

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 7

Approval of Minutes of the September 4, 2012 Regular Meeting

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.

Board Members and Officers Present:

Mr. Jerry Prater, Chair
Ms. Charletta Rogers Compton
Mr. Bob Ferguson
Ms. Diana Flores
Mr. Wesley Jameson
Dr. Wright Lassiter (secretary and chancellor)
Mr. Bill Metzger
Mr. JL Sonny Williams

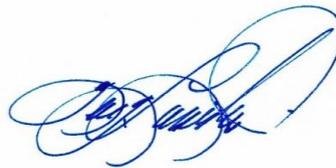
Members Absent:

None

Chairman Prater convened the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE POSTED
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
AND RICHLAND COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I, Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Dallas County Community College District, do certify that a copy of this notice was posted on the 31st day of August 2012, in a place convenient to the public in the District Office Administration Building, and a copy of this notice was provided on the 31st day of August 2012 to John F. Warren, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, and the notice was posted on the bulletin board at the George Allen Sr. Courts Building, all as required by the Texas Government Code, §551.054.



Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary

Certification of Notice Posted for the Meeting

Dr. Lassiter certified the notice had been posted as required.

Pledges of Allegiance to U.S. and Texas Flags

Pledges of allegiance to the flags were recited.

Public Hearing on Budget for 2012-2013

Chair Prater opened the public hearing at 4:06 p.m., recognizing the following speakers who had registered to speak on the topic:

1. Paul Hoffman (against)
2. Mary Bosworth (against)
3. Ruth Alhilazi (for)
4. Sally Johnson (against)
5. James Kilmer (for)
6. Robert Stankiewicz (against)
7. Dorothy Zimmerman (against)
8. Larry Jeffus (against)

The public hearing was closed at 4:30 p.m.

Richland Collegiate High School status report presented by Superintendent Donna Walker

Supt. Walker shared a recap of special education compliance requirements included in the #16 policy item and fall enrollment updates as referenced in #38. The trustees received clarification on the source of policy wording, the estimated student population directly impacted, and enrollment qualification/limitation for the high school in general.

Citizens Desiring to Address the Board Regarding Agenda Items

Chair Prater recognized the following speakers:

1. Dorothy Zimmerman who addressed the Board on bid items and possible cost-saving actions.
2. Joanne Shields who addressed the Board on #24, proposed tuition increases, and unemployment statistics.
3. Mary Ann Harper who addressed the Board on #21-24, budget, taxes and tuition, asking for delaying increases to 2013.
4. Paul Mayer who addressed the Board on #21, supporting the increase in budget to address continuing need for redevelopment of citizens.
5. Mary Ann Harman who addressed the Board on #21-24, asking for “no” votes on all items.

Opportunity for Chancellor and Board Members to Declare Conflicts of Interest Specific to this Agenda

There were none.

Consideration of Bids

Trustee Ferguson moved and Trustee Flores seconded a motion to approve Items 1 - 10. Motion passed.

Related to Award 11931 - Canteen Vending Services, Trustee Metzger requested additional information regarding the Enterprise Scholarship Fund, including how dollars are distributed among and used by colleges.

(See September 4, 2012, Board Meeting, Consideration of Bids 1-10, which are made part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Consent Agenda

Trustee Ferguson moved and Trustee Jameson seconded a motion to approve Items 11-20. Motion passed.

(See September 4, 2012, Board Meeting, Consent Agenda, Items 11-20, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Individual Items

Chair Prater advised the Board that Items 21-23 would be voted in order, and a roll-call vote would be taken for each item. He asked if any of the trustees had questions or comments prior to the official vote. Each member addressed the audience with their individual thanks for input, noting their concerns for financial impacts on students and taxpayers, recognizing shift in funding patterns and increasing enrollment, the need for education as a foundation for economic development, and concerns for maintaining and updating facilities and technology.

Chair Prater closed the discussion with his thanks for the significant interest demonstrated in the work of the District, a reflection on the conservative actions of the Board since 1997, and a recap of facts and figures bringing the Board to a vote on the 2012-2013 budget, which included a recommendation to increase taxes and tuition.

Trustee Flores asked for clarification on the order of the items to be voted, and Legal Counsel confirmed that state law requires that the budget be voted on prior to tax related items.

Trustee Metzger requested detail for the \$2 million technology upgrade proposed, and Executive Vice Chancellor Ed DesPlas confirmed that the detailed priority listing for approximately \$16 million noted as highest priority in “unfunded needs” would be provided later in the semester.

Trustee Flores requested that the Chancellor provide a summary of any personnel or other positive budget impacts resulting from increased tax and tuition.

Approval of Budget for 2012-2013

Trustee Flores moved and Trustee Jameson seconded a motion to approve Item #21, which included budget for the District Office, the District Service Center, the LeCroy Center for Educational Telecommunication, Brookhaven College, Cedar Valley College, Eastfield College, El Centro College, Mountain View College, North Lake College, and Richland College. A roll-call vote was completed with Trustees Compton, Ferguson, Flores, Jameson, Prater and Williams voting for the budget. The single dissenting vote was registered by Trustee Metzger. The motion passed.

Approval of Resolution Levying the Maintenance and Operation Component of the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Tax Year 2012

Trustee Flores moved, saying, “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$.098605 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is effectively a 25.4 % increase in the tax rate,” and Trustee Jameson seconded a motion to approve Item #22. A roll-call vote was completed with Trustees Compton, Ferguson, Flores, Jameson, Prater and Williams voting for the M&O rate. The single dissenting vote was registered by Trustee Metzger. The motion passed.

Approval of Resolution Levying the Interest and Sinking (I&S) Component of the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Tax Year 2012

Trustee Williams moved, saying, “I move to adopt the property tax interest and sinking fund rate of \$.02077 per \$100 assessed valuation, which is a 0% change in the tax rate,” and Trustee Ferguson seconded a motion to approve Item #23. A roll-call vote was completed with Trustees Compton, Ferguson, Flores, Jameson, Prater and Williams voting for the I&S rate. The single dissenting vote was registered by Trustee Metzger. The motion passed.

Approval of Revision to Policy FBB (Local) Regarding Semester Tuition

Trustee Flores moved and Trustee Ferguson seconded a motion to approve #24. Trustee Metzger requested a roll-call vote. A roll-call vote was completed with Trustees Compton, Ferguson, Flores, Jameson, Prater and Williams voting for the tuition increase. The single dissenting vote was registered by Trustee Metzger. Motion passed.

All Other Individual Items

Trustee Compton moved and Trustee Jameson seconded a motion to approve remaining individual items, #25-37. The motion passed. (See September 4, 2012, Board Meeting Individual Items, Items #21-37 which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Informative Reports

Trustees reviewed the informative reports. (See September 4, 2012 Board Meeting, Agenda Items #38-48, which are made a part of and incorporated into the approved minutes as though fully set out in the minutes.)

Question/Comments from the Board and Chancellor

Trustee Flores commented on her recent attendance at the SE Hispanic Chamber Scholarship event, citing the award of 23 student scholarships, and commending Eastfield for their partnership with the organization.

Trustee Compton confirmed that full access for all Board agendas is available to the public via the internet posting on DCCCD webpages.

Chancellor Lassiter thanked the Board for their adoption of the budget and related increases, confirming a “pledge to be good stewards” in continuing to provide quality education and improvements in support of student success.

Citizens desiring to appear before the Board

There were none.

Executive Session

There was no executive session held.

Adjournment

Trustee Flores moved and Trustee Ferguson seconded a motion to adjourn. Chair Prater adjourned the regular meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wright L. Lassiter, Jr.', is written over a horizontal line.

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Secretary