Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District was called to order by Mr. John S. Corkins, Vice President, at 12:25 p.m., in the Pacific Conference Room, Weill Institute, 2100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield.

Roll Call

Members present: Trustees John S. Corkins, Vice President; Kay S. Meek, Clerk; Dennis L. Beebe; Pauline F. Larwood; John A. Rodgers; Stuart O. Witt

Member absent: Trustee Rose Marie Bans, President

District Administration: Ms. Sandra Serrano, Chancellor
Mr. Thomas Burke, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Abe Ali, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources
Mr. Frank Ronich, General Counsel

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Larwood, seconded by Mrs. Meek, and carried that the Board adopt the agenda, as submitted. A copy of the agenda is on file in the Supplementary Minutes File.

Public Comments

There were no requests for Public Comments.
Adjournment to Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 12:27 p.m.

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment—[Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)]

B. Employee Matters—Anticipated Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(b)]

C. Employee Matters—Discussion of Negotiations with CCA, Exclusive Representative for Academic Employees [Government Code Section 54957.6]

D. Employee Matters—Discussion of Negotiations with CSEA, Exclusive Representative for Classified Employees [Government Code Section 54957.6]

E. Student Discipline [Education Code Section 72122]

F. Campus Safety and Security—Meet with security or law enforcement personnel [Government Code Section 54954.5]

G. Management Association – Meet and Confer Issues [Government Code Section 54957.6]

H. Business Matters—Anticipated Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(b)]

I. Public Employee Performance Evaluation—Position: Chancellor

Adjournment

The President adjourned Closed Session at 2:05 p.m., to reconvene in Regular Session, in the Forums, Weill Institute, 2100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield.
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION—
PRELIMINARY ITEMS

The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. John S. Corkins, Vice President, at 2:10 p.m., on March 10, 2011, in the Forums, Weill Institute, 2100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield. Mr. Corkins announced that the proceedings of the meeting were being recorded on tape.

Roll Call

Members present: Trustees John S. Corkins, Vice President; Kay S. Meek, Clerk; Dennis L. Beebe; Pauline F. Larwood; John A. Rodgers; Stuart O. Witt; Phillip W. Duncan, Student Board Member

Member absent: Trustee Rose Marie Bans, President

District Administration: Ms. Sandra Serrano, Chancellor
Mr. Thomas Burke, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Abe Ali, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources
Dr. Doris Givens, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services
Mr. Frank Ronich, General Counsel
Ms. Kellie Van Westen, Executive Assistant, Chancellor’s Office

Bakersfield College:
Dr. Greg Chamberlain, President
Mr. Cornelio Rodriguez, Academic Senate President

Cerro Coso Community College:
Mrs. Jill Board, President
Mr. Matthew Crow, Academic Senate President

Porterville College:
Mr. Steven Schultz, Vice President, Student Services
Dr. David Bezayiff, Academic Senate President

Guests:
Ms. Michele Bresso, Interim Associate Chancellor, Governmental and External Relations
Dr. James Young, Retired Chancellor, Kern Community College District
Various staff members

Pledge to Flag

Mr. Dennis Beebe led members of the Board of Trustees and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Reports of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The President reported that the Trustees met in Closed Session and there were no actions taken by the Trustees.

Approval of Consent Items

The President asked if any member of the Board of Trustees or the audience wished to remove an item from the consent agenda for discussion. There were none. It was moved by Mrs. Larwood, seconded by Mr. Witt, and carried that the Board approve the Consent Items for Business Services, Educational Services, and Human Resources, as submitted.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2011 and the Special Meeting of February 10, 2011

It was moved by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mrs. Meek, and carried that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 10, 2011, and the Special Meeting of February 10, 2011, as submitted.

California Community College Trustees Board of Directors for 2011, Consideration by the Board of Trustees to Nominate a Member of the Board of Trustees

The Chancellor advised that California Community College Board of Trustees have the opportunity to vote for up to eight candidates nominated to serve on the California Community College Trustees Board of Directors. Discussion ensued about the nominees and the process.

It was moved by Mr. Rodgers, seconded Mrs. Meek, and carried that the Board of Trustees only vote for one candidate and that candidate would be Mrs. Pauline Larwood, for the Trustees nominate Mrs. Pauline Larwood to serve on the California Community College Trustees Board of Directors for 2011, as shown in the Administrative Report. A copy of said Report No. A-5-11 is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Approval to Support SB 142 (Rubio), Fair and Equitable Utility Rates, Sponsored by the Kern County Taxpayers’ Association

The Chancellor introduced Ms. Michele Bresso, Interim Associate Chancellor, Governmental and External Relations, and the Chair of the Board Legislation, Mrs. Pauline Larwood, to answer any questions. Mrs. Larwood commented that Senate Bill 142 would be beneficial to the Kern Community College District if passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Meek, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, and carried that the Board of Trustees approve support of SB 142 (Rubio), Fair and Equitable Utility Rates, sponsored by the Kern County Taxpayers Association, as recommended in the Administrative Report. It was noted that the Board Legislation Committee met on February 23, 2011 and recommended support of this Legislation. A copy of said Report No. A-6-11 is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.
Approval to Support AB 285 (Furutani) Community Colleges: Property Tax Revenues

It was moved by Mrs. Larwood, seconded by Mr. Witt, and carried that the Board of Trustees approve support of AB 285 (Furutani) Community Colleges: Property Tax Revenues, as recommended in the Administrative Report. It was noted that the Board Legislation Committee met on February 23, 2011, and recommended support of this Legislation. A copy of said Report No. A-7-11 is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

The Chancellor advised that there had been requests for letters of support to be sent to the Legislature related to AB 285. This Bill allows for the backfill to the General Fund when there is a property tax revenue shortfall; this includes what is presently available to K-12 education but not available to community colleges even though both are covered by Proposition 98.

Ms. Bresso will prepare and distribute a letter of support to the Legislature for both AB 285 and SB 142.

