CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 5, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Bob Arthur, Board Vice President. Those present were Mr. Bob Arthur, Dr. Tina Cho, Dr. Ted Edmiston, Dr. Bob Hughlett, Dr. Shin Liu, Ms. Jean McHatton and Ms. Areal Hughes, Student Trustee. Mr. Tom Jackson was not present. Others present were the President/Superintendent, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Business Services, Vice President of Student Services, Interim Vice President of Human Resources, Faculty Senate President and the CSEA President.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The flag salute was led by Ms. Hughes.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES A. It was moved by Dr. Hughlett and seconded by Ms. McHatton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2011. The vote for approval was unanimous (student advisory vote: aye).

B. It was moved by Dr. Hughlett and seconded by Ms. McHatton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2011. The vote for approval was unanimous (student advisory vote: aye).

IV. INSTITUTIONAL PRESENTATIONS A. Dr. Lacy presented Keven Butler with the Outstanding Classified Employee Award for the month of August 2011.

B. Sue Parsons, Teacher TRAC Director, provided an overview of the Teacher TRAC program. The program currently serves more than 600 students, has numerous partnerships and has received approximately $3 million in grant funds.

V. CLOSED SESSION A. The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS There were no public presentations.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA It was moved by Dr. Hughlett and seconded by Dr. Edmiston to approve the consent agenda and addendum. The vote for approval and/or ratification of the following items was unanimous (student advisory vote: aye):

A. Perkins/VTEA Grant Honorarium, as attached.

B. Notice of Completion for Bid 0809-14, Fire Alarm System Replacement & New Mass Notification System – Group 1, as attached.

C. Change Order #2 (Bid #0910-08), USS Cal Builders, Inc., Gymnasium Seismic Retrofit, as attached.

D. Change Order #3 (Bid #0910-03), Hanan Construction Co., Fencing, as attached.

E. Change Order #5 (Bid #0910-02), MG Enterprises, Swimming Pool Demolition/Site Improvement, as attached.
F. Resignation(s) Accepted by the President/Superintendent, as follows: None

G. Employment of Temporary and/or Substitute Hourly Faculty Personnel, as needed for 2011-2012 Academic Year, as attached.

H. Employment of Classified, Short-Term, Substitute, and/or Student Hourly Personnel, as attached.

Added by addendum:

Division Secretary Clerk @27-1 ($3,094.00/mo.) effective October 6, 2011: Erica McLennan (Physical Education/Athletics)

Buyer @37-2 + L1 ($4,275.60/mo.) effective October 3, 2011: Ramona Mellgoza (Purchasing)

I. Revision to a Faculty Service Area, as attached.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. As information, the Board book contained Coordinating Committee Minutes for September 12, 2011.

B. It was moved by Dr. Cho and seconded by Ms. Hatton to adopt Revised Board Policy 7600 – Campus Police, as attached. The vote for approval was unanimous (student advisory vote: aye).

C. It was moved by Dr. Hughlett and seconded by Ms. McHatton to approve Resolution #11-19 in Support of the Elimination of CSU Admission Areas, as attached. Dr. Lacy indicated that staff is continuing outreach efforts with legislators and the local Cal State universities. The vote for approval was unanimous (student advisory vote: aye).

D. It was moved by Dr. Hughlett and seconded by Dr. Liu to approve Resolution #11-20 Initiating a Proposal to Adopt By-Trustee Area Elections for Cerritos Community College District Board Members, as attached. Dr. Lacy indicated that she believes AB 684, which would enact a new provision of the Education Code that would streamline the process by which a district could change its electoral system, will pass by October 9, 2011. Dr. Hughlett read the following statement:

“The Board of Trustees is committed to do the right thing under the CVRA and that is why we are taking action at our meeting tonight and why the process was begun weeks ago before the plaintiffs filed their lawsuit. Plaintiffs have no grounds or history to cite that the Board is not willing to otherwise. Because of this, the Board will be seeking to dismiss or stay the lawsuit in court. We firmly believe that the lawsuit is premature and based on the plaintiff’s lack of understanding of the college history and our commitment to serve. This unnecessary
lawsuit is costing taxpayers and the college thousands of dollars that could be better spent on serving students.”

