

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
August 7, 2001

The Called Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District opened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Center, Del Mar College East Campus, Baldwin and Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2001, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Minerva Arriaga, Rev. Willie Davila, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Jacob Munoz, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, Mr. Guy Watts, and Ms. Beverly Winters.

From the College:

Dr. Richard Armenta, Interim President; Mr. J. L. Alaniz, Vice President, Business and Finance; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Barbara Riley, Executive Secretary to Vice President, Business and Finance; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. Steve Hilmy.

Others:

Interested citizens.

Mrs. Olga Gonzales, president of the Board, presided and called the meeting to order. With a quorum present, she requested a moment of silence.

Mrs. Gonzales announced that Public Comments could be made after the presentation of the proposed fiscal year 2001-2002 budget. Mr. Alaniz stated that this would give the public the opportunity to formulate questions about the budget during the presentation.

Dr. Armenta began with a brief slide presentation of the 2001-2002 proposed budget. He reviewed the proposed 3% salary adjustments to the schedules, surplus funds, and the proposed decrease of the tax rate.

Mr. Alaniz followed with another slide presentation and reminded everyone that tonight's meeting was not the public hearing on the budget. Information would be presented and direction from the Board would be requested.

Mr. Alaniz expressed his appreciation to the Budget Committee for their assistance. He reviewed in detail the funding sources, budget surpluses, funding streams, State appropriations, tuition and fees, property taxes, tax rates, expenditure items, roofing projects, and fund

balances. Budget recommendations for 2001-2002 budget are:

- C No tax rate increase; reduce tax rate to .219880
- C Approve debt service budget of \$3,787,496
- C Approve current operating budget of \$53,928,724
- C Approve current restricted funds budget of \$9,497,166
- C Approve salary adjustment for faculty, full-time and part-time staff
- C Transfer \$500,000 of surplus operating funds to plant fund for equipment replacement reserves
- C Transfer \$500,000 of surplus operating funds to plant fund to do mold abatement in the Venters Business Building
- C Allocate \$1,800,000 of fund balance reserves to balance FY 02 budget

After the presentation, the Board discussed many of the items and requested additional information on:

- C funding sources for the last 5-10 years
- C budgeted amount for compensation study
- C list of vacant custodial/maintenance positions and total positions
- C salary schedules
- C number of temporary services personnel being used and length of time
- C justification, advertising, and hiring of vacant positions
- C percent of change in student tuition and fees
- C rationale for stipends
- C scenarios on 5% increase in salary schedules
- C State report on salaries

Mr. Munoz left the meeting.

Mr. Watts congratulated Mr. Alaniz on a well-informed presentation. Mrs. Gonzales then opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Mr. Jack Gordy, 310 Norton, addressed the Board concerning open records requests, and pointed out that outdated notices concerning the law were posted in buildings. Mr. Gordy commented on a recent open records request he had made concerning the amount of money, \$7,048, spent over the last year on meals for Board meetings at taxpayers' expense.

Mr. Joe O'Brien, 4130 Pompano, with the Taxpayers' Association, commented on the end-of-year surplus, the College's need to increase tax revenues, utility bills, and the bookstore.

Mr. Robert Bridwell, 3702 Santa Fe, chair of the Faculty Council, asked the Board to consider a 5% salary adjustment to the salary schedules instead of the proposed 3%.

Ms. Lula Hinton, a College employee, commented on the Office of Equity and Affirmative Action. She expressed concern that the director also supervises the payroll and human resources functions and felt there was a conflict of interest with the duties.

Mr. Rivas left the meeting.

Mr. Alaniz suggested the Board schedule another budget workshop and the additional information requested will be provided for review and discussion.

A budget workshop was scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. The public hearing for the 2001-2002 budget was changed to Monday, August 20, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. A Policy Committee meeting would also be scheduled.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.