

ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Lancaster, California
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 26, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Antelope Valley Community College District was held on Monday, February 26, 2010, at Antelope Valley College, 3041 West Avenue K, Lancaster, California. Mr. Steve Buffalo, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room A 140 (Administration Building).

II. ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Steve Buffalo, President
Earl J. Wilson, Vice President
Betty Wienke, Clerk
Michael R. Adams
Jack Seefus

College Staff/Representatives Present

Jackie Fisher
Rosa Hall
Sharon Lowry
Shane Turner
Deborah Wallace

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees adjourned to closed session at 9:01 a.m. to consider:

A. Conference with Mr. Turner (labor negotiator) regarding Antelope Valley College Federation of Classified Employees and Antelope Valley College Federation of Teachers negotiations (Government Code § 54957.6)

V. Board President Buffalo reconvened the meeting in Room L 201, Library, at 10:36 a.m.

VI. ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Steve Buffalo, President
Earl J. Wilson, Vice President
Betty Wienke, Clerk
Michael R. Adams
Jack Seefus
David Brown, Student Trustee

College Staff/Representatives Present

Jackie L. Fisher, Sr.
Rosa Hall
Sharon Lowry
Shane Turner
Deborah Wallace
Christos Valiotis
Heidi Preschler
Pamela Ford

College Staff/Representative Absent

Bridget Razo
Terry Cleveland
Curtis Smith

VII. BUDGET FORECAST

Vice President of Business Services Deborah Wallace provided an update regarding the current year budget as well as projections for future years. She stated that there are still many unanswered questions regarding how the state's enormous deficit will impact the district's funding both this year and next and warned that 2010-2011 is likely to be a very difficult year.

With regard to some of the unknowns impacting budget revenue, Ms. Wallace advised that the state has not yet released the recalculation for 2008-2009, and it remains to be seen if the anticipated \$1 million mid-year cut will be realized. She explained that Assembly Bill ABX8 5, which will result in additional deferrals and borrowing for community college districts, is expected to be signed into law; the state is considering a negative cost of living adjustment (COLA) that would further reduce revenues; and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has not yet provided the district with a figure for allowed growth, though currently, the district is exceeding funded full-time equivalent students (FTES). She also noted that additional revenue may be realized if the district reaches 1,000 FTES in Palmdale.

Ms. Wallace advised that the district had a surplus of \$1.2 million last year and an 8.2 percent reserve, but even with the close monitoring of expenditures and most hiring, supplies, and travel budgets frozen, it is possible that the district will deficit spend in the next couple of years, perhaps resulting in a negative reserve. She noted that expenditures are expected to rise due to increases in salaries (step and column), health and welfare benefits, and utilities, but that the dollar amount of increases are unknown at this point. Ms. Wallace also reported the Strategic Planning and Budget Council will be developing plans to deal with the categorical program cuts, growth targets, and frozen positions.

In response to a question from Mrs. Wienke, Ms. Wallace explained that the funding of categorical programs, including CalWORKs, Matriculation, and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, was reduced between 40-51 percent last year. She advised that the district used one-time money received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to compensate for the cuts for 2009-2010, but no such funding is available for 2010-2011. Ms. Lowry advised that avocational and recreational courses have largely been eliminated from the summer schedule in answer to Mrs. Wienke's question regarding the Chancellor's Office recommendation to focus on vocational, basic skills, and transfer classes.

VIII. CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT UPDATE

Director of Facilities Planning and Campus Development Doug Jensen detailed the status of campus capital outlay projects funded with state scheduled maintenance, district, Measure R construction bond, and redevelopment funds. He advised that several of the district's approved projects are on hold due to lack of funds, both state and local, and reported that the state is building a backlog of unfunded projects since no statewide construction bond measures have passed since Proposition 1D in 2006. Mr. Jensen expressed concern about the challenges faced in planning the permanent Palmdale site,

since the Environmental Impact Report and engineering and geology studies could be quite costly and most of the Palmdale redevelopment funds are being spent on the leased space.

In response to questions from Mr. Buffalo and Mr. Seefus, Mr. Jensen advised that the planning for the Palmdale campus will continue, but it will be difficult to move quickly without more funding, and Ms. Wallace noted that approximately \$51,000 per month of the \$730,000 in Palmdale redevelopment funds are being spent at the leased site. Mr. Jensen stated that local funds will be required to build the permanent campus.

Director of Maintenance and Operations Raymond Miller shared information regarding the Maintenance and Operations department, the status of scheduled and deferred maintenance projects, and the difficulties the department faces in maintaining the growing campus in light of staffing and budget needs. Mr. Miller noted that new facilities are placing an extra burden on staff, the department's small budget and increases in regulatory fees keep many projects from completion, and the addition of the Theater Arts Facility and Health and Science building will create a need for more custodians.

Mr. Buffalo recommended that the department ensure that some of the small things on campus, such as signs, are maintained to avoid a steady decline of the campus. He asked that trustees be informed of how redevelopment funds are being spent to determine whether any money can be redirected to the maintenance of the campus.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

President Buffalo adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Approved by Board of Trustees
March 8, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

President

Jackie L. Fisher, Sr., Secretary

Clerk