



## ADOPTED MINUTES

### FOR THE RETREAT/STUDY SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Saturday, February 6, 2010

**Location**  
**Administration Building – Board Room**  
**380 East Aten Road**  
**Imperial, CA 92251**

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, at 8:35 a.m., Board President Hart called the Retreat/Study Session of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees to order in the Administration Building Board Room.

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlos R. Acuña  
Romualdo J. Medina  
Rudy Cardenas, Jr.  
Rebecca L. Ramirez  
Louis Wong  
Jerry D. Hart

#### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Norma Sierra Galindo

#### REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Academic Senate Representative – Kevin White  
College Council Representative – Dr. Michael Heumann

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Acuña led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### SCHEDULE

##### Welcome/Agenda Review/Breakfast

Board President Hart reviewed the schedule and stated there was a need for a second retreat as there would not be enough time to discuss all the topics on the agenda. He stated the President's Office would survey the Board to set a time for another retreat in the next two months.

##### Finance Review

Vice President Lau presented a PowerPoint and provided an overview on:

- General Fund, Unrestricted only for the month ended January 31, 2010
- Revenue, Expense, Ending Reserve amounts
- Five Year Budget Comparison, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10  
2009-10 Expenses as % of Revenue

- Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement 45 (GASB 45), Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employer for Post-employment Benefits other than Pension (OPEB)

President Gould spoke about the proposed Governor's 2010-2011 budget. He discussed possible scenarios with the state budget and the District's budget. He stated the District is in a position where there is a need to balance \$2.4 million. He anticipated a final budget in the fall.

Board President Hart stated there was discussion at the Legislative Conference regarding unspent state bonds that may be positive news for the community colleges.

President Gould presented a PowerPoint and provided an overview on IVC's current grant programs for 2009-2010 and provided grants, description, length, and amounts received. He reported that quarterly updates would be given on grants.

Trustee Medina asked if there were any grants through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. President Gould stated that the District had already received some monies from the act.

Trustee Acuna commended the staff for the work that has been done on grants.

Break [9:26 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.]

### **Facilities**

President Gould thanked Jimmy Sanders for all the work that he has done related to facilities.

He also thanked Caldwell Flores for the work they had done on the bond survey.

Architect Jimmy Sanders presented a PowerPoint and gave an overview on:

- Projected completed projects as of April 2010
  - Parking/Campus Access Roads
  - Science Building
  - Existing Building Reroofing
  - Interim Housing/Relocatable Buildings
  - Pool Deck Renovation
  - Campus Wide Utility Infrastructure Upgrades
  - Bus Terminal
  - Gym Floor
- Major Planned Construction Projects
  - Building 400 Modernization and Removal of 500 and 2900 Buildings
  - Academic Buildings Modernization for Buildings 200, 300, and 800
  - Art Gallery
  - Campus Vehicular Entry Drives on Aten Road and Old Highway 111
- Remaining Bond Funds – Plan A and Plan B

He discussed the expenditure of remaining Measure L Bond Funds. He provided different scenarios which included one plan with minimal help from the state and another plan with help from the state. He stated the differences between the plans are that one is 100% funded from Measure L and the other plan includes funds from the state.

- Remaining Bond Funds – Additional Projects
  - He stated additional projects are pending priority and funding allocation.

- 10-Year Master Site Plan

He reported that the following proposed projects are not and would not be able to be funded with the Measure L Bond:

- Career Technical Building
- Technology/Library
- Student Union
- Student Support Services and Administration
- Modernization of 10, 100, 600, 700, 900, 1500, and 210 Buildings
- Modernization and Expansion of 2200 Building
- 12 Acre Renewable Energy Project
- Performing Arts Theater
- Classroom/Lecture Hall Expansion
- Classroom Building
- Maintenance and Operations Complex
- Central HVAC Chiller Plant
- Joint Use Sports Field Complex

President Gould stated other needs include POST, expansion to Calexico, distance education in the southwest area of El Centro.

President Hart stated he would like the community to know that the District is doing everything possible to be as green as possible.

### **Bond Survey**

Abel Guillen from Caldwell Flores and Winters, Inc. introduced Scott Gaudineer and Khusroo Gheyara.

He provided an update on the Bond Survey.

He presented a PowerPoint and highlighted the following:

- Provided an overview of the Measure L Bond and the support for a potential bond measure
- Preliminary Poll
- Key Survey Finding
  - Two-thirds of voters believe IVC is headed in the right direction
  - Overwhelming support for career and technical classrooms, improving 50-year old infrastructure, public safety training facilities, and enhanced technology and library services
- Survey demographics included 44% Republican, 46% Democrat, and 10% other
- Opinions of Imperial Valley College and provided graphs showing the survey results
- Benchmark questions included that 66% of voters agree it is important to have a local college with adequate facilities, even if it means raising taxes
- Potential Projects to be Funded and the testing results on the survey
- Information about the bond and voters agree that independent oversight and audits are important for a potential bond measure
- Ballot Question
- Support by Demographic Group
- Tax Tolerances
  - Voters would be willing to support a tax rate increase up to approximately \$6 per \$100,000 of Assessed Value

Khusroo Gheyara spoke about the funding options for a potential bond.

