

**COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Special Called Meeting
February 8, 2017**

The Collin County Community College District conducted a special called meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 8, 2017, at the Collin Higher Education Center, with Chairman J. Robert Collins presiding. Trustees in attendance were Mr. Andy Hardin, Mr. Mac Hendricks, Ms. Jenny McCall, Dr. Raj Menon, Mr. Jim Orr, Mr. Adrian Rodriguez, Mr. Larry Wainwright, and Ms. Nancy Wurzman. Other attendees included District President H. Neil Matkin, Collin College administrators and staff, media representatives, and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Collins called the February 8, 2017, meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District to order at 4:35 p.m. The Board met in the Board Conference Room 135 at the Collin Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney, TX 75069.

CERTIFICATION OF THE NOTICE OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2017, MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman Collins called on Shirley Harmon, Executive Assistant to the District President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees, to certify posting of the notice of the meeting. She certified the notice of the February 8, 2017, Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees meeting was posted according to Article 551.001 of the Texas Government Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

AGENDA

2017-2-1-1 Consider Approval of an Order Calling a Bond Election in the District; Making Provisions for the Conduct of the Election; and Giving Notice of the Election

President Matkin said that over the past year, the College has undertaken and completed many important steps in the process of reaching a point where the Board may consider the question of whether to authorize an election to expand the physical footprint of Collin College to serve our communities. Strategic planning, facilities master planning, geographic jobs market analyses, tax rate analyses, board workshops, and retreats all have pointed toward the need to provide facilities for academic and technical expansion. Collin County is growing at an unparalleled rate and is expected to double in population by 2030 and triple by 2040. The college's current footprint will not handle double not triple the citizens it is currently serving. Voting sites were included in the agenda materials provided to trustees. If changes are required in the Election Day and Early Voting sites, the final information will be provided to the Board of Trustees.

President Matkin said the recommendation of staff is for approval of an order calling for a bond election in the District in the amount of \$600,000,000.00; making provisions for the conduct of the election; and giving notice of the election.

In answer to Trustee Hendricks' question regarding what the alternative plan will be if the bond fails, Dr. Matkin said the college would do a study and figure out why it failed, and what was not communicated correctly. We would do the research and see if we could refine the message. At this time, the plan is to provide for a campus in Wylie, centers in Celina and Farmersville, and technical offerings that the high schools and others are clamoring for in order to provide services to students. It is hard to imagine it would fail, but we would work to examine and refine if it did.

Ms. Wurzman noted a correction on the signature line of the order calling for a bond election. The word "President" should be changed to "Chair."

Dr. Menon clarified that the approval will be for the Board of Trustees to call a bond election, and then the Board will deliberate to decide whether to issue the bonds.

Mr. Hardin moved for the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District to approve an order calling for a bond election in the District in the amount of \$600,000,000.00; making provisions for the conduct of the election; and giving notice of the election. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wurzman.

Mr. Hendricks said he would vote against the motion, noting; however, that he is not negative when it comes to the college. He said the board has greatly expanded the facilities footprint, salaries, healthcare, and other initiatives. He has always been on board when it came to moving forward. However, in this particular case, Mr. Hendricks said he felt like the college has picked a huge portion of the \$600 million for technical services. He said that is a huge amount of money given the college's history and he felt the board could pare down the proposal and get it down to a smaller number, maybe 50%. A good portion of the amount is for a tech center, where the college is proposing to spend upwards of \$200 million by the time it buys the land, builds the building, and furnishes it. This is something the college has never done. Trustee Hendricks said the college has been in healthcare, police and fire/public safety, dental hygiene and we did not start with big programs. He said he feels it is a mistake not to pilot this with a smaller program to test both the college's ability to provide and the need for it. Mr. Hendricks said he would regretfully vote against this because he has not been given any other options. He said he felt it has been \$600 million take it or leave it and he chooses to leave it. He will vote against it and those are the reasons why.

Mr. Orr said he plans to vote for the motion because he tends to be an optimist. He said there are things that the college does not provide for the community that are lacking and gapping, and need to be done. However, he will work with the board to make sure they are the right things. Trustee Orr said that just because you authorize the funds does not mean you are going to spend that kind of money. If the bond election is successful and the need is there for the tech center, then the funds are there for it. He said he would be spending time with Trustee Hendricks and the other board members to figure out how to do the right spending.

Mr. Rodriguez said the board has been over the plans and in discussion for over a year with input from various communities and staff and it is time to move forward. He will support the motion.

On the call for a vote, the motion carried on a vote of eight (8) for and one (1) opposed. Mr. Hendricks cast the opposing vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Matkin announced that, with the authority the board vested in him, he signed the contract for the technical center property earlier today. It will be coming to the board for ratification at the regular February meeting. Dr. Matkin said he appreciated everyone's support for the action taken which was a result of several hundreds of hours of staff time and board time over the last year. He said it was a very exhaustive, but positive process and he appreciated the board's support.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Collins adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.