

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT
August 27, 2002**

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 27, 2002, with the following present:

From the Board:

Mrs. Chris Adler, Mrs. Minnie Arriaga, Rev. Willie Divila, Mrs. Olga Gonzales, Mr. Jacob Muñoz, Mr. Gabe Rivas, Mrs. Dorothy Spann, and Mr. Guy Watts.

From the College:

Dr. Gustavo Valadez Ortiz, President; Mr. J. L. Alaniz, Vice President of Business and Finance; Mr. José Rivera, Interim Vice President of Instruction and Student Development; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Ms. Barbara Riley, Executive Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Business and Finance; and other administrators, faculty, and staff.

From the Attorney's Office:

Mr. J. W. Gary.

Others:

Mr. Marvin Leary, delinquent tax attorney; Ms. Carol Sue Hipp and Dr. Karen Rue, Tulo-so-Midway ISD; and other 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.

No one signed up or requested to address the Board under Public Comments.

The first item of business was related to the Order adopting the College Budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

Mr. Alaniz presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 as follows: operating budget, \$55,425,974; debt service, \$3,784,269; restricted funds, \$11,608,753; auxiliary, \$1,306,743, and an effective tax rate of \$.219880. Mr. Alaniz pointed out that his recommendations included a 1% salary schedule adjustment for faculty and full-time staff; implementation of steps, promotions, and educational increases; transfer of \$500,000 of surplus operating funds to the plant fund for equipment replacement reserves; transfer any remaining surplus operating funds to the plant fund for building renovations; and to allocate \$1,787,362 of reserves to balance the fiscal year 2003 budget. Mr. Alaniz recommended that the Board approve the budget as presented, and not include an additional 1% salary increase. A lengthy discussion followed on the funding of the additional 1% salary increase, use of

reserve funds, renovation of the old Albertson's building, cost increases in various line items, compensation study, unfilled positions, possible increase in insurance rates, and use of unallocated funds. Mr. Muñoz suggested that the Board review the issue of unfilled positions in depth at a later date. It was the consensus of the Board that they also investigate other avenues of balancing the budget without using reserve funds.

(Mr. Watts left the meeting at 5:56 p.m.)

Mrs. Arriaga expressed concern that she had not received the details of how the unallocated funds were spent, and the balance of those funds, as requested at a previous meeting.

Mr. Muñoz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to approve the Order to adopt the College Budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 as recommended by administration. The motion carried by unanimous vote. (This Order will be recorded as Document #02-10 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

Mr. Alaniz then recommended that the Board adopt the same tax rate of \$.219880 as the previous year.

Rev. Divila made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to adopt the same tax rate of \$.219880 as recommended. Mr. Gary presented the Order to adopt the tax rate, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. (This Order will be recorded as Document #02-11 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

Mr. Alaniz reviewed the material received by the appraisal district and the subsequent calculation of the tax rate by the County.

Mr. Muñoz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Adler, to approve the Order for the Tax Levy for 2002. Mr. Gary read the Order levying \$.201866 for maintenance and operations, \$.018014 for interest and sinking fund, for a total ad valorem tax rate of \$.219880. The motion carried by unanimous vote. (This Order will be recorded as Document #02-12 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

The next item was related to the modification of salary schedules to reflect the approved budget.

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rivas, to approve the modification to faculty and non-faculty salary schedules for fiscal year 2002-2003, including modifications to Board policy B6.10, Tenure-Track Faculty Salary Schedule, as

presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote. (This modification will be recorded as Document #02-13 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

The last item related to the budget was setting the Homestead Tax Exemptions. Mr. Gary presented the Resolution setting the exemptions for 2002 as follows: all homesteads up to \$5,000; age 65 and older up to \$50,000; disabled under 65 up to \$50,000; and disabled Texas veterans up to \$3,000.

Mr. Muñoz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spann, to approve the Resolution setting the Homestead Tax Exemptions for 2002 as presented, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. (This Resolution will be recorded as Document #02-14 in the document section of the Official Minutes Book of the Board.)

Mr. Alaniz introduced Mr. Marvin Leary, Ms. Carol Sue Hipp, and Dr. Karen Rue who addressed the Board regarding an offer for tax resale property. Mr. Leary reported that Tuloso-Midway ISD, another taxing entity, made an offer to acquire the property located at 7601 Leopard. He briefed the Board on the process that led up to the offer. Mr. Leary explained that the property is a commercial industrial tract, and although there had been inquiries, there had not been any written offers. Tuloso-Midway ISD would like to acquire the location for an alternative high school and requested that Mr. Leary ask the other taxing entities to convey the property to them. He stated that Tuloso-Midway ISD would pay the court costs, but none of the entities would receive any monies owed in taxes. Several Board members questioned the legality of the issue, but expressed an interest in cooperating with the school district because of the number of students, and a possible presence in the northwest area of the City.

Mr. Gary informed the Board that the District could not give anything of value away, but that they could have an interlocal agreement if there is consideration. Mr. Muñoz questioned whether or not the College could use the College's use of the Tuloso-Midway campus for dual-credit classes as consideration.

After a brief discussion, Rev. Divila made a motion that the Board direct administration to work with Tuloso-Midway ISD to determine the College's use of the facility and fair market consideration. Mrs. Spann seconded the motion.

Ms. Hipp reviewed their educational plans for the site, and Mr. Gary reminded the Board that consideration had to be made.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Under Calendaring, announcements were made that the Policy Committee would meet on

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September 10th at 1:00 p.m., prior to the regular Board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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