

**WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SPECIAL MEETING

March 14, 2022

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District and Board of Trustees of Taft Union High School District was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by President Dawn Cole. Secretary Michael Long and Trustees Carlos Chavira, Dr. Kathy Orrin and Billy White were present. TUHS Trustees John Kopp, Paul Linder, Mary Hagstrom, George Harmer and Julie Ortlieb were in attendance. Superintendent/President Dr. Debra Daniels and Executive Secretary Sarah Criss were in attendance. TUHS Superintendent Jason Hodgson, Principal Mary Alice Finn and Secretary Julie Gragg were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cole led the pledge of allegiance.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - WKCCD & TUHS BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON JOINT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

JOINT BOARD MEETING ITEMS

California Academic Project Program - CAPP

Dr. Damon Bell, Interim Vice President of Student Services, shared the intent and purposed of the California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP). CAPP objective is to partner high schools with higher education institutions to transition students in math and English with higher success rates. Dr. Bell said that work between WKCCD and TUHS counselors, staff and faculty has increased the English success rate in ENGL 1500 by 10% in first year freshmen students and 5% in math courses. CAPP goals also include reducing the gap between white and Hispanic students. This summer the CAPP statewide meeting will be in person for the first time since the pandemic began. Mary Alice Finn reported that TUHS female and male data showed that gender was relatively equal but the gap between Hispanic and white students needs to be addressed (copy attached to official minutes).

Dual Enrollment

Dr. Leslie Minor, Vice President of Instruction, reviewed enrollment numbers in dual enrollment courses (copy attached to official minutes). Dr. Minor also shared that new to the dual enrollment courses in 2021-22 is the addition of classes taught by College professors on the high school campus. This is the first year this modality has been used and feedback from administration and the instructors will be evaluated to improve the instructional experience for students and instructors. Administration is planning to offer college math courses on the TUHS campus in the future.

West Kern Adult Education Network

Stacey Falgout, Program Director of WKAEN, presented data and information on the offerings from the program. The program serves GED, English as Second Language, and a variety of Career Technological Education courses. WKAEN also offers testing to the community for GED and Pearson Vue tests. Ms. Falgout shared details of the work being completed at the Veteran's Building and plans to use the building once construction is done.

Bachelor's Degree Program

Dr. Minor informed the Boards that the College is applying for a bachelor's degree program in Dental Hygiene. With the approval of Assembly Bill 927, community colleges may apply for a 4-year program that offers workforce education not offered by the state university systems. The Dental Hygiene program would not impact clinic hours for students as the bachelor courses are lecture-based courses that would mostly occur online. The degree would enable students to broaden their career choice in the dental field.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:01 p.m., on a motion by Trustee Orrin, seconded by Trustee Chavira and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Long, Secretary