

PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
One College Drive - PVC
Assembly Room (CL 101) - Classroom/Lab Building
Tuesday, August 11, 2009
4:30 p.m.

Meeting 09-13

MINUTES

OPENING OF MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Ed Gonzales, Vice President of the Board, at 4:35 p.m. *(Debbie Birdsong, President of the Board arrived during the call to order).*

The salute to the American Flag was led by Ted Arneson, Trustee.

Present: Debbie Birdsong, President
 Ed Gonzales, Vice President *(arrival at 4:36 p.m.)*
 Millie Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board
 Ted Arneson, Trustee
 Sam Burton, Trustee
 Lincoln Edmond, Trustee
 Jerry Lewis, Trustee
 Tara Perkins, Student Trustee

Administrators Present: James Hottois, Superintendent/President
 William Smith, Vice President of Instructional Services

Absent: Geri Butler, Vice President of Administrative Services
 Diana Rodriguez, Vice President of Student Services

Recorder: Lindy Stewart, Executive Assistant

Visitors: Ivan Murray and Max Schoenrock.

It was moved by Mr. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Burton, and unanimously carried, that the Agenda for this meeting be approved as submitted.

CLOSED SESSION (AT BEGINNING OF MEETING)

The Superintendent/President, Trustees and Mr. Smith adjourned to Closed Session at 4:36 p.m. to discuss: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

OPEN SESSION

The Superintendent/President, Trustees and Mr. Smith returned to Open Session at 5:00 p.m. and no action was reported.

(These minutes are a concise summary of reports, discussion and actions taken at this meeting. For detailed comments and discussion a tape of the meeting is available to the public for 30 days after the date of this meeting.)

HEARING OF CITIZENS (AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no citizens requesting to speak.

INFORMATION ITEM

Regarding the Information Item listed below, Dr. Hottois said the college is working with DACE to secure outside funding for the Needs Analysis for the project and later on funding for construction of a center.

MOU agreement between Palo Verde College, Desert Alliance for Community Empowerment (DACE) and Traiden Global Solutions (Traiden) to form a public private partnership to develop a Regional Training Center (RTC) located on and near the college campus located in the City of Blythe (shown loose in Board folders).

ACTION ITEMS

B. Business

Resolution 09-13 B-57 - CONSULTANT AGREEMENT (MILLER)

It was moved by Mr. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Burton, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved. (Student Advisory Vote: Yes)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palo Verde Community College District approve the Agreement for Consultant Services for Herman L. Miller to perform the duties of Interim Director of Title III Project from August 12, 2009, to January 15, 2010 in the amount of \$9,000 (\$6,500 compensation and \$2,500 benefits) from funds awarded based on the Title III Grant Agreement.

C. Personnel

(Classified Management Personnel)

Resolution 09-13 C-51 - JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT PROJECT DIRECTOR/EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIST

Dr. Hottois said this job description expands on the existing Educational Technologist position and it will replace one of the two Educational Technologists positions that we are currently advertising. This position will be a Classified Management position.

It was moved by Mr. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Burton, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved. (Student Advisory Vote: Yes)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palo Verde Community College District approves the job description shown in Reference C-51.

Resolution 09-13 C-52 - EMPLOYEE TRANSFER

It was moved by Mr. Edmond, seconded by Mr. Burton, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved. (Student Advisory Vote: Yes)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palo Verde Community College District approves the transfer of Larry Turner from Title III Project Director to Assistant Project Director/Educational Technologist and is effective August 12, 2009.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no citizens requesting to speak.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Dr. Hattois mentioned that he had distributed to trustees this evening a copy of the August 11, 2009, letter that he received today from the Project Developer for BP Solar. He proceeded to read the letter which served as the "Completion of Notice" for the Solar Project with an effective date of August 12, 2009. Dr. Hattois noted that the college campus began operating this morning based on this solar energy. In response to trustee questions, Dr. Hattois said in the agreement with BP Solar the college agreed to purchase all the electricity that is produced by the solar field at a specified retail price. Any energy the college does not use is sold to Edison at a wholesale rate. At times when the solar field is not producing enough energy to meet all the needs of the college, then electricity will be purchased from Edison. There followed a brief discussion on the solar plant with Dr. Hattois confirming that discussions are underway about the possibility of doing some sort of solar project on the Spring Street and Needles Centers.
2. Mr. Lewis inquired about the status of the state equipment funding for Needles and Dr. Hattois said there is still no news. Dr. Hattois said temporary equipment has been provided for the Needles Center and there followed discussion on this.
3. Mr. Lewis inquired about the sign across the street from the Needles Center which he said the Needles City Council has been asking about. Dr. Hattois said Mr. Madole has been working with a sign company to possibly install a lighted sign with Palo Verde College and a marquee or reader board.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Burton, and unanimously approved, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, in Blythe.

**Minutes approved at the August 25, 2009
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Secretary to the Board