

Mt. San Jacinto Community College District Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee Measure AA



Wednesday, January 27, 2016
San Gorgonio Pass Campus

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present:

Committee Members

Robert "Bob" Botts, Chair - Member At Large
Amy Campbell, Co-Chair - Member At Large
Dennis Anderson - MSJC Support Organization (MSJC Foundation Board)
Altie Holcomb - Member At Large
Brenda Maya Esparza - Student Representative
Salvador Valdivia - Senior Citizen's Representative
Dee Cozart - Business Representative
Daryl Drott - Taxpayer Association

District Staff:

Dr. Roger Schultz, President/Superintendent
Becky Elam, Vice President of Business Services
Brian Orlauski, Dean of Information Technology
Brian Twitty, Director of Maintenance and Operations
Gail Jensen, Director of Budget and Accounting
Karin Marriott, Director of Public Information
Carole Ward, Contracts Coordinator-Measure AA
Jennifer Marrs, Executive Assistant-Business Services
Fred Madore, Information Technology
Steve Renew, District Consultant

Guests:

Mike Rose, Bertha Barraza, Sharon Smith, Marcelina Jimenez, Raul Garcia, Alex Alcantar,
Evelyn Bengesa, Jim Guerra, Jim Walling

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman Botts called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Chairman Botts led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Tour of San Gorgonio Pass Campus** - In order to accommodate Committee members schedules the tour will moved to end of the meeting.
4. **District Update** - Dr. Roger Schultz welcomed the Committee members and guests and thanked them for attending the Oversight Meeting. He introduced Bertha Barraza, the

District's counselor for the San Gorgonio Pass Campus and thanked her for her tireless efforts in the San Gorgonio region. Ms. Barraza introduced Sharon Smith a 2006 Graduate of MSJC and current SGPC students Marcelina Jimenez and Raul Garcia.

Dr. Schultz stated that we are serving about 700 students on the San Gorgonio Campus. We are offering 14 different disciplines and 29 sections with a 78.1% fill rate for the Spring 2016 semester. He stated that district-wide we had a growth rate of 7% spring over spring and an 11% rate for the 2015-2016 year. He shared that the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Mt. San Jacinto College as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges. The District is eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million dollars in prize money. This is the second time MSJC received this recognition and is among 25 other California community colleges, five within the Inland Empire, who will compete for this award. Dr. Schultz shared that the Women's basketball team is ranked #1 in the state and all members of the team are local graduates.

Vice President Elam stated that based on the Chancellor's Office Budget meeting the District is anticipating another strong year for fiscal year 2016-17. She is anticipating an 8% growth rate for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Dr. Schultz shared that the District hosted Terrance Roberts of the Little Rock Nine, a group of African American high-school students who challenged racial segregation in the public schools of Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr. Schultz was impressed with the level of questions and dialogue from our students.

5. **Approval of September 23, 2015 Minutes** - On motion by Dee Cozart and seconded by Amy Campbell the September 23, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.
6. **Committee Members Comments** - Dee Cozart thanked Mt. San Jacinto College for hosting the Hemet/San Jacinto Soroptimist Girl Power Conference at the San Jacinto Campus on March 12, 2016. Over 150 six and seventh grade girls will be attending this event. This event is 100% free and the participants will receive a t-shirt and three meals.

Brenda Maya Esparza thanked the SGPC students for attending this meeting.

Altie Holcomb wished everyone a Happy New Year. He reminded everyone about the November 2016 Ballot Measure for school facilities. This \$9 billion bond measure would secure \$2 billion for Community Colleges. He is not advocating for or against this measure, he is just informing that measure will be on the November Ballot. Becky Elam stated that if this Measure passes the District would receive \$26 million toward the STEM building on the Menifee Campus.

Committee Member Valdivia stated that the San Gorgonio Pass is growing and wanted to know when the San Gorgonio Pass Campus would see the benefits of Measure AA. He stated the Pass has a need and wanted to know what the process is in accelerating the projects for this area.

Dr. Schultz stated that this a 1700 square mile district and we must look at the entire needs of the District in order to set priorities. He agrees that the Pass is in need but must take into account the needs for the entire District. Dr. Schultz stated that the District must be mindful that building facilities on SGPC could count against project funding at the San

Jacinto campus. The District must ensure that we are sequencing our project so that we leverage state dollars in the most efficient way possible. Dr. Schultz stated that there is a lot of frustration statewide and the community college facilities needs exceed \$36 billion.

Chairman Botts asked how the 700 students at the Pass campus relates to the 500 FTES (Full Time Equivalent Students) needed to gain center status. Dr. Schultz stated that the Pass Campus is woefully short of the 500 FTES needed year over year to be granted center status. The District is working on different enrollment strategies to increase the Pass FTES and hopes to get there in the next few years. As of right now, the best the Pass Campus can earn is about 250 FTES.

Chairman Botts asked if the District received any credit for dual enrollment programs. Dr. Schultz stated since dual enrollment courses only allow high school students to participate the District could not claim FTES.

