

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEATHER RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Vice-President Elliott called the regular meeting of the Feather River Community College District Board of Trustees to order at 3:15 p.m. on January 18, 2007, at Feather River College, Science Room 104, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, CA

Trustees present: Elliott, Marshall, Sheehan, Schramel, Student Trustee Russell
Trustees absent: Burkey

Vice-President Elliott announced that the board had met in closed session and that no action had been taken.

Susan Carroll, Superintendent/President, requested that the regular agenda be amended to reflect the removal of Item D1A, BP 1200, Statement of Mission. She requested the item be deferred until the February 15, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting.

The regular and consent agendas for the January 18, 2007 meeting at Feather River College, Quincy, California were approved as modified, (Sheehan/Marshall), unanimous.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2006 at Feather River College, Science Room 104, 570 Golden Eagle Avenue, Quincy, California were approved as presented (Sheehan/Marshall), unanimous.

A. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

B. Administration of the Oath of Allegiance – John Schramel – New Trustee

Dr. Carroll administered the Oath of Allegiance to Trustee Elect John Schramel. Trustee Elliott stated that the Board is fortunate to have someone with the experience of Mr. Schramel, and he added he was looking forward to working with him.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

*** Motion Items**

Personnel Actions, Payroll and Commercial Warrants, Budget Transfers and Budget Augmentations and Reductions were approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel), unanimous.

D. REGULAR AGENDA

*** 1. Motion Items**

- b) Cameron Abbott, Director, Human Resources, presented the Agreement between the Feather River Federation of Teachers Associate Faculty Chapter, AFT/CFT AFL-CIO and Feather River Community College District for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009. He stated the ratified contract contained good language and benefits and that negotiations were completed in a cooperative manner. Trustee Elliott congratulated Mr. Abbott, Jim Cross, Associate Faculty Union President,, and others involved for their efforts in negotiating the contract. The agreement was approved as presented, (Marshall/Schramel) unanimous.
- c) Jim Scoubes, Chief Financial Officer, requested approval of the 2007/08 Non-Resident Tuition Fee of \$180.00 per credit unit. He stated that there had been no increase from the previous year. Mr. Scoubes reported that he had contacted Yuba College, Shasta College, Butte College, and Lassen College and found that this fee was in line with other colleges in the surrounding area. The 2007/08 Non-Resident Tuition Fee was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous.
- d) Jim Scoubes, Chief Financial Officer, requested approval to dispose of surplus athletic lockers that have been stored for some time and are no longer needed. The request to dispose of surplus equipment was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Schramel) unanimous.
- e) Jim Scoubes, Chief Financial Officer, requested ratification of the Quarterly Financial Report as of September 30, 2006. He stated that among other items, the report reflects that the District has the appropriate 5% reserve that is required by the state. The Quarterly Financial Report as of September 30, 2006, was approved as presented, (Sheehan/Marshall) unanimous.

*** 2. Roll Call Items**

None

3. Special Items/Reports

a) Michael Leighton, Studio Director, and Mike Lehmberg, Project Architect for NTDSchler presented site analysis information based on their study of documents and observations of the Feather River College main campus. Mr. Leighton stated the analysis was not intended to give solutions or design ideas at this time, but was being given in order to understand what was important and how the educational plan was going to match up with the physical attributes of the site and buildings. He stated creating a sense of arrival or place, consolidation of functions, and increased solar orientation would be items of importance in analyzing the site information.

b) Jim Scoubes, Chief Financial Officer, presented the District's Quarterly Budget Report as of December 31, 2006. Mr. Scoubes stated that the revenues and expenditures are in line with board-approved budget.

c) Dennis Bailey-Fougner, Chief Student Services Officer, presented an update on progress that has been made by Student Services in creating Student Learning Outcomes for their departments and programs. Mr. Bailey-Fougner stated that this is in response to the accreditation team's recommendation that these be completed and be available to the team when they revisit the campus in March.

d) Mike Welser, Faculty Union President, provided an overview of eligible topics for negotiation with the District for the proposed contract period beginning July 1, 2007.

3. Communications, Presentations, and Reports

a) Trustee Reports

Trustee Marshall reported that the Feather River Community Partnership has started the Portola Performing Arts Center in Portola. Mr. Marshall stated there have been two Words and Music performances in Portola, and that the Plumas Arts Commission has been extremely helpful and cooperative in assisting with the steady development of the arts in that area.

Student Trustee Russell reported on the vast improvements currently being made to the student lounge. Mr. Russell also stated that there would be an updated and revised constitution available by the end of January. He added that ideas are currently being developed for upcoming student events and activities.

Trustee Sheehan reported that the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Safety Net bill HR517 is currently being considered for inclusion in the Emergency Supplemental bill that is moving through the House. Mr. Sheehan encouraged those interested in supporting this movement to contact their local congressman and provided a list of contact names and telephone numbers. HR517 is critical to not only funding for our Public Works Department but all of our schools throughout the county, including the college.

b) Associated Students

No Report

c) Academic Senate

Rick Stock, Academic Senate President, reported that the new faculty positions are advertised and thanked the board for their cooperation. Mr. Stock also reported that there are faculty currently attending vocational conferences. He added that the Academic Senate had passed and/or discussed several AP/BP's and these would be submitted for consideration by the Board of Trustees in February. Mr. Stock reported that significant progress has been made with the Council on Instruction in regards to the Ed Plan.

d) Classified Senate

Jodi Beynon, Classified Senate President, had no report but commented that students are being referred by the Department of Social Services in greater numbers and that she has seen the number of Calworks students counseled for registration double.

d) Instruction

Michael Bagley, Chief Instructional Officer, reported on the progress of the Ed Plan and Student Learning Outcomes. Mr. Bagley also stated he had met with leaders of the Feather River Community Arts Commission and that he felt very confident about second nine week classes in that area. He reported that he had also met with full time faculty, Plumas Unified School District and the County Office of Education to talk about future collaboration to offer video-conferencing courses at the high schools.

e) Student Services

Dennis Bailey-Fougner, Chief Student Services Officer, reported on the improvements that have been taking place in the campus center. Mr. Bailey-Fougner stated that during the holiday break wireless internet service was made available to the Campus Center as well as the library. Mr. Bailey-Fougner reported that by using Title III funding he hoped to have the entire campus operating with wireless connectivity by the end of 2008. He added that an Internet Café is being established in the student lounge and that there have been two 40 inch televisions installed as well. Mr. Bailey-Fougner also reported that the facility has been cleaned and painted, and he expects student functions and activities to be more centered on this area as a result of these improvements.

Mr. Bailey-Fougner reported on the attendance of the first Cash for College workshop held in Portola on January 10, 2007. He stated that 65% of high schools seniors in Portola attended the workshop and the second workshop was scheduled in Quincy for that evening. He stated that these workshops provide an opportunity for Feather River College staff to help parents and high school seniors fill out their financial aid applications. Mr. Bailey-Fougner reported that these workshops can result in four local high school seniors receiving \$1,000 scholarship to further their education.

f) Superintendent/President

Susan Carroll, Superintendent/President introduced Mrs. Betsy Schramel, wife of new Trustee Elect John Schramel, to the Board, staff, and community members present. She stated that Mrs. Schramel was on the Peralta Board Advisory Committee when Feather River College was created.

Dr. Carroll asked the trustees to check their calendars and consider changing the March 15, 2007 meeting to March 22, 2007. She reported that there are some staff conflicts that require the need to change the date.

Meeting adjourned 5:06 p.m.
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