Mr. Arthur agreed with Dr. Hughlett’s statement. He indicated that the college’s attorneys had notified the plaintiff’s law firm via letter and phone calls that at its September 21 meeting, the Board had given direction to agendize the resolution for consideration at tonight’s meeting. He indicated that while the Board still has ample time for the process, the plaintiff’s law firm moved forward with its lawsuit. He stated that it is his opinion that the lawsuit will be extremely costly and is grossly wrong. He concluded by stating that it was his opinion that the college should file a complaint with the State Bar of California for the action that the law firm has taken.

Dr. Lacy provided a brief timeline of the college’s efforts to address the issue. She indicated that the Board held a study session on April 6, 2011 where attorney Michael Toy discussed potential options and timelines regarding by-trustee area elections. At the time, staff was monitoring the progress of AB 684 and the Board did not take action at its meeting. She indicated that a letter was sent to the plaintiff’s law firm inviting them to the August 10 Board meeting to share information conducted in their analysis of the status of the district under the CVRA, but the law firm could not attend due to other commitments. She added that the law firm was also invited to discuss the matter at a study session on September 21 and they did not attend.

Chris Skinnell of Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni, LLP indicated that upon approval of the resolution, a process would begin to develop proposed trustee area maps and hold two public hearings for public feedback. He stated that the process would conclude at the December Board meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

- Mr. Arthur - aye
- Dr. Cho - aye
- Dr. Edmiston - aye
- Mr. Jackson - absent
- Dr. Hughlett - aye
- Dr. Liu - aye
- Ms. McHatton - aye
- Ms. Hughes - aye (advisory vote)

The vote for approval was unanimous.

IX. REPORTS

A. Board of Trustees

Dr. Cho stated that despite differences, the Board represents its constituents and hopes for a harmonious and peaceful resolution.

Dr. Edmiston stated that the Physical Science & Technology Building Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting and C. Dean Paige Foyer Dedication was a great event with great shared memories and energy.

Dr. Liu stated that no matter where individuals are from, the Board is working in the best interests of all students.
Dr. Hughlett stated that he enjoyed the “James Beard III” Culinary Experience.

Ms. McHatton indicated that she has been enjoying attending Cerritos College football games as well as the recent pre-game reception.

Ms. Hughes shared that Homecoming elections are currently underway and added that Homecoming Court introductions will be held on October 11. She also stated that the Mock Rally will be held on October 14 at 11:00 a.m. She indicated that the ASCC Senate addressed issues such as attendance and conduct at its recent meeting.

B. Faculty and Staff Leadership
Ms. Laughon stated that the compensation and classification study is moving slowly for classified employees. She stated that the district clearly undervalues the classified staff and added that negotiations are continuing.

C. President/Superintendent and Vice Presidents
Dr. Johnson stated that the Transfer Center has been very busy as students prepare their transfer applications. He indicated that an earthquake drill will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 10:20 a.m. and will include a triage, Hazmat and Evac+Chair drill.

Dr. Brock acknowledged Dr. Carolyn Chambers for her efforts in securing a $3.8 million STEM grant from the Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and articulation program through the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Lacy indicated that the college received pre-notification from the Chancellor’s Office that the college was awarded the 2011 Student Equity and Success award. She stated that she attended the Workplace Success for Immigrants Employee Recognition Ceremony on October 4 for Northgate employees and added that it was a very moving event.

X. CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:06 p.m.
XI. RECONVENE The Board reconvened at 8:09 p.m.
XII. ADJOURNMENT The Board adjourned at 8:09 p.m.
XIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

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Bob Arthur, Board Vice President

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Dr. Shin Liu, Board Secretary