Approval to Support Legislation Which Would Exclude Proposition 39 Bond Maintenance Costs from the 50% Law

The Chancellor advised that at this point, this proposal is not a Bill and she recommended that action be deferred on this item because it was not known if the sponsoring Districts will continue to sponsor this legislation this year. It was agreed to defer this item and that no action be taken. A copy of said Report No. A-8-11 is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Correspondence and/or Communications to the Board of Trustees

The Chancellor reported that no correspondence and/or communications to the Board of Trustees had been received.

WORK STUDY SESSION

2011-12 Budget Update, Mr. Tom Burke, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Burke provided an update indicating that as a result of the Governor’s budget proposal, the reduction to the District is $7.3 million rather than the 6.39%. He indicated that there remains a $1.9 million in apportionment offset funding to the District; a $10 increase in student enrollment fees; no reduction or restoration to Categorical program funding; and an apportionment deferral of $2.3 million in a cash flow impact to the District. The total impact to the District is a decrease of $5,377,000 in apportionment.
Mr. Burke advised that the District is still looking at three potential scenarios. The Governor’s approach which assumes a ballot measure extending certain temporary taxes for five additional years is passed; however, should that not pass; another scenario is that if Proposition 98 is maintained but the tax measure fails, the Community Colleges would see about a $620 million reduction to the system which would result in a $9.5 million dollar reduction to the District. The worst case scenario would be the Community College system receiving a proportionate share of the $12 to $13 billion dollar shortfall created by the tax package failing and resulting in a $14.9 million decrease in revenues. Mr. Burke noted that these numbers are slightly different from those presented at the last meeting and were provided by the Community College League of California.

Mr. Burke introduced Ms. Bresso to highlight the budgetary impacts to students, the FTES, and some of the efforts to encourage local legislators to support placing the tax package on the ballot. Ms. Bresso stated that this is an important time for Legislators to hear from District representatives. She shared documents indicating the State Budget’s unintended consequences on the District’s students and communities, and showing what has already been cut, what is projected to be cut, and the combined cut if the tax initiative is not approved in June. She commented that the District has already lost over 1,000 course sections since beginning cutbacks in 2008-09; enrollments turned away total over 31,000 students, resulting in a full-time equivalent loss of over 3,000. If the worst scenario is realized, the impact to the District will be more than 1,878 class sections lost; enrollments of 55,273 turned away; and the cumulative full-time equivalent loss of 5,686 students.

Ms. Bresso reported that there are also possible funding cuts at the Federal level including a 15% reduction in PELL grants and other cuts to financial aid affecting two-thirds of the District’s students. She stated that it is an important time for the District to be heard and her role is to help translate these figures to the Legislators and to develop relations.

The Chancellor stated that staff continue to monitor this situation in Sacramento, and she has visited the Colleges to engage in dialog related to the budget, focusing on student success, and improving student learning outcomes, and to continue to look how the District is going to meet the needs of students and assist them in completing a certificate, degree, or transfer to a university.

Ms. Serrano advised that last year the District and Colleges did plan for 5%, 10%, and 15% reductions. She stated that the Colleges were being asked to review the 15% reductions and update them as there is a target to plan for and meet this year. The worst case scenario would result in eliminating 822 course sections and the Presidents and Vice Presidents have been asked to get that underway. She commented that it is easier to add sections later than to take them away. The Colleges will continue with the plan and hopefully the colleges will be able to mitigate some of impact overall by using College reserves as well as District-wide reserves.

Mr. Witt asked if the District was planning on issuing any March 15th Notices and the response was no. The Chancellor indicated that there were several faculty positions to be replaced and the District will keep an eye on the budget target and make appropriate adjustments to the number of faculty to be hired or not hired. Mr. Witt stated that the District has worked to achieve some sense of fiscal stability, and is therefore not dealing with two different equations at the same time; the District is more worried about classes and student outcomes than employment at the same time. He commended Ms. Serrano for her role in the status of the District. He commented that the fact that the District is focused on courses and student outcomes is a very good thing, and fortunately not discussing layoffs, bumping rights, etc.
Mr. Witt asked how many course sections the District offered District-wide. Ms. Serrano responded approximately 6,000, and Mr. Witt stated that of the 6,000, the District would be eliminating 25%. He noted that additional data indicated that 12% of the students are currently degreed, either an Associates or a Bachelor’s Degree and yet the District is turning away first time students. He commented that he believed that the District has an opportunity. If the District is going to be looking at the entire program and offer courses, and then with communities like Arvin looking for services, it is time to ensure that everyone is looking at the whole picture and not just certain pieces. He stated that the Colleges have an opportunity to ensure that the Colleges are offering rights courses and be very selective.

The Chancellor advised that the Colleges have been having these discussions in the last few months and the conversations continue to take place. The Colleges are focusing on improving student outcomes and student success, reviewing what courses are being taught and continue to focus on offering courses that are related to the core mission. She further stated that the faculty have had dialog about priorities for registration, and the College Vice Presidents are moving forward with the dialog so that within the next week or two the District will have developed a new priority order for registration. She advised that there are some students enrolled that are over the number of units; however, they may require workforce training in these economic times. There is a need to look at the circumstances of the students.

Mrs. Larwood remarked that she had thought that the reserves would have to get the District through 3 or 4 years; she believes now that the reserve will need to get the District through a longer period of time. Mrs. Larwood commented that it was her opinion that the only responsible thing for the legislators to do is to put on the ballot a possible extension of taxes.

A copy of said Report No. B-24-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Arvin/Lamont Service Area Update

The Chancellor reported that over the course of the last few years, the District has been involved in dialog with representatives from the Arvin community about the establishment of a Center in the City of Arvin. She advised that there had been an offer of property by the City of Arvin to be used for a Center in Arvin. She commented that in the past, the Board of Trustees had heard presentations from representatives of the Arvin community as well as the College President of Bakersfield College.

Ms. Serrano advised that a plan was proposed at the November Board meeting by Bakersfield College to expand the types of services that would be available to the community in Arvin. There has been continued follow-up and dialog in regards to the process, and still a request to place a Center. She reported that in 2007, through some deliberate strategic planning a location in south Bakersfield, Bear Mountain Boulevard and Highway 99 had been identified and purchased with plans to build. Due to the recession, the plans had to be delayed as there was no longer capital improvement funding in the system, to move forward with such a plan.

