The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District and the Board of Trustees of the Taft Union High School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Billy White. Secretary Kal Vaughn and Trustees Emmanuel Campos, Michael Long and Dawn Cole were also present. TUHS President Paul Linder and Trustees Tom White, Julie Ortlieb, Rick Twisselman, and George Harmer were also present. Superintendent Dr. Blanca Cavazos and Executive Assistant Julie Gragg were present. Superintendent/President Dr. Debra Daniels and Executive Secretary Sarah Criss were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President White led the pledge of allegiance.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – WKCCD & TUHSD BOARD MEMBERS & GUESTS

President White and Dr. Daniels welcomed the members of both Boards. Dr. Daniels thanked the staff involved in the meeting’s presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON JOINT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were heard.

JOINT BOARD MEETING ITEMS

Dual Enrollment Update

Mark Williams, Vice President of Instruction, stated that the dual enrollment programs were successfully operating between the two districts. He explained that currently a lot of work is going into the development of a new branch of dual enrollment, in part to the AB 288 College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership agreements.

Summary of Statewide Work – Presented by Dr. Vicki Jacobi and Anthony Cordova

Dr. Vicki Jacobi, Vice President of Academic Senate, and Tony Cordova, Career Technical Education (CTE) Director, presented a PowerPoint on the update of the dual enrollment (copy attached to the official minutes). Dr. Jacobi provided historical information and explained the AB 288 CCAP partnership agreement as outlined by the Chancellor’s Office. The agreements are to be approved and reviewed annually, along with the curriculum.
JOINT BOARD MEETING ITEMS (continued):

Mr. Cordova reviewed the current plan for TC/TUHS dual enrollment development. The focus is on CTE courses. The CCAP dual enrollment prototype model is a welding course. Mr. Cordova told the Boards that the work of TC counselors working with TUHS staff and students is seeing correlating results in the rise of interest from students. This welding model would give students the opportunity to obtain welding certification before graduating high school, while also beginning their higher education.

Suggestions moving forward are: create a taskforce with members from each school; hold parent meetings; and create a centralized location for relevant information.

TUHS Superintendent Dr. Blanca Cavazos and CTE Administrator Sandy Mittelsteadt each spoke in support of the development of these courses. Ms. Mittelsteadt stated that CTE staff are discussing course work currently. Dr. Cavazos spoke in support of aligning coursework pathways from middle school, giving students informed options to education and career goals. Dr. Daniels added that other areas are being identified as possible additions to dual enrollment.

Board and staff discussion included comments of support in the benefit of the students and community. Some comments focused on the benefit of bringing life skills back to the classroom while adding on higher education standards to curriculum. Many comments were in support of offering students to move at an accelerated pace and with financial support.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Ted Pendergrass, TUHS Oil Technology Coordinator, invited both Boards to attend the Boomtown Days at the West Kern Oil Museum on Saturday, October 22nd. TUHS Oil Tech students will conduct presentations, cooking the meal, and assisting in general during the event. Sponsor Fred Holmes will be cooking lunch, which is a fundraiser for the museum.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 p.m., on a motion by Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Campos and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kal Vaughn, Secretary