

Board of Trustees Ventura County Community College District

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 13, 1999

The Retreat of the Board of Trustees of the Ventura County Community College District was held on Saturday, March 13, 1999, at Oxnard College, 4000 South Rose Avenue in OE-11.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Allan W. Jacobs, President
Robert S. Gonzales, Vice-President
Norman J. Nagel
Pete E. Tafoya
John D. Tallman

Management Present:

Philip Westin, Chancellor
Michael Gregoryk, Deputy Chancellor
James Walker, President, Moorpark College
Steven Arvizu, President, Oxnard College
Larry Calderón, President, Ventura College
Elise Schneider, Provost, International Students Program
Eva Conrad, Executive Vice President, Student Learning
Jack Lipton, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources/General Counsel
Yvonne Bodle, Director, Public Affairs
Harry Culotta, Director, College Budgets, Oxnard College

Faculty/Staff/Student Representatives:

Carmen Guerrero-Calderón, Oxnard College Academic Senate President

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:45 a.m. President Jacobs called the meeting to order in OE-11 at Oxnard College, with Trustees Gonzales and Nagel absent.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Steven Arvizu led the pledge to the flag.

At 8:57 a.m. Trustee Gonzales arrived.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no requests to speak.

Discussion: Brown Act Review Jack P. Lipton, J.D., Ph.D., General Counsel, provided a workshop on the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950.

At 9:00 a.m. Trustee Nagel arrived.

Jack Lipton explained the intent of the Brown Act. Dr. Lipton pointed out that the Board of Trustees, advisory committees to the Board, the Academic Senates, and the Associates Students are covered under the Brown Act.

Chancellor Westin indicated that a letter regarding compliance to the Brown Act would be sent to auxiliary and subordinate organizations in the district and that a Board Policy would be developed.

There was discussion regarding attendance by members of the Board at the Oxnard College Accreditation visit. It was decided that Trustees Gonzales and Tafoya would attend the meeting with the accreditation team.

At 10:38 a.m. the meeting was recessed and reconvened in Open Session at 10:48 a.m.

The board decided to move Closed Session to the end of the agenda.

Discussion: Taking the District to the Next Level

Chancellor Westin indicated that the discussions would include the following items:

- Where the district is going.
- Planning process on how to get there.

Dr. Westin indicated that he invited the three college presidents and Eva Conrad to provide information on the planning processes currently in progress at the colleges. Chancellor Westin acknowledged Yvonne Bodle the Interim Director of Public Affairs. He pointed out that Dr. Bodle replaced Ms. Buttner who accepted a position as liaison of international students.

Chancellor Westin gave an overview of the planning process. He indicated that the role of the district is to serve the students in the best way possible. Dr. Westin pointed out that the district is focusing on moving from teaching to student learning. He announced that the two committees; District Council of Student Services and the District Council of Instruction have merged to form one committee, the District Council of Student Learning.

Discussion: Master Planning

- **Strategic and Educational Master Planning**
- **Facilities Master Planning**

Steven Arvizu provided an overview of Oxnard College and said that the goal for the campus is to clearly identify their niches within the district and invest in them to achieve quality.

Chancellor Westin indicated that the goal for the district is to take advantage of opportunities such as: funding, legislation, grants and programs.

Michael Gregoryk pointed out that bond issues that were passed had a good educational and facilities master plan. Yvonne Bodle pointed out that at the state level, districts with master plans received more funding than those without.

James Walker reported on the discussions regarding student learning at Moorpark College. He gave a brief history on the model used to eliminate artificial barriers between instruction and student services. He pointed out that the goal is to serve students more completely.

Eva Conrad explained the process being used to integrate the student learning model. She pointed out that one goal is to focus on the student as responsible for his or her learning and another goal is to focus on learning as opposed to teaching.

There Board discussed the following items:

- Facilities Master Plan
- Student Outreach Programs
- Student as Learner
- Common Goal – Serving the Students
- K-12 Feeder System
- Alternative Funding Sources
- Partnerships with Businesses

Chancellor Westin explained the process used for facilities, educational, and strategic master planning. Dr. Westin pointed out that the current planning process would be more effective if all three colleges and the District Office worked together as one district to develop the Community Colleges of Ventura County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to speak.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees recessed to Closed Session at 2:08 p.m., to address the following item:

Public Employee Evaluation

- **Chancellor**

ADJOURNMENT

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.