



ACTION

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: *July 21, 2021*

ITEM TITLE: **3.1b**

CONTACT PERSON: *Laurie Popp, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education*

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2021

Session 1035

A meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on June 16, 2021, with a TSCC Budget Hearing at 6:30 pm, and a Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 pm, both held via Zoom meeting.

TAX SUPERVISING & CONSERVATION COMMISSION (TSCC) HEARING
Public hearing regarding the 2021-2022 MHCCD Budget

1.0 CONVENE MHCCD BOARD/CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Members present: Diane Noriega, board chair, Annette Mattson, board vice chair, Diane McKeel, Jim Zordich, Andrew Speer, LaVerne Lewis, Kenney Polson

Additional Attendees: Dr. Lisa Skari, president, Cam Preus, executive director of Oregon Community College Association, Jennifer DeMent, chief operations officer, Al Sigala, executive director of Development and Communications, Al McQuarters, vice president of Instruction, John Hamblin, executive dean of Student Development, Pete Szucs, dean of Mathematics and Science, Nicole Johnson-Moses, ASG president, Emily Pham Lee, new ASG president, Kim Sharer, CEA president, Christy Weigel, new CEA president, Marilyn Pitts, PFTA president

Noriega called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Zordich motioned to approve the agenda. Speer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.0 PUBLIC INPUT



There was public input provided by Jeff Sperley and Katrinia McNeal who provided comments regarding the Cybersecurity Program.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

3.2 OCCA Annual Visit to Community College Boards

Cam Preus provided a presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) during the 2020-2021 year. The presentation included their commitment to racial equity, diversity, equity, and inclusion, CTE Programs, Workforce Wednesdays, Community College Caucus, Voter Voice, attendance at the ACCT National Legislative Summit, budget advocacy, recognition of the All-Oregon Academic Team 2021, and the budget presentation at the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education. She responded to a question about the one-time capital request to address inequities in facilities in the State. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

3.3 Board Member Recognition

Skari recognized Jim Zordich for his eight years of service on the Board of Education from 2013 to 2021. During his tenure on the board, Zordich served as the board vice chair, the Liaison to the MHCC Foundation, and served on the Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, and Audit Committee. He also served the board and the college through his service on the 2018 Presidential Search Committee. Skari thanked Zordich for his commitment and dedication to the students, faculty, staff, and the community, and presented him with a plaque in commemoration of his service to the board and college.

4.0 BUSINESS / ACTION

4.1 Consent Agenda: Approvals & Information

- a) Minutes – Board Work Session 1032, May 5, 2021
- b) Minutes – Regular Board Session 1033, May 19, 2021
- c) Monthly Personnel Report
- d) Monthly Financial Report
- e) Monthly Head Start Report
- f) COVID-19 Activity Report
- g) Acceptance/Expenditure of Projects Funded in Whole or Partially by Non-District Funds
- h) Approval to Acquire/Utilize Goods and/or Services Contracts in Excess of \$150,000
- i) Approval to Utilize Goods and/or Services Contracts in Excess of \$150,000
- j) Resolution to Transfer Budgeted Appropriations



Zordich motioned to approve the consent agenda. Speer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.2 Consider Resolutions to Adopt and Make Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget

DeMent presented the resolutions to Adopt and Make Appropriations for the Fiscal Year for 2021-2022 Budget. She highlighted two minor changes from the approved budget to the adopted budget, with a total difference in the amount of \$16,887. The minor adjustments were to personnel services and materials and services to reflect current service levels that were omitted in the approved budget. The difference will come from the contingency fund, which will remain at 4.7% of expenditures. The overall increase in funds is to build in a transfer-in from the bookstore fund which may be needed after the liquidation of the bookstore assets and inventory.

Zordich motioned to approve the Resolutions to Adopt and Make Appropriations for the Fiscal year 2021 – 2022 Budget. Lewis seconded the motion. There was a roll call board vote and the motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Consider Resolution Imposing and Categorizing Taxes

DeMent presented the Resolution Imposing and Categorizing Taxes, which imposes the taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$0.4917/\$1,000 of assessed value for operations, and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized for tax year 2021-2022 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the district.

Zordich motioned to approve the Resolution Imposing and Categorizing Taxes. Speer seconded the motion. There was a roll call board vote and it passed unanimously.

4.4 Ellucian Bid to Contract Approval

Sigala presented a request for approval to contract with Ellucian for grant services. The contract with Ellucian expires on June 30, 2021. The committee recommended approving the request to contract with Ellucian. Sigala responded to a question about the length of the contract.

Zordich motioned to approve the request to contract with Ellucian for grant services. Lewis seconded the motion. There was a roll call board vote and it passed unanimously.

4.5 Cybersecurity Applied Baccalaureate Statement of Need Approval

Szucs and McQuarters presented the Applied Baccalaureate Exploratory Committee recommendations and findings to the board. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.



Zordich motioned to approve the Statement of Need for the Applied Baccalaureate in Cybersecurity Program. Polson seconded the motion. There was a roll call board vote and it passed unanimously.

5.0 BOARD MEMBER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members shared their participation in community meetings and events since the last board meeting. The Community Engagement spreadsheet will be updated to reflect the community activity.

