

MINUTES

COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2016
Sierra Vista Campus
6:00 p.m.

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.01 Call to Order

Mr. DiPeso called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mr. David DiPeso
Mr. Danny Ortega
Mr. Tim Quinn
Mrs. Jane Strain

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Dennis Nelson

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2.01 Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed Budget, Including Approval of the FY 2016-2017 Workforce Development (Proposition 301) Plan

Dr. Rottweiler informed the Board that pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute A.R.S §15-1461, the Governing Board shall hold a public hearing and present the proposed budget to persons in attendance. After the budget is presented, any member of the public has a right to speak to the budget. At the completion of public comment, the Board will close the public hearing then move to a special meeting to approve the budget.

Dr. Rottweiler noted, as consistent with state statute, the budget properly appeared in the newspaper two times, as required. He reviewed the proposed budget and informed the Board that they are being asked to approve a \$64,359,443M budget, which is a decrease of about 12.6 percent from the \$73.6M budget for 2016. The decrease is primarily a result of the Downtown Center. Dr. Rottweiler said the budget includes all things related to strategic initiatives, a two percent increase for employees, as well as covering the employee-only portion of health care. The budget reflects the same number of full-time benefited positions, but a little increase of an additional three percent that is primarily out of restricted funds. This increase is a result of the college being awarded, under the leadership of Mark Schmidt, a Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) Grant, which provides entrepreneurial training for veterans. The grant includes five positions that flow-through restricted funds. The budget also includes funds for deferred maintenance and competitive wages, which is consistent with what the Board has requested.

The budget also provides for strategic initiatives primarily in the area of student success. This initiative provides positions for an instructor of Student Success, an instructor of Reading, and some things in tutoring and writing. The goal is to try and encourage students to complete their developmental education at a much quicker pace.

Dr. Rottweiler informed the Board that the proposed budget is consistent with what was presented during the Budget Work Session held in April. He also noted that the state continues to decrease its role in community colleges, with funding down about \$5.8M from FY2011. Dr. Rottweiler reiterated that the Board did approve to increase property taxes two percent through a Truth and Taxation hearing held in May, and increased tuition two percent during the Board meeting in March.

Mr. DiPeso opened the floor for public comment. Hearing no comments, Mr. DiPeso adjourned the meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DiPeso adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Crystal Wheeler, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Administrative Affairs

Mr. David DiPeso, Secretary of the Governing Board