

Coast Board Connection

Highlights from the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

March 17, 2004

Board of Trustees

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Board of Trustees Approve Final Agreement to Sell KOCE to the KOCE Foundation

At their meeting Wednesday, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees agreed to accept the KOCE Foundation's best and final offer to buy KOCE TV, the District's public television station.

In early March, the Foundation submitted an asset purchase agreement to the District outlining the terms and conditions under which it would agree to purchase the broadcasting license for the station.

The transfer of the broadcasting license must also be approved by the Federal Communications Commission, a process that is expected to be completed by July 2004. Prior to the transfer of the license, the KOCE Foundation is to provide an \$8 million down payment to the District on or before June 30, 2004.

The asset purchase agreement accepted by the Board Wednesday night also includes:

- A secured promissory note for \$20 million.
- A security agreement that outlines how the District can collect payment on the note should the Foundation default on its payments.
- A lease agreement stipulating that the Foundation will pay the District approximately \$62,000 a year for two years to use its current facilities on the Golden West College campus.
- A seven-year programming agreement in which the Foundation agrees to provide the District with 40 hours of airtime to broadcast its telecourses and educational programming and 600 minutes of promotional time for the District's three colleges in exchange for \$2.5 million worth of the promissory note.

Board of Trustees Hold Budget Workshop

The Board of Trustees held their annual budget workshop at their meeting Wednesday. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services C.M. Brahmbhatt presented the workshop to review the Governor's proposed 2004-05 budget proposal and its potential impact on the Coast Community College District.

Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt noted that this year's state budget for community colleges is based on revenue from increases to student enrollment fees. Fees are proposed to be raised from \$18 per unit to \$26 per unit for students without a baccalaureate degree, and \$50 per unit for students with a baccalaureate degree or higher. If those fee increases are not approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in the final budget, spending in other areas may have to be reduced.

In addition, Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt noted that although a cost of living adjustment (COLA) was not included in the January budget proposal, the Governor has since agreed to fund a 1.84% COLA by reducing new statewide funds for equalization from \$80 million to \$60 million. This amount may be restored for equalization if the economy grows beyond current projections.

MEETING CALENDAR

April 7, 2004	Regular Meeting
April 21, 2004	Service Awards
May 5, 2004	Regular Meeting
May 19, 2004	Regular Meeting
June 2, 2004	Regular Meeting