6.0 CLOSING REPORTS

6.1 ASG Representative

Nicole Johnson-Moses (ASG President) – she introduced Emily Pham Lee to the board as the new ASG President. She thanked the board for their support and encouragement to ASG, and for their commitment to students this past year. Lee provided the ASG report and stated the spring food drive has concluded and she thanked staff and faculty for their generous donations. Through the Imperfect Food Pilot Program, 12 students received weekly produce boxes this term. The ASG events included a student art exhibit, virtual gardening event, and an open forum for students to provide comments regarding the bookstore moving online. ASG has earmarked additional funds for fall term book scholarships and will be prepared to award emergency scholarships to students struggling with the change. They will begin interviewing students next week for the ASG positions for 2021-2022.

6.2 Advisory Representatives

Jeanna Hunt (FTFA) – did not attend meeting

Kim Sharer (CEA) – she was part of the cheer team at this year’s MHCC commencement and shared it was one the best we have had, and that it provided an intimate atmosphere for families to participate in a unique way to celebrate commencement with their graduate. She shared this will be her last board meeting as the CEA President representing the Classified Employee Association, and introduced Christy Weigel as the new CEA President.

Marilyn Pitts (PTFA) – she thanked Jim Zordich for his service on the board, and for everything he has done for the college and students. She thanked Kim Sharer for all her efforts with the Classified Employee Association, and thanked Nicole Johnson-Moses for the excellent job serving as ASG President this past year. She welcomed Emily Pham Lee and Christy Weigel in their new roles for the coming year. She shared the contract is due to expire on June 30 and they are working hard on the contract negotiations.

6.3 Executive Leadership

Jennifer DeMent – she shared highlights from the monthly division report for Administrative Services included in the board packet.



Al Sigala – he shared highlights from the monthly division report for Development and District Communications included in the board packet.

Al McQuarters – he shared highlights from the monthly division report for Instruction, and stated he has been working on recruitments for five instructional administrators at the college. They are the Dean of Nursing, Dean of Integrative Media, Performing Arts and Visual Arts, Dean of Health Professions, Dean of Applied Technology, and Director of High School Services.

John Hamblin – he thanked Jim Zordich for his years of service at the college, and thanked Nicole Johnson-Moses for her leadership with ASG. He welcomed Emily Pham Lee and looks forward to working with her this year. He expressed appreciation to Kim Sharer and looks forward to their continued partnership, and welcomed Christy Weigel in her new role and looks forward to working together. He shared highlights from the commencement event and thanked all those who helped with this year’s amazing commencement event. He shared highlights from the monthly division report for Student Development included in the board packet.

6.4 President’s Report

Lisa Skari provided her President’s Report to the board:

In my final report of the year, three words come to mind... we did it! And the rollercoaster ride along the way has been anything but predictable. A year ago, we were looking at a disastrous state budget. Our management and confidential employees gave up their cost of living adjustments, and our management, confidential, and classified staff took furlough days over the summer. Those cuts never came to fruition, and we are now looking at the possibility of a state investment of \$702 million for the Community College Support Fund, and no college tuition increase for us. When coupled with the one-time stimulus funding, we are doing okay in the short run. We know when we get to work next year, we will need to continue to be strategic in how we support students and use our resources, all of our resources, judiciously. We are in a much better place this year than we were last year. A year ago, after the tragic murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and others, you issued an official statement on Black Lives Matter that set-in motion specific actions the college would take. I am so pleased to report that those actions you listed we have done, and most notably, the adopting of the equity lens. At the same time, we acknowledge the work has just started.

And then there was the pandemic. Last year we were wondering how long we would be remote, and how we were going to hold classes fall term. And the college has stepped up serving students, while keeping everyone safe. I am not sure you will ever fully comprehend the amount of work that happened on the ground that has gone into making this year work, but I do know you value the dedication and accomplishments of every person that made this possible, and it took everybody, including you. And for your leadership, the college appreciates the oversight



you have provided, the showing up, paying attention, and asking the questions that needed to be asked.

All of that might have been enough for most colleges, but not Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC). Tonight, you authorized the submission of what might be the first Applied Baccalaureate degree in the state of Oregon. Then there was commencement, a beautiful celebration of our graduates that was logistically brilliant. I will not repeat what you have already heard, but it was a perfect way to end the academic year. Yes, we did it, and I am forever grateful for each and every one of you. I am hopeful next year will have a bit more predictability and stability.

And Jim, I will miss seeing your smiling face on the screen or in person, your pointed questions, and most of all, your deep, deep commitment and passion for our students and the college. Thank you for your service, but I do not think this is good-bye. I think we will still have the opportunity to enjoy that smile, those questions, and that dedication. I am hoping that we can count on you to help us advocate on behalf of MHCC.

Thanks again, to the board, my executive team and President's Cabinet, all the faculty, Kim Sharer, Christy Weigel and all the classified staff, Marilyn Pitts and all the PTFA and tutors, the management and confidential employees, and most of all Nicole Johnson-Moses, Emily Pham Lee, and all the students. You trusted us for your educational journey and we thank you. What a year. We did it, and we did it together.

6.5 Other Business

There was a brief discussion about the July meeting dates for the regular board meeting, board retreat, and an executive session for the president's evaluation.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Zordich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Polson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Clerk

Board Chair

Minutes recorded by Laurie Popp, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.