.
- Replace or upgrade outdated electrical systems.
- Upgrade job training classrooms for engineering skills.
- Modernize bio-technology job training facilities.
- Provide facilities for vocational engineering, cosmetology, welding and automotive technology.

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The listed projects in the Master Plans will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List at Solano College and its several centers, also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List, payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated college activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, repair, renovation and construction projects may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; landscaping; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including solar projects; construction of a new library, science building, vocational career center; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls doors and drinking fountains; removal of outdated buildings and construction of new classrooms and support buildings; renovation of the cosmetology building, renovation of locker rooms; installation wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; library upgrades and materials; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; upgrading, resurfacing, replacing or relocating of hard courts, fields, turf and irrigation systems; construct or renovate campus theatre and performing arts and physical education, math and science facilities, retrofit pool; upgrade classrooms; construct new or upgrade existing parking lots or facilities; construct police training complex, maintenance building; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace water and sewer lines and other plumbing system; construct student services buildings in Vacaville and Vallejo; build biotech center, fire training facility and child care facility in Vacaville; replace outdated security systems. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, other miscellaneous equipment and software, and the creation of a technology fund to keep learning technology up-to-date.

The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. Some projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES, PENSIONS AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

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