

SADDLEBACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
28000 Marguerite Parkway  
Mission Viejo, California 92675

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of The Saddleback Community College District was held in the Board Room at 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, California, Monday, April 29, 1974, at 8:10 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

Mr. Vogel, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order; Mrs. Berry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance; and Mr. Marshall gave the Invocation.

There were present:

PRESENT

Mr. Patrick Backus  
Mrs. Donna Berry  
Mrs. Norrisa Brandt  
Mr. James Marshall  
Mr. Hans Vogel

BOARD MEMBERS

Fred H. Bremer, Ph.D., Superintendent/President  
R. L. Platt, Dean of Instruction  
Roy N. Barletta, Business Manager

STAFF MEMBERS

There were absent:

ABSENT

Mr. Alyn Brannon (excused)

BOARD MEMBER

There were no communication items.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Vogel stated that the Special Meeting had been called primarily for the purpose of discussing the petition to annex the Tustin Unified School District to the Rancho Santiago Community College District. He therefore requested that Dr. Bremer present a progress report on the situation.

Dr. Bremer reported that a petition to transfer the Tustin Unified School District to the Rancho Santiago Community College District had been initiated by Mr. Shepard Kanarek of Tustin during the fall of 1973, and that the key issue was the distance factor from the Tustin area to the College.

PETITION TO  
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He explained that after the required number of signatures had been obtained and verified, the petition was forwarded to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for a hearing. He stated, however, that the Board of Governors had requested that the Orange County Committee on School District Organization meet and take a position on the matter prior to the hearing.

He further explained that the Orange County Committee on School District Organization did meet twice on the proposal and did take action at its meeting on April 16, 1974, to oppose the petition by a vote of 4-3-1, and that the Board of Governors had been notified of such action. The Board of Governors has scheduled a hearing on the matter during its meeting on June 19 or June 20, 1974, in Long Beach.

Based on the Chancellor's recommendation, the Board of Governors may deny the petition, call an election to be held in the Tustin Unified School District or call an election to be held in the entire district.

Mr. Vogel reported that the ad hoc committee appointed by him during October, 1973, had completed its study. The specific task of the Committee was to determine whether or not problems existed in the Tustin area and if they did exist, what alternatives could be undertaken to alleviate such problems.

REPORT OF AD HOC  
COMMITTEE ON THE  
PETITION

Mr. Vogel read a letter and a report, prepared by Mrs. Marjorie Day on behalf of the Committee. He also distributed copies of the letter and the report to the Members of the Board of Trustees and to the audience.

It was the consensus of the Committee that problems do exist in the Tustin area. The following recommendations were presented:

1. Offer a broad range of off-campus courses coordinated with the Tustin Unified School District.
2. Institute express bus service from a central location in Tustin to the campus scheduled every hour or every two hours.
3. Expand popular course offerings and develop new curricula of demonstrated local interest.
4. Permit complete open enrollment in other Orange County Community Colleges.
5. Initiate a "selling" campaign at high schools emphasizing the College's educational program and activities.

It was further recommended that if the District was not willing to take positive steps to improve its total educational opportunities for the Tustin area, that it should release the Tustin Unified School District in order for it to be annexed to another contiguous district.

In order to improve the public relations at the College, it was suggested that tickets to sporting events be widely distributed to the high school students at a minimum rate with transportation provided to such events; that scrimmages, pep rallies, and games be held at the high schools; that panel discussions be held in the area; and that speakers and programs at the College be publicized extensively with organized transportation for such programs.

The Committee noted many affirmative facts about the College. In particular, it cited the caliber of education as excellent, the science-mathematics equipment as equal to the university level, and the remarkable course offerings in relation to the student population.

Mr. Vogel stated that the District's tax rate has consistently been one of the lowest in the State while maintaining an excellent faculty and the necessary equipment for creating an outstanding learning atmosphere.

MR. VOGEL

Mr. Barletta reported that if the de-annexation were approved, the District's projected tax rate for 1974-75 would be increased by approximately 1 1/2 cents on \$100 of assessed valuation and that the loss of income would be approximately \$1,759,000 against a total estimated budget of \$11,894,000.

MR. BARLETTA

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the report and the implementation of the recommendations. Dr. Bremer was directed to arrange a meeting with the Boards of Trustees of the Orange County Community College Districts in order to investigate free exchange of students, and was also directed to write a letter of thanks to the ad hoc committee.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Vogel suggested that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study the Tustin problem, and that the committee be comprized of 20 - 40 people and include Members of the Board of Trustees, Administration, faculty, students, and the community.

SUGGESTED FORM-  
ATION OF AD HOC  
COMMITTEE

Mr. Vogel adjourned the Special Meeting for recess at 10:00 P.M.

RECESS

Mr. Vogel reopened the Special Meeting at 10:20 P.M., and immediately adjourned into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Vogel reopened the Special Meeting at 12:55 A.M., and stated that the following personnel action had transpired in Executive Session:

REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Berry, duly seconded and unanimously carried, that Michael Bess, Custodian II, and Donald Niemeyer, Custodian II, be terminated as of April 30, 1974, and that payment be made for any unused vacation and/or compensatory time earned.

CLASSIFIED  
TERMINATIONS

Motion by Mr. Marshall, duly seconded and unanimously carried, that Mr. Henri Coulette, Poet in Residence at California State University, Los Angeles, be approved as a campus speaker on either May 13 or May 16, 1974, at an honorarium of \$150.00.

MR. COULETTE  
APPROVED AS  
CAMPUS SPEAKER

Motion by Mrs. Berry, duly seconded and unanimously carried, that Robert Hippe and George Randell be employed as architects for the Science-Mathematics Building and for the conversion of Building "B" into a Cafeteria, at a total fee of \$20,466.00; such employment to be contingent upon the termination of the services of Robert Lowrey Associates and the securing of insurance by Mr. Hippe and Mr. Randell.

EMPLOYMENT OF  
DISTRICT  
ARCHITECT

Mr. Vogel adjourned the Special Meeting at 1:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

  
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Fred H. Bremer, Secretary to the Board of Trustees