The Chancellor advised that there would be an update at this meeting as to the status of what is occurring in Arvin; she introduced Dr. James Young to provide an update from his perspective as well as Dr. Chamberlain with his perspective. She stated that there had been a series of conversations leading up to the Board meeting.
Dr. Young referred to a letter he wrote to the Board of Trustees citing the notes of the Board meeting of November 4th. He stated there had been a history of the efforts of the City of Arvin to get additional classes going since 2003; a history of the meetings held; and the need to provide services in Arvin. He shared data related to zip code areas of 93203 and 93241, Arvin and Lamont; the new census numbers which indicate a population of almost 40,000, which did not include the outlying areas. He advised that Arvin has grown 48% over the last decade; in 1996 the census department printed an analysis by age and there were 6,500 young people, ages 18 to 28, living in Arvin and Lamont; and today unemployment is 40%, and they have the lowest income per family and the lowest educational attainments levels in the nation.

Dr. Young asked if there were any questions about the document he provided to the Board of Trustees earlier. He reported that in the spring, Bakersfield College, in their commitment to try to have more classes for Arvin and Lamont offered 5 classes and 9 days before the classes closed, they stopped enrollment and there were only 15 students in the classroom. He stated that the Board made a commitment at the November Board meeting about improving services, to increase course offerings and have a staff member on site for advising. He stated that there continues to be no staff member on site and 2 of 5 classes were cancelled and he did not think this was much of a commitment. He stated he wanted to ensure that it was the Board’s desire that there be a higher commitment in Arvin.

Dr. Young referred to the property the City of Arvin had offered for a Center; he advised that there is currently 550 FTES which equates $2,965,000 to the District that could be directed back to Arvin. He stated that he had hoped for a plan to include a Director of the Arvin/Lamont Center and possibly 50 classes for approximate cost of $350,000 for the start of a center.

Dr. Young stated that the City of Arvin will continue to gather information and by summer, be able to gather census information to support the request to build a center in Arvin because the need is so great. He stated that the City of Arvin was not asking the District to not have the center at Bear Mountain Boulevard and Highway 99; just also have a center in Arvin.

Dr. Young reported that there was a major effort taking place in the community called Building Healthy Communities and he introduced the Director of this project, Ms. Jennifer Wood-Slayton, who talked about these efforts that focus on education. She stated that the number two concern of the community was creating a college-bound culture with access to higher education opportunities. She offered Building Healthy Communities as a resource if there is support needed, information needed, etc., they would like to partner with Bakersfield College and the Kern Community College District to bring educational opportunities to Arvin/Lamont.

Dr. Young indicated that as part of the Building Healthy Communities, the California Foundation has $2 million to put into various types of commitments as a loan for ten years. He stated that $2 million could probably put a number of portables on the Arvin site to serve that area. He stated that there is also the possibility of funding through the Department of Labor.

Dr. Young commented that over the past few years, the City of Arvin has extended an invitation to the District to hold a community forum to hear about the strong support of an Arvin Center and he wished to extend that invitation again. Students addressed the Trustees regarding transportation difficulties in traveling to Arvin and Lamont, and additionally in selecting classes to fit the bus schedules.
Dr. Young introduced Ms. Jareth Regpala, Counselor, Arvin High School, who highlighted many of the difficulties and hardships facing the students trying to attend Bakersfield College.

A copy of said Report No. A-9-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Dr. Greg Chamberlain, President, Bakersfield College, reported that as presented last fall to the Board of Trustees was the plan as to what was to happen and in that document was a grid of the courses to work on; a grid to outline the steps; a timeline, etc. He indicated that the steps outlined in the plan were being followed. He commented that one thing was evident when meeting the prior day with Dr. Young and members of Building Healthy Communities was that the plan had not been articulated well and it was not clear to the community. At that time, there was discussion about using Building Healthy Communities as a resource at that time. He indicated that he would participate in a community forum and provide a written document including the proposed steps that will also be translated into Spanish that can be shared. The community forum will be held late April or early May.

Dr. Chamberlain reported that the Vice Presidents and Deans did meet late last fall; the Educational Advisor had been identified, and would be present beginning the following day. The Advisor will be on site for ten hours a week, on Mondays and Thursdays. He thanked Arvin High School for providing an office, telephone and computer for the Educational Advisor. He stated that Arvin High School representatives and Bakersfield College representatives will work together and will begin working on community outreach.

Dr. Chamberlain advised that there were five courses offered this semester and three of the five were continuing, and two of the five were cancelled before the semester started based on low enrollment. For the fall, classes were advertised and they were filled; for the spring, the classes were not advertised well and the classes did not fill. He stated that the courses in the grid were not random but an outgrowth of discussions about general education patterns that would allow students over a period of time to obtain almost the entire education pattern at the Arvin location.

Dr. Chamberlain referred to the transportation problems for students and the more Bakersfield College looked into the issue the more it determined that the transportation issues are even worse than thought. To travel from Arvin to Bakersfield College, an individual would have to take three bus systems, Arvin’s bus, Regional Transportation, and then a GET bus. He advised that Regional Transportation has indicated they are in the process of reconfiguring the routes that they think will make a more efficient run from Lamont to Bakersfield College, and possibly 6 buses a day. The concern with GET is to make changes in their processes and routes, it may take six years. He reiterated that transportation is a problem.

