

SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Bond Oversight Committee Minutes
June 16, 2009 – 3:30 pm
Cañada College
Building 9, Room 354

Members Present: Committee Chair Jim Wyatt, Vice Chair Marion McDowell,
Dr. Patrick Cheng, Denisse Gonzalez, Stanley Gross, Bill Nack

Members Absent: Linda Asbury, Marta Bookbinder, Rose Jacobs Gibson, Gita Dev,
Ruth Nagler

District Staff Present: Kathy Blackwood, Barbara Christensen, José Nuñez

Guest: Cañada President Tom Mohr

Call to Order

Committee Chair Wyatt called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm and stated that even though other committee members are expected to attend the meeting, there was a quorum present so we will move forward with the agenda.

Director Christensen asked if there could be a brief round of introduction because this was the first meeting for our new student representative, Denisse Gonzalez. Introductions were made by those committee members, staff and guest present.

Approval of Minutes from Meetings of December 3, 2008 and February 19, 2009

It was moved by Patrick Cheng and seconded by Marion McDowell to approve the minutes of December 3, 2008 and February 19, 2009 as written. The motion passed, all members voting “Aye”.

Patrick Cheng asked if the 2008 Annual Report to the Community was released. Director Christensen replied that it is posted on the website and was sent to all media in the county. The request was made to have minutes documenting the conference call. The minutes will be brought forward to the next meeting for approval.

Review of Cumulative Report on Expenditures through March 31, 2009 for Measure A and Measure C

Chief Financial Officer Blackwood summarized the financial reports as of March 31, 2009. She said Measure C funds are almost entirely spent leaving \$589,595 committed for projects and \$809,755 that has not been placed into a budget. The Measure C interest has been spent leaving a zero balance. Measure A expenditures to date were \$148 million (32%) with \$179 million

committed (38%) and a balance of \$130 million for projects that are budgeted but are not currently under contract. The project detail report lists each project by location and references the project back to the ballot measure. The expenditures highlighted in yellow are projects that have changed since the last report.

Vice Chancellor Nuñez added that due to the economy, our district is benefiting from bids coming in 25% lower than two years ago, thus saving money. Most projects are already bid and prices are locked in.

Update on Loss of State Capital Outlay Funds and County Treasury and County Treasury; Current Budget Status

Director Christensen gave a brief update on the Lehman Brothers issue. She said that a coalition from the county went to Washington, DC to attend the House Financial Services Committee hearing on the losses by public agencies across the country due to the Lehman Brothers crisis. Chancellor Ron Galatolo and Supervisor Rich Gordon spoke representing our county. Director Christensen listened to the hearing and said the 70 member committee seemed very sympathetic and we are hopeful that TARP funds will be used to recover the money lost by public agencies due to the Lehman Brothers failure. The loss nationwide was \$1.5 billion and \$250 million was lost in San Mateo County.

Director Christensen also commented that the second avenue of reimbursement we are pursuing is going directly to the Treasury Department. Legislation introduced by Congresswomen Anna Eshoo and Jackie Speier directs the Treasury to use bailout funds to reimburse us for our loss. So far we have not been successful in convincing the Treasury to do so. San Mateo Community College District lost \$25 million; \$20 million was bond money.

CFO Blackwood added that Mary McMillan, Deputy County Manager, has been instrumental in scheduling these hearing and holding weekly conference calls with agencies across the nation that lost money.

Vice Chancellor Nuñez reported that approximately nine months ago we lost \$54 million in six approved state projects; the state changed its priorities for funding projects and many districts suffered losses. He added that Cañada gymnasium project scope has been approved by the state; it will be funded if voters approve a state bond in November 2010. The total Cañada project is \$19 million; \$13.9 million would come from state money and \$6 million would come from Measure A funds.

Patrick Cheng asked what happens if the 2010 bond is not passed by the voters. Vice Chancellor Nuñez said the project will not be funded.

Director Christensen added that the state bonds only require a 50% majority to pass and usually do pass. The last state bond was passed was 2006; a 2008 state bond measure was not put on the ballot.

In July, the District will submit \$58 million to the state seeking approval for project scope for funding which would go into the 2011/12 cycle. The projects include:

- CSM Building 12 – \$6.2 million
- CSM Building 19 – \$12.6 million
- CSM Building 8 - \$13 million
- Cañada Building 13 – \$13.7 million
- Skyline Building 1 - \$8 million

Vice Chancellor Nuñez said requesting state funding is a very competitive and long process. There is no guarantee of approval, but we have been successful in securing \$175 million in state funding to date.

Review of Status of CSM and Skyline Design/Build Projects and Cañada Design Assist

Vice Chancellor Nuñez presented a slide show to showcase all Districtwide projects starting with the artist rendition, construction, transformation and completion. Highlights are as follows:

Cañada College

- B7, Facilities Maintenance Center – Groundbreaking Ceremony in September
- B8, Administration Office – Modernization - completed
- Gateways/Circulation/Parking Project
 - Primary Entrance
 - New Olive Tree
 - Bus Stop & Entablature
 - Visitor Lot and Theater Area
 - Courtyard Water Feature
 - Secondary Entrance
 - New Wayfinding Signage

President Mohr said that on the night of graduation it was delightful to see all graduates taking pictures in front of the entablature where the view is spectacular.

College of San Mateo

- B2, B4, B14, B16 – modernization
- B5 – Allied Health and Wellness - new building
- B10 – Campus Center - new building
- B12, B15, B17, B34 – modernization
- Sitework Improvements
 - Hillsdale Blvd Entry
 - Arrival Area
 - Parking Lots 1 & 2
 - Water Features
- Aquatics Center - under construction
- Fine Arts Courtyard - completed
- Arts Complex Stelevator – near completion

Director Christensen is working on a joint project with the City of San Mateo to improve the median divide on Hillsdale Blvd.

Skyline College

- B21 – Facilities Maintenance Center – will open this Fall
- B4 – Multicultural Center, Cosmetology, Classroom & Administration Offices – new building
- B11 – Auto Transmission – new building
- Sitework Improvements

Committee Members' Comments/Requests for Future Agenda Items

Vice Chancellor Nuñez invited the committee members to College of San Mateo for the Topping Out Ceremony for Building 10 on Thursday, June 18, at 11:30 am.

Patrick Cheng thanked Barbara Christensen for her help in asking Ron Galatolo to speak at his Kiwanis Club meeting. He was very enlightening.

President Mohr stated that construction work did not interfere with instruction. Occasionally a project had to be scheduled differently, but overall everything went smoothly. He believes the beauty of the campus is the major reason that Canada's summer school enrollment is up 13%. The fall enrollment is up even more than that and Cañada may have to turn students away.

Director Christensen suggested that an email be sent to all Bond Oversight Committee members emphasizing the importance of attending meetings. She will work together with Chairman Wyatt on this.

Public Comments

Mr. McDowell commended Vice Chancellor Nuñez on the superb slide show presentation. Vice Chancellor Nuñez said it was a collaborative project by the Construction Planning Department, Facilities Department and Swinerton Management & Consulting.

Schedule for Next Meeting

Director Christensen will coordinate the next meeting in conjunction with the ribbon cutting ceremony at Cañada College for the Facilities Maintenance Center to be held in September.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.