There was discussion regarding opponent statements.

Trustee Medina asked whether voters were told about the length of the potential new bond. The response was that the topic was not addressed in the survey.

There was discussion regarding campaign strategies.

Abel Guillen stated that the deadline to file for a new bond or extension of the current bond is March 12, 2010 for the June elections.

Abel Guillen stated he would recommend continuing the conversation with opinion makers and discussing with various groups and come back with a recommendation to the Board.

Break [11:00 a.m. – 11:13 a.m.]

President Gould stated he would like to hear from the Board their thoughts about a potential bond.

Trustee Cardenas stated he is leaning towards no increase to the public. He stated that the June election would be his preference.

Trustee Wong stated that the District has nothing to lose to try. He says with the “no increase” it makes sense.

Trustee Ramirez stated that her community usually does not vote, and she is the one posting signs, and she would be the one going before the Tribal Council. She stated her community is a small factor but would be in support of the bond and stated her preference was June. She stated her preference was go out for a bond with the no tax increase or the \$6 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Trustee Acuña stated there would be questions if there was an extension of the bond about what has been done with the current bond. He stated he is split between an extension or going with a new bond. He stated that the community will scrutinize every penny.

Trustee Medina stated he would like to continue the discussion with the bond indicating that items brought up by the anti-tax people during the last bond and their concerns would need to be addressed. He stated he felt more comfortable with a face-to-face survey rather than telephone surveys. He stated that during the last bond campaign the need was the science building and improved facilities and was wondering what message would go out to the public. He stated he did not feel that the District has advertised or informed the community about moving forward with another bond. He stated that the window of opportunity is very short. He stated that another concern of his is the term limits on the bond obligations and would like to continue that discussion.

There was discussion regarding how the bond would benefit the community and employ community members.

Trustee Medina asked that legal counsel look at procurement measures.

Abel Guillen stated that the college could adopt a policy to target a certain percentage for local vendors.

Board President Hart proposed looking at local parcel tax.

Academic Senate President White stated that bonds are not understood overall. He stated that the best time to go for a bond would be in the June election.

Trustee Medina asked if there was a staff survey to find out if staff would support a potential new bond or extension.

Academic Senate President White stated the 10-year Facilities Plan should be something that all faculty should look at stating that it was inspiring to him.

Trustee Medina stated there is always a cause and effect. He asked if there was an opportunity to include maintenance funding in the bond. Abel Guillen stated there is an opportunity to do maintenance funding with different programs such as technology, infrastructure, and the like.

Trustee Hart thanked Caldwell Flores Winters for their presentation.

### **Working Lunch/Presentation by George Amend on Board Docs (software)**

Board Docs representative George Amend gave an overview and demonstration on board docs using [www.boarddocs.com](http://www.boarddocs.com).

President Gould stated that the District is interested in moving forward with the purchase.

### **Educational Programs**

#### **Accreditation**

Vice President Berry presented a PowerPoint and reviewed the following items:

The District received the ACCJC's commission action dated February 3<sup>rd</sup> which continued the District's warning status.

She reviewed the accreditation reports that have been submitted to the Commission.

She reviewed the accreditation cycle, planning process, discussed the technology alignment that is needed for accreditation. She reviewed the next steps for the college to take and stated the Mid Term Report is due by March 15, 2010, and would be followed by a visit from the Commission.

She stated that IVC has formed a Continuous Accreditation Response Team (CART).

She stated students are being given a quality education centered around Student Learning Outcomes.

President Gould made comments regarding ACCJC's political issues occurring with CEOs, Chancellor's Office, and ACCJC which has left a division between the groups. He stated he would have a conference call with Barbara Beno from ACCJC to discuss the approach the District needs to take.

#### **Redistricting**

Director Gay provided a PowerPoint on redistricting and highlighted the following:

- The Act
- Lawsuits and other actions
- The Players: Lawyer's Committee, IVC Bargaining Units, County Committee,
- He reported that our areas have not been redistricted since 1959.
- Options were discussed and the pros and cons of the options.

President Gould stated he would like direction on redistricting. He recommended the District wait for the County Office of Education because it is a county-wide issue.

**The following items were not discussed due to time constraints.**

Review Goal Process for 2009 and Set New Goals for 2010  
Community Public Relations Campaign and Interagency Cooperation and  
Ethics and Communications

**Adjournment**

**M/S/C Ramirez/Wong to ADJOURN the meeting at 1:54 p.m.**

The next regular meeting of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for the **THIRD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010, AT 6 P.M.** in the Administration Building Board Room.