The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District was called to order at 3:17 p.m. by President Billy White. Secretary Dawn Cole and Trustees Emmanuel Campos, Michael Long and Dr. Kathy Orrin were present. Superintendent/President Dr. Debra Daniels and Executive Secretary Sarah Criss were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President White led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OPEN SESSION ITEMS

No comments were heard.

PRESENTATION – Feasibility Survey Results

Richard Bernard, of FM3 research firm, presented the results of the feasibility survey that was administered to a sample group of WKCCD voters. The data showed that the voters are strongly aware of the College’s presence in the community. The survey provided feedback for necessary voter education in area of facility needs in WKCCD. Mr. Bernard reported that the results do show there is a foundation of support for a facility related bond.

PRESENTATION – Accessing the Feasibility of a General Obligation Bond

Jeff Small, Capitol Public Finance Group advisor to WKCCD, provided information based on the feasibility results as they relate to the District’s probability of obtaining a bond. He reviewed the local tax breakdown and how it would affect the financing of a bond. He reviewed target tax rates to meet need but to keep payback of the bond comfortable for District budgets in the future as they rely on tax collections from mineral roll that can be volatile.

PRESENTATION – Preparing for 2018 Bond Success

Amanda Clifford, of CliffordMoss, LLC., presented a PowerPoint highlighting the steps to take should the Board choose to place a bond on an election cycle. CliffordMoss would assist the District in developing the plan and marketing should a bond go to vote. She emphasized the District is in a good standing to educate voters on the strategic plans developed and being utilized to provide educational opportunities. Ms. Clifford reviewed the timeline that the District would be working under.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No comments were heard.
CLOSED SESSION

At 4:12 p.m. it was moved by Trustee Campos, seconded by Trustee Long and unanimously carried, that the Board convene in Closed Session to discuss the District’s position regarding the following matters:

A. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Government Code Section 54957
B. Public Employee Performance Evaluations, Government Code Section 54957
C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment, Government Code Section 54957
D. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)
   Agency Designated Representative: Superintendent/President
   Employee Organizations: TC Faculty Association, CSEA Chapter #543 & Management/Supervisory/Classified Confidential Employees
E. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
   Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 – 2 Potential Cases
   Claim Received from Donald Thornsberry
   Claim Received from Melissa Thornsberry
F. Student Discipline and Other Confidential Student Matters, Education Code Sections 35146, 48900 et. Seq. and 48912(b)

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION; ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

At 5:10 p.m., it was moved by Secretary Cole, seconded by Trustee Campos and unanimously carried, to reconvene in Public Session. President White reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:12 p.m., on a motion by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Campos and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dawn Cole, Secretary