

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Retreat Minutes
June 12, 2015

Members Present: Marie Flickinger, Brad Hance, Dan Mims, John Moon, Jr., Keith Sinor, Dr. Ruede Wheeler, Larry Wilson

Others Present: Brenda Hellyer & Mandi Reiland

I. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Dan Mims.

II. Update on 2015 Building Program

- a. Brenda Hellyer gave an overview of the bond recommendation handout. The summary is the same format as the last bond. It has been updated for the 2015 bond and includes recommendations previously made by Board members.
- b. Brenda went over the updated project cost estimates handout. She noted the changes from the original proposal at the April 6th meeting. Changes were made based on prior Board input and additional feedback on projects.
- c. On the expansion of the North Campus addition, Brenda and Marie will meet with Commissioner El Franco Lee regarding the traffic study impact on Uvalde.
- d. A letter was sent to the Port of Houston from Dan Mims and the Chancellor regarding the additional land next to the maritime center.
- e. Brenda covered the Phase II list of possible projects. This list includes a variety of potential projects and opportunities that may impact the College in the future. This Phase II allocation will provide the College with flexibility to address some of these items or unforeseen items.
- f. The current recommendation is for a bond proposal of \$425 million. Bob Stein is working on survey of our taxpayers in order to better assess the response to a \$425 million bond.
- g. Steve Coycault represents the seniors and Brenda needs to meet with him now to discuss strategy.
- h. Brenda covered the financial impact handout which indicates there will be no more than a 3 cent tax increase.
- i. Keith asked if we are going to stack construction more in the front and not space it out over 4 to 5 years. Brenda stated the current plan is to sell \$100 million of bonds in February of each of the year's costs but we will strategize an efficient plan. Brenda agreed she would like to move quicker with the next bond program because our needs are so great. Brenda also stated that this is a complicated building program so planning will be critical.
- j. Larry said the financial impact handout should be given to the public.
- k. Brenda covered the 2008 bond brochure. It was used in 2008 and will be used as a concept for the 2015 bond brochure.
- l. Brenda discussed the 2008 Political Action Committee (PAC) organization chart and contact list. She asked the Board for suggestion of community members who may be interested in participating in the PAC.

- Larry recommends school district superintendents for their support.
 - Larry mentioned that last time his responsibility was to get mayor support and endorsements. He asked that they put their name on the support list.
 - Ruede mentioned the La Porte Education Foundation and the other school district foundations. He suggests contacting them.
- m. Brenda stated that Pasadena ISD used social media as part of their strategy and our marketing department is researching this avenue.
 - n. Brenda referenced the added facilities operating costs handout. Ruede asked about these costs at the last meeting. Marie also asked about insurance costs.
 - o. Brenda is asking for support from the petrochem industry including asking for support from their employees. We have hired Randy Boeding to serve as a consultant for the petrochem center. She would like to bring an item to the July Board meeting that approves IBI Architects and Facility Programing to begin the program and design of the petrochem center. The Board members saw no issues.
 - p. Brenda referenced appraised value spreadsheet.
 - q. Brenda reference assessed/appraised value draft spreadsheet.
 - r. The Board is comfortable with this proposal. Dan asked if each could support the proposal. All indicated support.
 - s. Bob Stein is doing the survey soon. When we get the results that may determine if there are needed changes.
 - t. Brenda told the Board that the appraisal of the Clear Lake property had been received. John would like for Brenda to send him the current and prior appraisals for review. The real estate agent suggests to put signs up and see what offers are received.

III. Wrap-up with Summary for Follow-up

- a. Brenda said we can send handouts to the Board if they would like.
- b. We have to call bond by August 24.

IV. Adjournment – 9:16 a.m.