

**COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2015**

The Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees conducted a called meeting on August 18, 2015, in Board Room 139, Collin Higher Education Center, with Chairman J. Robert Collins presiding. Trustees in attendance were Mr. Andy Hardin, Mr. Mac Hendricks, Ms. Jenny McCall, Mr. Jim Orr, Mr. Adrian Rodriguez, Mr. Larry Wainwright, and Ms. Nancy Wurzman. Trustee Stacy Anne Arias was absent. Other attendees included District President H. Neil Matkin, Collin College administrators, faculty, staff, and community members.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Collins called the August 18, 2015, meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room 139, at the Collin Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney, Texas 75069.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Collins recessed the meeting to closed session at 6:01 p.m. in Board Conference Room 135, an authorized by Article 551.001, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 Consultations with Attorney; 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property; and 551.074 Personnel Matters.

RECONVENE

Chairman Collins reconvened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. in Board Room 139. He called on Shirley Harmon, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees, to certify posting of the notice of the meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF THE NOTICE OF THE AUGUST 18, 2015, MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Shirley Harmon certified the notice of the August 18, 2015, Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees meeting was posted according to Article 551.001 of the Texas Government Code.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Hendricks led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag; Trustee McCall led the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2015, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, second of Mr. Wainwright, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the minutes of its August 18, 2015, special called meeting as corrected on Page 2, 2015-8-2-1, to reflect the proposed tax rate of \$0.078965/\$100 for Maintenance and Operation Tax Levy and \$0.002995/\$100 for Debt Service Tax Level for a total proposed tax rate of \$0.081960/\$100.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

2015-8-3-1 Second Public Hearing on Proposed 2015 Tax Rate

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the District President, that the Board of Trustees of the Collin County Community College District holds the second public hearing related to the proposed 2015 tax rate:

	<u>Proposed 2015</u>
Maintenance & Operations Tax Levy	\$0.078965/\$100
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>\$0.002995/\$100</u>
Total	<u>\$0.081960/\$100</u>

Chairman Collins opened the second public hearing related to the proposed 2015 tax rate at 6:41 p.m. There being no public comment, Chairman Collins closed the hearing at 6:42 p.m.

There will be a final discussion and the tax rate for 2015 will be set at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District on August 25, 2015.

2015-8-3-2 Presentation of the Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the District President, that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District hears a presentation of the proposed 2015-2016 Budget.

Interim Vice President of Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer Julie Bradley presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget to the Board of Trustees. She reviewed the budget detail in a slide presentation. The proposed budget includes:

\$197,573.297 for Current Funds (operating, auxiliary, and grants/contracts); \$17,881,602 for the Building Fund expenditures; and \$16,844,227 for the General Obligation and Revenue Debt Service Funds. The proposed budget totals \$232,299,126 with said funds to be appropriated to the various expenditure accounts as outlined in the document *Proposed Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2015-2016* that was distributed to each board member for review earlier.

Ms. Bradley and District President Matkin answered several questions from board members as the proposed budget was discussed.

Mr. Hardin said the staff had done incredible work; however, he could not vote for \$7.9 million in additional funds since it would mean that the taxpayers would pay more without the board giving any thought of lowering the tax rate, even to the very small decrease that the board approved last year. He said it was a hard choice for him to swallow.

Mr. Orr said he backed up Mr. Hardin's comments saying the idea of baselining that type of tax increase made him a little jumpy. He said he knows the board is looking to the future, but that those items should be addressed as incremental projects and not just put into the general budget.

Mr. Hendricks said he would support the budget as presented. He said if there was a club to join of entities that can pay off bonds; Collin would likely be the only member. He said he did not see any fluff in the budget and, unlike a city or county, what the college does changes dramatically year to year and the board has to have the ability to move fast. Mr. Hendricks said the board has a nice fund balance, is able to reduce debt, and noted that 8 cents is less than the sales tax. He said the college has additional funds from taxes on new homes and new businesses. He thanked the staff for their work. He said he understands the process and feels like it is a good budget to present to the college's constituents in the county.

Mr. Wainwright said he originally felt like Mr. Hardin and thought that if the college had additional funds it should give relief to the taxpayers. Part of his concern was that if you own more than one property you get a double "whammy" in taxes. However, Trustee Wainwright said he supports the budget because of the plans the board has discussed and the value of consistency. He said if the tax rate is lowered now and the board has to come back and raise the rates, it would be hard to support.

Chairman Collins said he would support the budget and echoed what Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Wainwright had to say. He commended the staff for their work in putting together the proposed budget and said this was as much transparency as the college has had in a while. He said he appreciated that and plans to support the proposed budget fully.

No action was required nor taken.

2015-8-3-3 Public Hearing on 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the District President, that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District holds a Public Hearing related to the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget.

Chairman Collins opened the public hearing related to the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget at 7:16 p.m. There being no comments, Chairman Collins closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

2015-8-3-4 Approval of Date, Time and Place for Adopting 2015 Tax Rate

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the District President, that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves the date, time and place for adopting the 2015 Tax Rate.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the date, time and place for adopting the 2015 tax rate and publically announced that the meeting to adopt the 2015 tax rate will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Board Room 139 at the Collin Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney, Texas 75069.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

President Matkin thanked Trustee Hardin for the work of the Budget and Finance Committee and its discussions, which brought on the opportunity for a transparent budget. He said it was good work and that he appreciated Mr. Hardin's leadership as chair of the committee.

Dr. Matkin thanked Julie Bradley for stepping up at a difficult and very busy time and for the help of Associate Vice President Barbara Jindra. They moved the budget development forward and provided the level of transparency the board needed and the citizens should have.

Giving kudos to Shirley Harmon, President Matkin said it not easy to pull off four board meetings in a single month but Shirley does fantastic work. He said he appreciated Ms. Harmon's help in keeping both the board and him organized.

BOARD

Trustee Orr said that he may not agree with all of the numbers in the budget but between the full budget proposal and the summary provided to the board, it was a fantastic presentation and he appreciated and thanked the staff for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Collins adjourned the August 18, 2015, meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:19 p.m.