Dr. Chamberlain stated that there are two issues; what is Bakersfield College going to do to meet the needs of the students in Arvin and Lamont, which are being addressed, and the longer-term plan, a Center. He stated that in order to reach Arvin/Lamont, Greenfield, Weedpatch, Southwest Bakersfield, he still believes that in the long term the center should be at Bear Mountain Boulevard and Highway 99. He stated that Bakersfield College, as resources allow, could continue to build the student base and continue the services in the Arvin/Lamont area.
The Chancellor acknowledged that there is a need to develop a culture of college-going in the Arvin/Lamont area and the South Kern area, and certainly throughout the central valley. She stated that she is well aware of both the need for an opportunity for the Arvin/Lamont residents to receive access to higher education as well as the desire of the community to have access to higher education, and the sacrifices that are made by families and students to gain access to the California State University, Bakersfield or Bakersfield College, and greater efforts for those going on to the Universities of California, or universities outside of the community. She stated that it was exactly for those reasons that when she was both the President of Bakersfield College and later the Chancellor of the Kern Community College District, that in the strategic planning process for both the College and the District that there was a great awareness of the needs throughout the service area; the Bakersfield College service area in particular, that there were strategic efforts to place the locations of future centers. She indicated that related to the Center location was defined for South Kern with a recognized need to provide access from Arvin and Lamont, as well as the Greenfield area and the South Bakersfield area that extends to Highway 99, and additionally that the southernmost part of the community services of Bakersfield College also needed to be served which is Frazier Park.

The Chancellor advised that in establishing a center, it was necessary to ensure that it would not infringe upon the Panorama site, losing students from Panorama site as there needs to be a certain level of students in order to maintain services such as classroom instruction.

Ms. Serrano advised that at the last meeting, it was discussed to revisit that plan and in fact since December she had reviewed the files, the data, the updated data related to Arvin/Lamont and the location of the South Kern Center site. She stated that the communities are growing as has all of greater Bakersfield. She advised that she had asked staff for updated numbers of population within a 10 mile radius of the Arvin location and to provide updated numbers as to population within a 10 mile radius of the Bear Mountain/Highway 99 site. She commented that Arvin/Lamont has a population estimated as nearly 95,000, and by 2020, possibility a population of 106,000. She further stated that in the Bear Mountain areas, the 2010 population estimate is nearly 138,000, and by 2020 it was estimated to be nearly 153,000. These numbers do not include Frazier Park.

The Chancellor stated that she recognizes the time it takes to drive from Arvin/Lamont to the Panorama site. She stated that the Bear Mountain site would take 10 to 11 minutes. She stated that she also recognizes the transportation challenges and she believes that is an issue that the District and College need to be involved in addressing.

Ms. Serrano stated that she has used due diligence to review the plans that are now four years old that were started as the Strategic Planning process in 2000 and continued as the District was looking at a very fast growth several years ago. She stated that then there was the economic recession and it was because of the economic recession that the District did not continue with the development of the property and that was because there was no longer access to capital money. She indicated that the District and Bakersfield College needs to work on many of the issues that had been raised. She stated that she had a conversation recently with the President of Bakersfield College about not only serving the high school population, but to reach out to the community and increase the awareness of the importance of higher education, job training, and the services that are available at Bakersfield College.
The Chancellor stated that she supported the plan that Bakersfield College developed even though it was not very quickly implemented. She stated that classes can be offered there; however, not all of their needs could be met in Arvin if courses were shifted as the College does not have the resources to implement them and the services. She commented that she welcomed the support of Building Healthy Communities, the District and Bakersfield College remain committed to doing more for the communities in Arvin and Lamont. She recognizes the need and she is committed to meeting that need. She stated that the College needs to increase its outreach, look at and improve the matriculation services, and to address the transportation issue in the meantime and ensure that students can be transported to the Panorama site and ensure that there is a presence in Arvin to the extent that it is feasible within the resources available.

The Chancellor commented that she believes that the Bear Mountain and Highway 99 site is a good location for the next center. She advised that while it has been stated that the District could start a center in Arvin and then move it to the Bear Mountain and Highway 99 location, the District does not have the resources to do that to duplicate the construction and investment. She commented that according to State criteria the District cannot have centers within a 20 mile drive range and it is a 10 minute drive. The District needs to look to the greater community, to include Arvin and Lamont and do what can be done today, but think to the future, 10, 20, 30, 40 years from now as the communities continue to grow.

Mrs. Larwood commented that she agreed that Bakersfield College does need to do a better job in Arvin, and she was struck by the fact that there was one teacher on the Arvin High School campus that was not aware that Bakersfield College classes were being offered there. The high school and the College must make administration and teachers aware that there are classes being offered. Also, the District should be inspecting what is taking place. The Bakersfield College outreach must be improved.

Mrs. Meek stated that this needs to be made a priority, and if there can be discussions with the management of the transportation companies, there must be a better way to get the students from the Arvin/Lamont area to Bakersfield College. If necessary management should be sitting down with GET management and others and possibly use some funding from some of the foundations to at least alleviate the transportation problem. She stated that the advertisement of the classes had been dropped.

Mr. Witt commented that it was his experience in an on-going issue you can gather data and review data, but at some point there needs to be direct discussion and recommendations be made. He commented that Dr. Young had been bringing this issue to the Board for over three years, and he has not heard a recommendation to the Board of Trustees from Dr. Chamberlain. Dr. Chamberlain stated that the College should follow through with increasing the services along with a schedule of classes in a logical rotation. He stated that in terms of what he has seen, there is a huge desire which was not overstated by the speakers at the meeting. There is a desire in Arvin/Lamont and the South Kern area for access to higher education. He is an advocate for providing community college services in South Kern.

Mr. Witt stated that there must be a way to provide community college education in Arvin/Lamont and it should not take three years. He stated that even in these budgetary times, rent a bus, put it on the road. He asked for budget ideas, creative ideas to meet the needs; if the passion is there it is the District’s obligation, but the Trustees cannot act on something that does not come from the College President to the Chancellor, to the Board of Trustees.
Mr. Beebe and Mr. Corkins asked the same question about acquiring a bus. Mr. Beebe stated that it would be impossible for students to take classes and work with the current bus schedules. He asked if there were regulations prohibiting the College from operating a bus.

Mr. Witt thanked the Chancellor for putting this issue on the agenda and it is time for staff to bring recommendations for solutions forward to the Board of Trustees for action. The Trustees will make the budgetary and policy decisions based on staff recommendations.

The Chancellor advised that Dr. Chamberlain had been asked to look at issues such as outreach, transportation, etc.

Mrs. Meek thanked Dr. Young for bringing this issue to the Board of Trustees and that the Arvin/Lamont community is fortunate to have Dr. Young supporting this issue on behalf of the community.