7. Public Comment - None

- 8. Year to Date Bond Expenditures** - Becky Elam introduced Gail Jensen, Director of Budget and Accounting to review the Financial Reports. Ms. Jensen explained that the Bond Project Financial report is a snapshot of project expenditures as of December 31, 2015. The first column includes the project number and description of the each Bond Project. She explained that Column A is the budget for each project, Column B is the current encumbrances/expenditures and Column C is the available balance, with Column D reflecting the percentage spent for each project. Column E shows the 14/15 fiscal year expenses and Column F reflects the total cumulative expenditures for each project.

Ms. Jensen reviewed the Financial Report #6; she explained that this report is provided to the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis. She stated that the total expenditure revised budget of \$23.7 million matches Column A on the Bond Projects Activity report. Further, the sum of the actual to date expenditures and encumbered expenses on Financial Report #6 matches Column B on the Bond Projects Activity report. The District has received \$59,005 to date on interest for the Bond and the return on investment is less than 2%.

Committee Member Esparza asked for clarification on the LRB Payoff. Ms. Jensen explained the Lease Revenue Bonds (LRB) were purchased many years ago by the District to fund capital construction projects. The repayment of the LRB was in the bond language and by paying off the LRB it will improve the District's credit rating.

- 9. MSJC Board Approved Measure AA Series A Project Status** - Steve Renew, consultant from Facilities Planning and Program Services, provided an update on the District's Bond projects. He stated that the Measure AA Project document shows the collection of projects by campus, along with the project budget allocation, current phase of the project, project status and the percentage of project completed. The District is developing the following plans that will provide the foundation when the District begins the design phase for construction:

- Engineering Plan
- Geologic Surveys
- Utilities Surveys
- ADA Transition Plan

Design Standards
Haz Mat Studies

It was asked if any bond projects have been completed, specifically the Women's Softball Field. Dr. Schulz stated that the field was funded by the District's general funds and Bond dollars were partially used for the scoreboard and shade structures. At this time there have been no Bond funded projects completed.

Mr. Renew explained that the Photovoltaic Project (solar) is not bound by CEAQ guidelines and the District will begin the project this summer. The Photovoltaic Project will only be at SJC Campus and will defer the Menifee Campus to a later date. Even though Photovoltaic projects are not mandated by the state, the District is looking at ways to reduce electricity cost. The District is planning on placing ground mounted structures, instead of carport structures, as the ground mounted structures are less expensive to install.

Chairman Botts asked for clarification on Project #44- San Gorgonio Center. It was his understanding that allocation for this project was between \$20 and \$25 million, not \$5.3 million. Mr. Renew stated that the total allocation for the San Gorgonio Center is \$20 million and the \$5.3 reflects allocation for Series A only. This is same for project # 45 - 1-15 Corridor Center.

Committee Member Valdivia asked what the San Gorgonio Center may look like. Dr. Schultz stated that the District is looking to add a three story building, about 45,000 square feet in size. This center will include classrooms, science labs, student lounge and a full services Student Services that would include counseling and financial aid. It is the goal to use the third floor as a multi-purpose room, large community room or a large lecture hall.

10. **CEQA Study Updates** - The District is currently working on three different CEQA studies. The Menifee and San Jacinto Campus studies are tentatively scheduled to go to the Board of Trustees in June. The Notice of Preparation for the I-15 Center was completed and the District anticipates taking this CEQA to the December Board of Trustees meeting for approval.
11. **MSJC Long Range Facility Master Plan, Enrollment Trends and Growth** - Vice President Elam explained that the state looks at state-wide growth patterns and the District's enrollment growth to determine future eligibility for funding projects. Mrs. Elam reviewed the enrollment projection chart from the past four years and stated that during the 2012-13 fiscal year the enrollment figures went down due to the budget cuts across the state. Each year the Chancellor Office projects enrollment seven years into the future with the green bars showing actual enrollment and the blue bars are projected enrollments. In the 2014-15 Report, the District is projected to grow 23% between this year and 2023. Mrs. Elam stated that these are very strong numbers relative to our peers.

Co-Chairman Campbell stated that the District's marketing materials she has received are very informative and extremely relevant. Members of her community have also stated the same and these documents are better received than the schedule of classes. Dr. Schultz thanked Karin Marriott, the District's Director of Public Information, for her innovated work. He stated that Ms. Marriot is boosting the District's advertising with the promotional materials and strategically placed billboards.

12. **Scheduling of Next Meeting** - The next Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 4:00 pm. The Meeting will be held at the Temecula Education Complex.
13. **Adjournment** -The Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee was adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Mt. San Jacinto College offers accessible, equitable and innovative educational programs and services to students aspiring to achieve their academic, career and personal development goals. We provide students a safe environment in which to pursue basic skills, career and general education pathways. Our programs lead to transfer, associate degrees and certificates which meet workforce development needs in our diverse communities. Our commitment to student success empowers students with the skills and knowledge needed to participate meaningfully in today's complex world.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on November 13, 2014