

MINUTES

COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Douglas Campus
6:00 p.m.

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.01 Call to Order

Mr. DiPeso called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mr. David DiPeso
Mrs. Jane Strain
Mr. Dennis Nelson
Mr. Don Hudgins (telephonically)

Board Members Absent

Dr. John Eaton

1.02 Truth in Taxation Hearing and Public Hearing

Mr. DiPeso stated that, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-1461.01, the Governing Board shall hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing and Public Hearing. He then opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Board. There were no persons in attendance who wished to address the Board; however, Dr. Rottweiler stated, for the record, his office received two emails related to the Public Hearing, one from Jere Fredenburgh and one from Valerie Rice. He provided the Board with a copy of both emails, each of which stated reasons for opposing the proposed 2% property tax increase.

Dr. Rottweiler made the Board aware that, in accordance with state statute, the Truth in Taxation Hearing and Public Hearing was appropriately advertised on April 21st and April 28th, with the Sierra Vista Herald being the newspaper of record. Courtesy notifications were also sent to the Douglas Dispatch and to the San Pedro Times.

Seeing as there were no comments to be made, Dr. DiPeso moved on to item 2.01.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.01 Approval of Increase in the Primary Property Tax (FY 2014-2015)

Mr. Nelson moved and Mrs. Strain seconded a motion to approve an increase of 2% in the primary property tax levy for the Cochise County Community College District in fiscal year 2014-2015. Mr. Nelson stated that it's always hard to raise someone's taxes, no matter how small an increase it may be. However, education is really one of the cornerstones that have made America what it is. We hear in the news about inequality

of income and opportunity; a good education is something that really makes things equal for many, many more people. One of the best pieces of legislation ever passed in the United States was the G.I. Bill. We had hundreds of thousands of young men and women who went to college who made America a better and stronger place for people to live and raise their families. We each have benefitted through public education in one way or another, and someone has paid the taxes to pay for the education we have had. He stated he is in a position now that he needs to return that opportunity; his taxes are going to increase as well as everyone else's, which is a small price to pay for the education he has received. No additional comments were made by Board members. Ms. Mountjoy then conducted the roll-call vote, as follows:

Mr DiPeso – Aye
Mrs. Strain – Aye
Mr. Hudgins – Aye
Mr. Nelson – Aye

There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DiPeso adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ms. Loretta Mountjoy, Executive Assistant, Office of the President

Dr. John Eaton, Secretary of the Governing Board