GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTS NEW BOND MEASURE

Governing Board members passed a resolution by a 4-0 vote (Debbie Justeson absent), requesting the San Diego County Registrar of Voters to place a $348 million bond measure before District voters on the November 8 ballot under the provisions of Proposition 39.

Chancellor Cindy Miles said the district underwent an analysis of its needs to develop an Educational Master Plan and a Facilities Master Plan before successfully seeking the Proposition V bond measure in 2012. Even with the passage of Proposition V, the district still has unfunded facility needs.

Money from the bond measure would be used to build a Workforce Opportunities Resource Center (WORC), co-located with the District’s headquarters and supported by instructional programs from the colleges, to provide a variety of career training programs. A refresh of the Facilities Master Plan identified the most needed projects at both campuses, including classrooms, labs, exercise science improvements, roadways and parking, and child development centers at both colleges.

The bond measure requires approval by 55 percent of the votes cast. Bonds will be repaid through property tax assessments. Miles said preliminary polling of likely voters in the District found 60 percent indicated support for the measure.

Governing Board members and student trustees expressed enthusiastic support for the measure and pledged to work hard to get it passed to benefit the entire East County community by creating economic opportunities through workforce development and job skills training.

NEGOTIATIONS GETTING UNDERWAY

The California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 707 and the Administrators’ Association have both submitted proposals for reopener negotiations. The CSEA and Administrators’ Association proposals are available for review by the public under Item 145 of the Board docket on the District website, and in several District and college locations.

FROM CLOSED SESSION

By a 4-0 vote, with Justeson absent, the Governing Board accepted the recommendation of the Cuyamaca College president of a five-day suspension without pay for a custodian. The Board conducted its evaluation of the Chancellor and gave her an overall superior evaluation.

BOARD REPORTS

Vice President Mary Kay Rosinski praised the Office Professional Training (OPT) program, which recently graduated its 2,400th student. The program is free to California residents through grants and donations and provides career transition opportunities.

Grossmont College President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh congratulated the Athletic Department for winning the Chet DeVore Award from the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference recognizing the most successful member program. Women’s programs, including tennis, swimming and diving, beach and indoor volleyball made significant contributions to Grossmont’s winning overall average score.
BOARD ACTIONS

With the exception of item 201, all other items on the docket were approved by consent.

In other docket items, the Governing Board:

• Accepted a report on the current budget status, and granting authority to the Chancellor to approve any budget changes; acceptance of revenues, new grants, donations and revisions to the working budget, and grant authority to budget these funds; approval of purchase orders and warrants issued during June 2016; ratification of signatures of agreements.

• Ratified actions to accept, budget, and spend, as appropriate, donations to the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District.

• Adopted Resolution 17-001, California Department of Education General Child Care Grant; Resolution 17-002, California Department of Education State Preschool Program Grant; for the Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College Child Development Centers, both certifying approval to enter into a Child Development Contract with the California Department of Education for the purpose of providing child care and development services at the Grossmont and Cuyamaca Child Care Centers.

• Adopted Resolution 17-003, Eligibility Renewal Application, State and Federal Surplus Property Program, appointing Vice Chancellor Business Services Sue Rears and Director of Purchasing and Contracts Linda Bertolucci to be the District’s authorized representatives to acquire federal surplus property from the California State Agency for Surplus Property.

• Granted authority to declare personal property as surplus to the needs of the District, and to dispose of personal property by donation to another public institution, trade-in on purpose of new property, sealed bid sale, public auction, private sale, or in the local sanitary landfill.

• Granted authority to submit the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Five-Year Construction Plan 2018/2019 – 2022/2023 to the State Chancellor’s office.

• Granted authority to file a Notice of Completion for Bid B15.018 with Cyber Professional Solutions Corp., and release retention.

• Granted authority to award Bid B16.016 Cuyamaca College Child Development Center (CDC) Roof Replacement to the lowest responsive bidder meeting all terms, conditions, and specifications.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Cindy Miles thanked the Governing Board for its vote of confidence.

Miles reported the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) received a perfect score of 25 out of 25 points from the San Diego County Taxpayers Educational Foundation for the transparency of its program.

Miles said a June 29 construction accident caused a loss of power at Grossmont College that forced the campus to close. Director of Campus Facilities Ken Emmons, District Interim Director of Facilities Planning Randy Clark and Gafcon staff reacted quickly, along with President Abu-Ghalezah, Communications and Public Information Director Anne Krueger, Grossmont College and Community Relations Director Lorena Ruggero, and Public Safety staff. The power outage provided an opportunity to test emergency response systems. Power was returned and Grossmont College reopened July 1.

Miles shared photos and a video from the GradFest celebration, held aboard the Hornblower ship “Inspiration.” Some 400 graduates and guests enjoyed the event sponsored by the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges.

STAFF NOTES

Welcome to new employees Walter Couchman, Admissions and Records Assistant, Senior, Grossmont College; Julie Godfrey Horn, Environmental Health and Safety Instructor, Cuyamaca College; April Holman, Administrative Assistant, Grossmont College; and Derek Scaerrio, Instructional Lab Assistant, Senior, Cuyamaca College

Congratulations to Pat Setzer on his interim appointment as Vice President of Instruction, Cuyamaca College.