Mr. Corkins thanked the Chancellor for reviewing Bear Mountain and Highway 99, and stated that he agrees that this site is a viable site for the South Kern educational center. However, he asked Mr. Burke about an estimated timeframe and costs to build a Center, and he responded 2 to 3 years; portables would be about $2 to 3 million and full buildings, $25 to 30 million.

Mr. Corkins thanked Dr. Young for bringing this issue forward and that he agreed with Mr. Witt’s comments. He asked Dr. Chamberlain to bring Plan B to the Chancellor and see what can be done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—OPEN SESSION

Public Comments

There were no requests for Public Comments.

BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

Kern Community College District, Quarterly Financial Status Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2010

The Chief Financial Officer presented the Kern Community College District Quarterly Financial Report for October 31, 2010 to December 31, 2010, as shown in the Business Services Report. Mr. Burke reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the quarter. A copy of said Report No. B-25-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.
Board of Trustees, Information and Acknowledgment per Board Policy 3A2F, Gifts to the District Foundation or College Foundations  

The Chief Financial Officer presented for information and acknowledgment per Board Policy 3A2F, Gifts to the District Foundation or College Foundations valued at $1,000.00 or more for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010 in the amount of $614,108.22, as shown in the Business Services Report. A copy of said Report No. B-26-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Board of Trustees, Information and Acknowledgment per Board Policy 3A2F, Gifts to the District Foundation or College Foundations, Cerro Coso Community College  

The Chief Financial Officer presented for information and acknowledgment per Board Policy 3A2F, Gifts to the District Foundation or College Foundations valued at $1,000.00 or more of a donation to the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation from Jewelry to Go, a local jewelry store, comprised of two (2) women’s rings to be used as a raffle item at the annual Astronomical Star Party and Barbecue held on September 8, 2010, as shown in the Business Services Report. The two rings were valued at $1,299.00 and $1,000.00, respectively, and were raffled. A copy of said Report No. B-27-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Kern Community College District, Authorization to Execute an Agreement to do an Initial Evaluation and Develop Plans to Achieve the Management, Process, and Procedural Enhancements to the District’s Facilities Planning and Construction Department  

It was moved by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mrs. Larwood, and carried that the Board authorize the Chief Financial Officer to execute an Agreement between the Kern Community College District and Gafcon, as recommended in the Business Services Report. The District has hired Gafcon to do an initial evaluation and to develop plans to specifically achieve the management, process and procedural enhancements to the District’s Facility Planning and Construction Department, as identified and recommended in AF Consultants Group’s recent report. In addition, this initial evaluation and plan development by Gafcon will be used to assist the District in determining overall organizational direction for the Department. The term of the agreement is February 1, 2011, through April 30, 2011; and the cost to the District is not to exceed $88,000.00. A copy of said Report No. B-28-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Approval of Rejection of Claim Filed by Aida Alvarado and Direct Counsel to Give Notice of Rejection  

It was moved by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Witt, and carried that the Board approve the rejection of a claim filed by Aida Alvarado and direct Counsel to give Notice of Rejection pursuant to Government Code Section 910 et. Seq., as recommended in the Business Services Report. A copy of said Report No. B-29-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.
Consent Items: The Business Services items listed below require approval to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to execute agreements to procure construction services above $30,000 or to procure goods and services other than construction services above $50,000, in accordance with Board Policy 3A9A. Earlier in the meeting, it was moved by Mrs. Larwood, seconded by Mr. Witt, and carried that the following Business Services items be approved on the consent agenda.

**Items Other than Construction**

**Kern Community College District, Authorization to Accept a Grant with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, Economic Workforce and Development Program, Youth Entrepreneurship Project**

The Chief Financial Officer was authorized to accept a grant between the Kern Community College District and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, Economic Workforce and Development Program, Youth Entrepreneurship Project (YEP-10-172-049), that will allow the Central Valley Region to host events where youth (ages 14-27) can connect with other young entrepreneurs to motivate them toward an entrepreneurship career pathway, and allow collaboration between businesses, local students and business clubs at California Community Colleges to outreach into the wider community. The term is December 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011. The total amount payable to the District is $90,000.00. A copy of said Report No. B-30-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**Kern Community College District, Authorization to Execute Amendment Number One to the Contractual Agreement with Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development (FIELD) to Increase the Number of Training Cohorts**

The Chief Financial Officer was authorized to execute Amendment Number One to the contractual agreement between the Kern Community College District, and the Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development (“FIELD”) to increase the number of training cohorts from three (3) to five (5) and increases the total contract amount from $34,368.00 to $61,762.00 with respect to training residential/commercial entry-level Solar Photovoltaic Learning (PV) Installers. The total amount payable to the District is $61,762.00. A copy of said Report No. B-31-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.
Kern Community College District, Authorization to Execute Amendment Number One to the Contract with the California Department of Education, California State Preschool Program (CSPP-0125)

The Chief Financial Officer was authorized to execute Amendment Number One to the contract between the Kern Community College District and the California Department of Education, California State Preschool Program (CSPP-0125) to reflect certain modifications including a decrease in the percentage of total contract amount for administrative and support services, and to specify the Special Fund amount of $95,325.00. The term is July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. There is no cost to the District. A copy of said Report No. B-32-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Kern Community College District, Authorization to Execute Amendment Number One to the Contract with the California Department of Education, General Child Care and Development Programs (CCTR-0062)

The Chief Financial Officer was authorized to execute Amendment 01 to the contract between the Kern Community College District and the California Department of Education, General Child Care and Development Programs (CCTR-0062) to reflect certain modifications including a decrease in the percentage of total contract amount for administrative and support services, and to specify the Special Fund amount of $55,946.00. The term is July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2011. There is no cost to the District. A copy of said Report No. B-33-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Kern Community College District, Authorization to Accept Renewal Grant Funding for the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Career Technical Education Initiative – Tech Prep, Title II, Perkins (10-139-520)

