MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Friday, March 30, 1979
12:00 noon - Faculty Lounge (Campus Center)
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Barbara, California

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District was called to order by President Joe Dobbs on Friday, March 30, 1979, at 12:16 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, California.

Members present:
Dr. Joe W. Dobbs, President
Mrs. Joyce H. Powell, Vice President
Mrs. Kathryn O. Alexander
Mrs. Ann Gutshall
Mr. Benjamin P. J. Wells
Mr. Tim Clarke, Student Member (arrived 1:05 p.m.)

Members absent:
Mr. Sidney R. Frank
Mr. Eli Luria

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting:
Dr. David Mertes, Superintendent/President and Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees
Mr. M. L. Huglin, Administrative Dean, Instruction
Dr. Alfred Silvera, Administrative Dean, Student Services
Mr. Melvin Elkins, Asst. Dean, Occupational & Career Education
Dr. Richard Sanchez, Asst. Dean, Instructional Planning & Development
Mr. Dan Oroz, Director, Personnel Services/Affirmative Action Officer
Mr. Burt Miller, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/President
Ms. Mary Overby, Representative, Senator Rains' Office
Mr. Jerry Seedborg, Representative, Assemblyman Hart's Office
Mrs. Elsie Brandt, Secretary to Superintendent/Board of Trustees

Dr. Dobbs stated that the special meeting had been called for the purpose of conducting an informal discussion with Mr. Patrick Callan, Executive Director of the California Postsecondary Education Commission, regarding the impact of Proposition #13 on the Santa Barbara Community College District.
Dr. Dobbs extended a welcome to the special guest, Mr. Patrick Callan, and to all others present. He declared a short 15-minute break while lunch was served by students of the Hotel/Restaurant Management Department to the guest and the Board members.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, Dr. Dobbs adjourned the meeting into an informal discussion period at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Mertes introduced Mr. Callan and stated that an earlier informal session had been held at 11:00 a.m. with staff members on the impact of Proposition #13 on the financial situation of the District. After the conclusion of the special Board meeting, Mr. Callan would visit three selected program areas on campus (Marine Technology, Hotel/Restaurant Management, and Geoscience Technology) to meet with their staff and students. The final session for the day would be on Adult Education with Dr. Martin Bobgan in the President’s Office.

The discussion centered on concerns of pending legislation and financial and governance changes facing the community colleges since the passage of Proposition #13. This district has still not been informed how much income it will receive for the 1979-80 fiscal year. Equally important, all are concerned whether or not the locally elected board will continue to have direct control over Santa Barbara City College's educational programs, services, and continuing education.

All community colleges are not the same. Each community is different, and Santa Barbara City College is serving its community and making decisions for its community in a way that is best for this area. All felt these decisions should continue to be made locally and not by the State. It was feared that as the State's share of financial control of the community college increases, the State's control will increase, too.

Mr. Callan related that the public has read into Proposition #13 that government should spend less. He felt the public is still not aware of the full impact of Proposition #13. The State is going to want more accountability under the present provision of 70 percent of support for community colleges coming from the State. It was stated that not enough has been done by professional educators to explain to the public what they do.

Board members and staff are not concerned about more accountability to the State; but they are concerned that the State will take over more control, and flexibility to establish policy for this district will be lost.

Dr. Mertes' idea of a stipulated grant for a three-year period was again brought up by Board members. This kind of funding would provide the District with a certain income within which to work and be accountable.

Mr. Callan stated that the present financial situation in Sacramento is a very tough environment and will stay that way. The Legislature must decide where the State's tax dollar will go as they relate to higher education and community colleges. With declining State funding, the Legislature will have
to set its financial priorities. It was believed that the community colleges would be able to continue offering a comprehensive educational program.

Upon motion of Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mrs. Gutshall, Dr. Dobbs ended the informal discussion and returned the meeting to regular session.

Dr. Dobbs expressed appreciation to Mr. Callan for taking time to be present today for this discussion with Board members.

Dr. Mertes also thanked Mr. Callan for his time and viewpoints.

Upon motion of Mrs. Gutshall, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, the Board of Trustees adjourned their special meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Attest:

JOE M. DOBBS  
President, Board of Trustees  
Santa Barbara Community College District

DAVID MERTES  
Superintendent/President and  
Secretary/Clerk to Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees on April 26, 1979.