

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**September 14, 2022**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by President Dawn Cole. Secretary Michael Long and trustees Kathy Orrin, Lisa Ramirez and Billy White were present. Acting Superintendent/President Brock McMurray and Executive Secretary Sarah Criss were in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**First Presentation – Proposed Cost of Living Adjustment Increase of 6.56% to the 2022-23 Classified Salary Schedules, Appendix A; Implementation Date Retroactive to 7/1/22**

**First Presentation – Proposed Cost of Living Adjustment Increase of 6.56% to the 2022-23 Faculty Salary Schedules, Appendix B-1, B-2, B-3; Implementation Date Retroactive to 7/1/22**

Brock McMurray informed the Board that through the bargaining process it was agreed by both the classified and faculty units to recommend the passing of the 6.56% COLA to the classified salary schedule.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2022/23 PROPOSED BUDGET**

There were no comments.

**2021/22 BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

Mr. McMurray began the study session by recognizing efforts made by staff during a transition of multiple positions within Fiscal Services. He provided highlights of the state and local budgets, noting that this was a strong budget year for the District. The most notable increase is from one-time deferred maintenance monies that will give the District \$5.1 million to use in facility and instructional equipment upgrades or repairs. Funds focused on student retention/recruitment and state COVID-19 monies will be added to the budget as more information is obtained.

Local budget figures reflected a lower Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) rate, an increased amount added to contingency funds and a steady FTE position in the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF). The FTEs have been under a hold harmless status during the pandemic. This year the District has applied for a one-year state program to protect against post-pandemic effects. Mr. McMurray told the Board that the District needs to strongly address enrollment figures, and retention efforts.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:57 p.m., on a motion by Trustee White, seconded by Secretary Long and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Michael Long, Secretary