The Chief Financial Officer was authorized to accept renewal grant funding between the Kern Community College District, and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Career Technical Education Initiative – Tech Prep, Title II, Perkins IV (10-139-520), that allows the District to link high school and two year college programs in specific technical fields and occupational areas addressing the urgent demand for highly skilled industrial technicians and other trained workers in technology rich environments in the local, state and national work force. The term is July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. The total amount payable to the District is $278,832.00. A copy of said Report No. B-34-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.
Bakersfield College, Authorization to Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with California State University, Bakersfield, to Extend the Expiration Date of the Collaborative College Cost Reduction and Access Act STEM Grant Agreement

The Chief Financial Officer was authorized to execute an Amendment to the agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, and California State University Bakersfield (CSUB) that extends the expiration date of the collaborative College Cost Reduction and Access Act STEM Grant Agreement by one year and increases the funding due to the one year extension in an amount not to exceed $100,672.00. The term is October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. The total amount payable to the District is $100,672.00. A copy of said Report No. B-35-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Consent Items: The Business Services items listed below require ratification in accordance with Board Policy 3A9A, which authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to execute agreements for goods and services up to $30,000 for construction services or up to $50,000 for goods and services other than construction services, as recommended in the Business Services Report. Earlier in the meeting, it was moved by Mrs. Larwood, and seconded by Mr. Witt, and carried that the following Business Services items be approved on the consent agenda.

Construction Item

Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center, Bishop, Authorization to Execute a Work Authorization for the Architectural Engineering Services for Water Well Remediation Project

The Chief Financial Officer was authorized to execute a work authorization for the Architectural/Engineering services for the Water Well Remediation Project at Eastern Sierra College Center-Bishop to Ordiz-Melby Architects, Inc. A copy of said Report No. B-36-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Items Other than Construction

- Renewal Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, of the ArcView Site License Program, for support services online, product maintenance, and updates on new software products, April 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, and the total cost to the District is $2,000.00.

- Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, and CASTLE Worldwide, Inc., for the Bakersfield College Assessment Office to provide internet-based testing services to professional associations and government agencies for CASTLE, April 1, 2010 through April 1, 2015, and the total amount payable to the District is a minimum receipt of $25.00 per candidate.
• Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, and MTV Networks On Campus Inc., that provides for MTV Network to broadcast exclusive content programming of “mtvU” to LCD monitors furnished and installed by MTV Networks on the campus in the student cafeteria and fitness center, providing exposure to students to musicians, filmmakers, writers, digital pioneers, activists, and news, March 10, 2011, through March 10, 2014, and there is no cost to the District.

• Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, and Clinica Sierra Vista, that provides for the extension of licensed mental health services to not more than sixteen (16) hours a week and not more than eighty (80) hours per month, July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, and the cost to the District is $100.00 per hour, not to exceed $1,600.00 per week.

• Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, and Tandeberg Data Corporation, to provide on-site service for Tandberg equipment during normal business hours at the Information Services Server Room, L192. Tandberg, at its option, will repair or replace equipment, including spare parts. Tandberg equipment is a tape Library Storage System that backs up the servers daily and weekly. The term of the agreement February 26, 2011 to February 25, 2012, and the total amount payable $6,561.93.

• Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College, and Jacobs Technology, Inc., to provide a customized Microsoft Office Project 2007 Training Series for Jacobs Technology, Inc., through Contract Education, March 15, 2011, through March 24, 2011, and the total amount payable to the District is $3,800.00 and the total cost to the District is $2,227.83.

• Contract Education Pricing Worksheet and Proposal Outline between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College, and the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (“NAWCWD”) to provide a customized Microsoft Office 2007 Training series through Contract Education for NAWCWD that is required for the performance of their jobs, January 2, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and the total amount payable to the District is $21,960.00 and the total cost to the District is $9,416.52.

• Renewal Letter Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College, and IEC Corporation, to receive additional grant funding from IEC Corporation for development of a wind technician program, increasing their original award of $35,000.00 by $1,288.31, and extending the term of the Agreement, December 31, 2010, through January 31, 2011, and the total amount payable to the District is $36,288.31.

• Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College, and The Kernville Chamber of Commerce for mutual hold harmless, defense, and indemnification of student participation in the annual Kernville Whiskey Flat Days Parade that provides the District an opportunity for community outreach to these regions. The date of the event is February 19, 2011, and there is no cost to the District.
Amendment to the Allied Health Education Program Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, Porterville College and Cerro Coso Community College, and Crestwood Psychiatric Health Facility, extending the term of the Agreement, June 30, 2010, through June 30, 2011, and there is no cost to the District.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Porterville College, and the National University, that allows students to complete all lower division general education coursework at Porterville College, and that National University will offer the upper division coursework needed to receive a degree that otherwise cannot be completed at Porterville College, August 1, 2011, through July 31, 2014, and there is no cost to the District.

Addendum to the current Maintenance Services Agreement between the Kern Community College District and SunGard Higher Education, March 1, 2009, to January 31, 2019, that provides for technical support and product upgrades for the Banner software KCCD licensed from SunGard Higher Education, Inc., and there is no cost to the District.

Agreements with Independent Contractors for 2010-11, for Kern Community College District, Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College, to provide various services, as recommended in the Business Services Report, and the total cost to the District is approximately $48,492.00.

A copy of said Report No. B-37-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

District Order Reports

The following District Order Reports were approved and payments were authorized, and copies of the same, designated as Report No. B-38-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File, are hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

General Fund: Numbers: A-8: 35 - 38
General Fund: Numbers: 3109515 - 3111233
Student Financial Aid Fund: Number: 3110092 – 3111238
Student Financial Aid Direct Deposit: Numbers: 3130629 - 3132010
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ITEMS—
CONSENT

Consent Items: The Educational Services items listed below require approval by State law, State regulations, or approval in accordance with the Board Policy Manual of the Kern Community College District. Earlier in the meeting, it was moved by Mrs. Larwood, seconded by Mr. Witt, and carried that the following Human Resources items be approved on the consent agenda:

Bakersfield, Cerro Coso Community, and Porterville Colleges—Approval of the 2010-11 Revisions to the College Catalogs

The Trustees approved the 2010-11 revisions to the Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community, and Porterville Colleges’ catalogs, as recommended in the Educational Services Report. At Bakersfield College, the primary changes were due to Title 5 compliance and curriculum review. At Cerro Coso Community College, the primary changes are due to updated student learning outcomes. At Porterville College the primary changes were due to Title 5 compliance and curriculum review. Title 5 regulations require local governing Boards to approve new courses prior to them being offered. These courses were reviewed and recommended by the College Curriculum Committees. A copy of Report No. E-7-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Bakersfield College, Authorization to Delete Courses from the 2011-12 Catalog

The Trustees authorized the deletion of courses from the 2011-12 Bakersfield College Catalog, as recommended in the Educational Services Report. This is an effort to improve the accuracy of the College catalog and to delete courses no longer offered by the College. A copy of Report No. E-8-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Cerro Coso Community College, Authorization to Delete Courses from the 2011-12 Catalog

The Trustees authorized the deletion of courses from the 2011-12 Cerro Coso Community College Catalog, as recommended in the Educational Services Report. This is an effort to improve the accuracy of the College catalog and to delete courses no longer offered by the College. A copy of Report No. E-9-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Porterville College, Authorization to Delete Courses from the 2011-12 Catalog

The Trustees authorized the deletion of courses from the 2011-12 Porterville College Catalog, as recommended in the Educational Services Report. This is an effort to improve the accuracy of the College catalog and to delete courses no longer offered by the College. A copy of Report No. E-10-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.
Cerro Coso Community College, Approval to Deliver a Community Education Class, Color and Design for Everyone and Pilates

The Trustees approved Cerro Coso Community College to deliver a Community Education class, Color and Design for Everyone and Pilates through the Community Education, as recommended in the Educational Services Report. The District will generate $5,700.00. A copy of Report No. E-11-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Approval of Out-of-State Student Travel

The Trustees approved approximately 14 Bakersfield College Student Government Association leaders to attend the National Conference on Student Leadership (NCSL) in Atlanta, Georgia, April 5-10, 2011. Bakersfield College Dean of Students will accompany the students. The Advisor’s travel expenses, as well as the students, will be covered by the Student Government Association. The cost to the District is $23,977.26. A copy of Report No. E-12-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS

Cerro Coso Community College, Approval of Nomination of Employee for Consideration by the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges Classified Employee of the Year Award

It was moved by Mr. Witt, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, and carried that the Board approve the nomination of Mrs. Dawn M. Fidel, Cerro Coso Community College, for consideration by the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges, Classified Employee of the Year Award, as recommended in the Human Resources Report. There is no cost to the District. A copy of said Report No. H-3-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS—CONSENT

Consent Items: The Human Resources items listed below require approval by State law, State regulations, or approval in accordance with the Board Policy Manual of the Kern Community College District. Earlier in the meeting, it was moved by Mrs. Larwood, seconded by Mr. Witt, and carried that the following Human Resources items be approved on the consent agenda.
Approval of Employee Transactions for Academic, Classified, and Confidential and Management Employees

The Board approved the employee transactions for academic, classified, and management staff, as recommended in the Human Resources Report. A copy of said Report No. H-4-11 in the Supplementary Minutes File is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

REPORTS

Faculty Reports

Mr. Matthew Crow, Academic Senate President, Cerro Coso Community College, thanked the Chancellor for the Chancellor’s Forum held on the campus. He indicated that it was lively and informative session attended by faculty, students, and staff. He also thanked Chief Financial Officer Tom Burke for his visit to the College and meeting with College Council where he addressed the proposed budget issues. Mr. Crow invited the Trustees to attend the Denim and Diamonds Auction/Dinner, and advised that he had tickets to sell for the event on April 8, 2011.

Classified Staff Report

There were no classified staff reports.

Management Association Report

There was no Management Association Report.

College Reports

Porterville College – Mr. Steve Schultz, Vice President, Students Services, Porterville College, advised that Dr. Rosa Carlson, President, was on an Accreditation Visit. He stated that Dr. Carlson had asked management staff to serve on accreditation visits in preparation for the accreditation visit of Porterville College next year. He stated that Dr. Ann Beheler, Dr. David Bezayiff, Mrs. Donna Berry, Mr. Michael Carley, and he will have experienced serving on a team prior to the College’s visit. He stated that serving on a team provides a great learning experience for when Porterville College is having their Accreditation Team visit.
Mr. Schultz called attention to the Porterville College activities listed in the Porterville College Update and he reported that Ms. Denisse Duran Lozano, Porterville College student, was named the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Regional Distinguished Scholar. He advised that she competed against PTK students from California and Nevada Regions. He commented that this award includes a scholarship and he indicated that the selection includes not only grade point average, but also includes courses that are high academic rigor, across the disciplines. Mr. Schultz advised that Ms. Denette Brents was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All California Academic second team. Mr. Schultz reported that Ms. Sherie Burgess, Advisor, Phi Theta Kappa, and he would be attending the recognition luncheon in Sacramento on March 21, 2011.

Mr. Schultz reported that Porterville College held the first annual Hall of Fame banquet. He stated that for the past 16 years there had been an Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, and last year Dr. Carlson and the Foundation had discussed the idea of recognizing a distinguished alumni, a former student that has gone on to excel in their profession in their community. He advised that the speaker that evening was Mr. Ross Porter, a former Dodgers’ Baseball broadcaster, who presented a positive message.

Cerro Coso Community College – Mrs. Jill Board, President, thanked Mr. Burke and Chancellor Serrano for visiting the College the prior week. She stated that the messages presented by Mr. Burke and Ms. Serrano are helpful for the staff and faculty to be able to deal with the budget news. She stated that the budget discussions were very helpful for staff and hearing that there will not be any layoffs of permanent employees. Mrs. Board advised that she had recently met with the faculty chairs and started that conversation with them about the budget development process and how to respond locally about workload reductions that are imposed.

Mrs. Board reported that representatives from California State University, Long Beach, and the College of Engineering will be accepting a cohort of students in the fall of 2011, for earning a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. The program is accepting 25 students from Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering and 50 students will move through the defined curriculum of the cohort, taking courses fall, spring, and summer with the first graduating class in fall 2012.

Mrs. Board reported that the College has started on its Accreditation process and Mr. Rick Post, Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs, called the Steering Committee together and the Standards Committees were formed and they were busy writing their descriptive sections with drafts due March 31, 2011. She stated that faculty leaders were working closely with administration on the issue of institutional effectiveness; a team will be attending a conference to learn more about what are considered best practices.

Mrs. Board announced that the District had applied to the National Institute of Staff Development (NISOD) to present the District Leadership Academy and the proposal was accepted. She advised that Ms. Michele Bresso, Mr. Matthew Crow, Mr. Todd Coston, and she will be presenting at NISOD.

Mrs. Board advised that the College was almost fully staffed. She announced that Mr. Stephen Wexler will be joining the College the following week as the Contract and Community Education Sales and Account Manager. She stated that he comes will a lot of innovative experience in the online education field.
Bakersfield College – Dr. Chamberlain announced that on April 8, 2011, the Bakersfield College Red and White Wine Festival will be held. He called attention to the Bakersfield College Board Report as well as the quarterly issue of the Renegade which features some very good articles. He noted that the Bakersfield College Steering Committee has established the processes for moving forward and the Standards Committees have been identified.

Dr. Chamberlain reported that the Bakersfield College President’s Scholars Program, a program for high school seniors with a 3.5 grade point average or above, will award small scholarships from the Foundation and they will have priority registration. He indicated that after meeting with several groups and asking what the students would really like other than the scholarship, a series of workshops have been presented for the students.

Dr. Chamberlain advised that the week prior was the Norman Levan St. John’s College Lecture and it was a very interesting event. He congratulated Mr. Robert Tafoya and Ms. Sandra Serrano for being named the couple of the year by the Arts Council of Kern.

Chancellor’s Report

The Chancellor reported that she will be visiting Micronesia again related to Accreditation, to see what kind of progress they have made in the last year. She indicated that she enjoyed participating in the Chancellor’s Forums at the campuses and stated that she felt there were great questions and dialog and she was glad to hear that it was leading to other discussions.

The Chancellor reported that she would be traveling to Washington, D.C., the next week on behalf of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) to meet with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of both organizations.

Ms. Serrano advised that Ms. Bresso and she were in Sacramento the earlier week and in fact met with the Department of Education staff of Mr. Tom Torkalson. She stated that he had visited the District Office and he was very impressed with the Clean Energy Program and the Career Pathways Program. She commented that dialog has continued and the meeting was called to validate and to ensure that there is a commitment in the community to work on Career Pathways throughout the service area. She stated that there was a good conversation about Career Pathways, about early assessment programs, and the positive impact that engaging students in the middle schools in career awareness and decision-making and the positive impact that has on reducing student needs on remediation. She commented that she had continued that conversation with the local Superintendents of local K-12 schools as well as Dr. Horace Mitchell, President of California State University, Bakersfield. She stated that they were committed to continuing the dialog with regards to career pathways and they also believe that it will make a different in improving student’s progress through K-12 through College and into a career.
Ms. Serrano stated that the recent conversations also included early assessment programs and students using the results of early assessment programs in high school to begin remediation before they go to College. She commented that she shared with Dr. Mitchell the good work that had taken place many years ago between Bakersfield College and California State University, Bakersfield, related to the assessment at Bakersfield College and California State with the ETP and recognizing each other’s placements, therefore not requiring students to take multiple placement tests for English. She asked that Bakersfield College follow up on that and Dr. Mitchell will also follow up. She commented that the other Superintendents present agreed that it is something that needs to be pursued again and to also include teacher education so that the curriculum aligns; the high school curriculum and the two- and four-year curriculum need to be better aligned to improve placement scores as well.

The Chancellor commended Porterville College for the Phi Theta Kappa program for their consistency in having students recognized each year and encouraged the Colleges to look at this program.

Mr. Burke reported that Standard and Poors over the last couple of months had been reviewing the ratings for the debt issuances and he stated he was pleased to report that the Certificates of Participation Debt issuances, the Other Post-Employment Bonds, and the Schools Facilities Improvement District (SFID) (Mammoth Bonds), received an upgrade from an A to A + and the Safety, Repair, and Improvement District (SRID), (Measure G Bonds), received an upgrade from A+ to AA-, and the Maintenance Assessment District was confirmed at A+. He stated that the general theme and the reasoning for the upgrades was that the administering District’s maintenance was due to a very strong available general fund balances during the past three fiscal years during an adverse State funding environment.

The Chancellor advised that there has been discussion at the State level about cash flow concern and she stated that as a result of the District’s strong position that the District will not only be able to mitigate some of the immediate impact of further reductions, but will be able to move ahead and provide the resources for the financial aid that is typically not there and continue to pay the bills.

Board of Trustees Reports

Mrs. Larwood advised that Ms. Bresso, Ms. Serrano and she traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the Association of Community College Trustees related to community college legislation, and Congressman Kevin McCarthy provided a keynote speech to the group on the closing day of the event. She commented that he did an excellent job. The fact that he had served as a member of a community college Board of Trustees was very attractive to those in attendance. She commented that the cuts in the Pell Grants had been discussed that day.

Mr. Witt stated that he applauded the Chancellor and staff, stating that there are a lot of community college districts not having the discussions the Kern District is having at the Board meeting. We are more worried about what to teach and how to keep more students, etc., and there are several districts discussing trying to meet payroll.
Mr. Duncan reported that students are volunteering in the classrooms, as faculty members are asking for assistance in the classroom for a variety of reasons. He stated that Mr. Eric Mendoza, Athletic Director, Mrs. Virginia Gurrola, Director, Financial Aid, and Mr. Russell Fletcher, Student, attended the Visalia Connie Conway Community College League of California event. He stated that his office on campus has become a quasi tutoring center in a sense; individuals are coming in on a daily basis asking for help in a variety of areas. He commented that students are volunteering to help other students, particularly in their strong areas, such as English.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:11 p.m.

_______________________________, Vice President
John S. Corkins

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Kay S. Meek