

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES – APPROVED WITH CHANGES**

**Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Delta College
Board Room
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT K. Ellison, R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman

MEMBERS ABSENT K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie

OTHERS PRESENT J. Goodnow, J. Aguiler, D. Bailey, B. Baker, P. Clark, L. Govitz, P. Graves, T. Grunow, S. Hartshorn, A. Hill, M. Hodder, G. Hoffman-Johnson, T. Kienbaum, T. Kubatzke, P. Larkowski, G. Luczak, D. Lutz, B. McAllister, G. McGowan, J. Miller, S. Montesi, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, J. O’Boyle, F. Pantoja, G. Przygocki, J. Ramm, L. Ramseyer, K. Randolph, S. Romer, P. Seidel, A. Sinclair, J. Stahl, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, S. Whitney, J. Williams, M. Wood

PRESS PRESENT A. Dodson (Bay City Times), J. Hall (WSGW)

CALL TO ORDER Board Chair Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

2009-10 BUDGET OVERVIEW D. Lutz began the meeting by explaining that the public Budget Hearing is required by law. She explained that this is a special session in which a summary of the 2010-2011 Budget will be given and the public will have a chance to ask questions. D. Lutz gave an overview of the proposed budget.

The overall college budget for all funds is \$110,864,899 million in revenue and \$124,642,019 million in expenditures. That extra spending beyond revenue is projected potential spending out of the plant fund reserves for the allied health building project and other capital projects as detailed in the Plant Fund budget which might need to be brought forward sometime prior to next June, 2011. Other than that all of the budgets are balanced budgets except for the restricted fund which indicates spending of grant dollars received in the prior year. Specifically in terms of the General Fund, the budget is \$64 million for revenue and expenses. In terms of revenue, the general fund relies on \$26 million in tuition and fees, \$13 million in state appropriations, and \$23 million in property tax revenue. In terms of property tax revenue, the college has an authorized millage rate of 2.0427 mills and the current taxable value of all property in the Bay County region is \$11.4 billion dollars, which will generate \$23,361,137. That revenue is necessary to continue the programs and the services at the enrollment levels projected for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and therefore it is being recommended that the board approve and adopt a full millage rate request and levy 2.0427 mills of all taxable property in Bay County for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chair Houston-Philpot called for any comments from the public.

K. Higgs said that he had the opportunity to attend the ACCT conference that was held in Phoenix and one of the topics of discussion that particularly interested him focused on budget and finance issues. He said that attendance at the ACCT event reinforced his concern about how little involvement this board has in the budget process.

A point of order was raised by L. Myles-Sanders in regard to Mr. Higgs' comments. A ruling was made by Board Chair, K. Houston-Philpot, that K. Higgs should cease in his comments during a time reserved for the public. K. Higgs ignored the ruling and continued to speak during the public comments portion of the meeting.

K. Higgs said that the Board does not have any sort of budget amendment process or a regular method for reviewing the budget.

R. E. Selby said that he attended the same conference as Mr. Higgs. He said that the level of participation in the budget process is the same at Delta as at other schools. R. E. Selby also said that the reason that our budget publication continues to win awards is because the clarity of the information that it shares with the entire community, not just the board but the entire community, speaks to the efficiency and efficacy of our process.

Hearing no further questions, Board Chair Houston-Philpot declared the Budget Hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary