M I N U T E S

Santa Barbara Community College District
Board of Trustees

Study Session
Monday, May 24, 1999

Board Members Present: Dr. Kathryn Alexander, Dr. Joe Dobbs, Ms. Joan Livingston, Mr. Eli Luria, Mrs. Joyce Powell, and Mr. Luis Villegas

Board Member Absent: Mr. Desmond O'Neill

Guests: Mr. Barry Barnes, Bond Consultant; Dr. Jack Friedlander, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Karolyn Hanna, Academic Senate President; Dr. Charles Hanson, Vice President for Business Services, Ms. Pat Kistler, College Information Officer; Ms. Lana Rose, Academic Senate President-Elect; and, Ms. Patricia Snyder, Executive Director of the Foundation for Santa Barbara City College

The meeting began at approximately 4:00 p.m.

I. Facilities Development

A. Review Session with Consultant Barry Barnes

1. Information – Campaign Strategy

The Board reviewed with the Superintendent/President, the consultant Barry Barnes, and the Foundation for SBCC's Executive Director, Pat Snyder, the four strategic assumptions upon which a campaign to inform District voters of the bond issue will be built. Also emphasized was the need to develop a general plan for achieving the strategies outlined and a specific detailed plan that would carry out and achieve the objectives sought.

2. Campaign Organization

The Superintendent/President noted that the organizational structure had been reviewed with the Cabinet and representatives from the Academic Senate. Changes were suggested and outlined to the Board. The Board made suggestions, concurred that the campaign organization appeared sound and that the development of the special teams was critical to success. Emphasized was the need to begin now to develop and receive commitments for the leadership positions in the campaign organization and develop special teams.

3. Campaign Plan

A weekly summary outlining activities and identifying pre- and post-bond decisions will be used to guide the work of the group. Also outlined were the major points that would provide the rationale and justification for the bond issue.

4. Campaign Budget

The consultant has developed two budgets for the campaign: one for $200,000 and one for $250,000. Those will be reviewed by staff. At present it appears the $250,000 budget is essential to achieve the objectives of the campaign.
B. **Review of Campus Projects and Calendar**

Dr. Hanson passed out a report which outlined the construction period for the bond issue projects. This will be reviewed in more detail at a later date, and decisions made regarding finalizing of the schedule.

C. **Review of Proposal for Bond Sales**

Questions arose as to when the bonds will be sold. The comment was that it appears as though bonds will be sold to coincide with the timeline for the construction projects. A question arose as to the desirability of selling the bonds at once because of potential changes in the interest rate. No firm answer was provided. If the election is successful, the issue of bond sales needs to be examined more thoroughly. Concern was expressed that if the bonds were sold all at once, it could result in a significant increase in the property tax.

D. **Issues Needing Resolution**

The Superintendent/President mentioned that there were at least five issues needing resolution:

1. **Parking**

Dr. Hanson gave a status report on discussions with the City; specifically, that the City appears interested in having increased Harbor parking and would like to work with the College. However, the City is not in a position of paying nor sharing the cost for the parking.

**District Funding Support for the Parking Structure:** The Superintendent/President stated that in a previous discussion, the Board had agreed that construction of new parking facilities would not be paid for by students. (Student parking fees would be continued; however, there would be no major increase to support the new lot.) There was, however, a desire to see if the District could contribute to the support. The Superintendent/President noted that there will be ending balances and his recommendation will be that $1.5 to $1.9 million be allocated as a set-aside for parking construction. This was the method that was used in enabling the building of the West Campus where additional parking spaces were required to support the expansion. The Superintendent/President stated the amount in the bond issue to support building parking will be reduced from $6 million to $3 million with the assumption that the District will be responsible for $3 million in funding.

2. **Classrooms in the Gymnasium, Elevator Access & Method of Payment**

The desirability of building the classrooms in the Gym was emphasized. A concern expressed at a previous meeting was the use of bond funds to pay for elevator access. It was acknowledged in the bond issue survey that considerable support exists for disabled access.

It was noted that approximately $200,000 is available from the State with a matching required of another $200,000 from the District. This project will be included among the bond projects. It is expected that at least $200,000 of state funds will be used to support access. Additional state funds beyond the $200,000 will also be sought.
3. Classroom to Replace the Portable in Front of the Campus Center Presently Used for ESL and International Students

The bond with a cap of $44.8 million will not be able to accommodate that building.

4. Child Care – Parenting, Schott and Wake Centers

A proposal by Vice President Romo has just been received. It is necessary to evaluate the proposal and make a recommendation based on the feasibility of funding the centers.

5. Equipment – Non-Technological and Technology

It was noted that the bond issue does not pay for equipment and that there is a significant cost attached to paying for technology and equipment to go with the new buildings. For example, the technology costs alone are estimated at $5.5 million to build out for the entire bond issue. In addition, classroom furniture will also be required. It was noted that the bond issue cannot pay for equipment unless it is fixed equipment in the room. This challenge will have to be met with other means.

II. Other Items

A. State Budget Status

The Superintendent/President reviewed the status of the State budget; specifically, that the Senate had developed a more favorable budget for the California Community Colleges than the Assembly and that the budget would now be moving to Conference Committee for final decision making. Efforts will be made to contact the District’s legislative representatives to ensure the best decision possible in regard to community college funding. It is expected that the budget will be prepared prior to July 1, 1999.

B. Fountain – West Campus

Mr. Luria outlined the discussion he had had with a sculptor, Arris Demetrius, to develop the fountain for the West Campus. George Girvin will be consulted.

Mr. Luria provided an outline of the process the sculptor will follow in developing the piece and also verified the excellent record of achievement and recognition the sculptor has achieved. Questions arose regarding whether the individual had seen George Girvin’s plans. The response was no not as of this point. There was another question regarding whether the sculptor would be creating just the interior piece or the entire fountain complex. It was also emphasized that the project will be funded through the foundation for Santa Barbara City College.

For follow-up action, the architect will be presented with the plans George Girvin has developed for the area. The proposal will consider those plans. The artist will work with Mr. Luria and members of the Facilities Committee. The project, when developed, will be brought before the full Board for review. It was recognized that the space in which the sculpture will be placed is a central space for the Campus. The Fountain could well be the “signature piece” for Santa Barbara City College.

C. California Community Colleges Governance Policies

A discussion took place regarding these policies. Highlighted was the approach taken in California, whether there should be any credibility given to a bilateral form of governance. It was agreed that to intelligently address this issue, all Board Members needed to have the most current version of the governance policies before them. The
D. Gift and Naming Opportunity

A gift was discussed with the Board. A naming opportunity consistent with the magnitude of that gift was also reviewed. The Superintendent/President will proceed in accord with Board policy.

E. Infant/Toddler Center

The Superintendent/President notified the Board that the City was moving to make available for rent the Infant/Toddler Center at the Westside Center. The College will proceed to seek to enter into a rental agreement with the City and operate an Infant/Toddler Center that will serve as a lab for the Early Childhood Education Program.

F. Discussion of the Meeting Time for the Next Board Study Session

The next Study Session is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 1999. The meeting normally begins at 4:00 p.m. A request was made to begin at 3:00 p.m. in order to enable Board Members and the Superintendent/President to participate in the Adult Education High School Graduation exercises. Board Members agreed that it was a good idea. Individuals would confirm that the 3:00 p.m. starting time was not a problem.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:53 p.m.

June 21, 1999
Date

Peter R. MacDougall
Superintendent/President
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees