

**WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

**September 13, 2017**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District was called to order at 4:00 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 2017/18 PROPOSED BUDGET**

There were no public comments.

**2017/18 BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

Brock McMurray, Executive Vice President of Administrative Services, reviewed points of interest in the 2017/18 proposed WKCCD budget in a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached to official minutes).

**State Budget:**

- \$125.1 billion with a \$8.5 billion reserve
- \$3.6 billion increase from 2016/17

**Impacts to Community Colleges:**

- \$183.6 million base allocation
- \$57.8 million for enrollment growth
- 1.56% COLA (including for categorical programs)
- \$10 million for online education initiative
- One-funds included:
  - \$150 million for Guided Pathways
  - \$76.9 million for Deferred Maintenance & Instructional Equipment
  - \$39 million in Proposition 39 Clean Energy Job Creation Fund
- CalSTRS up from 12.58% in 2016/17 to 14.43% in 2017/18
- CalPERS up from 13.888% in 2016/17 to 15.531% in 2017/18

**WKCCD Budget:**

- Projection of COLA 1.56%
- Step, Column and Longevity Increases
- Healthcare Benefit Cost Increase of 2%
- \$617,228 OPEB Obligation vs. \$529,325 in 2016/17
- Schedule Integrated with West Kern Adult Education Network (WKAEN) (for GED, ESL not-for-credit courses)

Mr. McMurray reported that the total proposed WKCCD 2017/18 budget is balanced at \$39,792,586. He noted that the Guided Pathways funds for Taft College would be approximately \$60,000 per year for five years. He also noted that the Proposition 39 funds are complete – this is the last year they are expected to be available. The proposed budget does show some areas with differences from previous years due to the sunset of grant monies.

There was description about the information within the budget and how to access specific points of interest. There was also discussion on the process and timeline of budget development.

Mr. McMurray thanked the staff involved with the development of the budget as well as the Board for their continued support of the District. President White echoed the sentiments to the staff who prepared the budget.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:48 p.m., on a motion by Secretary Cole, seconded by Trustee Long and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Dawn Cole, Secretary