

**NAVARRO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 9, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

The Navarro College Board of Trustees gathered on Thursday, August 9, 2018 for dinner in the President's Dining Room. Following dinner, the governing body relocated to the Lone Star Room to conduct a special meeting. Trustees in attendance included: Mr. Phil Judson, Chairman; Mr. Todd McGraw, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Aldama, Secretary-Treasurer; Ms. Faith Holt; Mr. A. L. "Buster" Atkeisson; and Mr. Loran Seely.

Others in attendance included:

Dr. Richard Sanchez	District President
Dr. Kevin Fegan	District President-Elect
Ms. Teresa Thomas	Vice President, Finance and Administration
Ms. Sina Ruiz	Vice President, Enrollment Mgmt. and Instl. Effectiveness
Dr. Carol Hanes	Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dr. Harold Housley	Vice President of Operations and Instl. Advancement
Ms. Marcy Ballew	Vice President of Human Resources
Ms. Stacie Sipes	Director of Marketing and Public Information
Ms. Leslie Smith	Executive Assistant to the District President

Other faculty, staff and guests were also present.

Call to Order

Chairman Phil Judson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. and asked Mr. Atkeisson to begin with a prayer.

Mr. Judson announced a Closed Session would be held following *Item 201* to discuss personnel matters according to Government Code 551.074. He stated no decision or action on matters discussed was anticipated.

Discussion of Calendar Year 2018 (Fiscal Year 2018-2019) Tax Rate, Take Record Vote of Intent to Set Rate and Schedule Public Hearings, If Applicable

Dr. Sanchez stated the Board of Trustees is required to approve the 2018 (Fiscal Year 2018-2019) ad valorem tax rate for the College District in September. Prior to voting on the tax rate, the Board must declare their intent by taking a record vote.

Ms. Thomas presented the taxable valuations and calculated tax rates. Navarro College District's net taxable valuation for calendar year 2018 increased by \$218.6 million from calendar year 2017. Ms. Thomas stated the new tax valuation for Navarro College is \$3,451,642,014. The net taxable valuation of the tax increment financing zone is \$49,548,694 and new improvements and new personal property values total \$58,976,320 making the 2018 total adjusted taxable value \$3,343,117,000.

Ms. Thomas explained the "effective tax rate" is a calculated rate that would provide the taxing unit the same amount of revenue it received in the year before on properties taxed in both years. The effective tax rate is less than the current tax rate due to the fact that the net taxable valuation for the District increased from the prior year.

Calculated tax rates presented for consideration included:

Effective Tax Rate	\$0.116900 /\$100
Rollback Tax Rate	\$0.126200 /\$100
Current Tax Rate	\$0.121800 /\$100
Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.126200 /\$100
Break even Tax Rate	\$0.123713/\$100

Existing statutes require that the Board of Trustees publish notice and schedule two public hearings if the Board wishes to set a tax rate greater than the effective tax rate. The 2017-18 average tax rate for all community colleges in Texas is approximately \$0.158500 per \$100 valuation. Navarro College's tax rates for the last twenty years and the valuation of the Navarro College District for the last ten years were shared.

Ms. Thomas stated in order to meet the tax dollars budgeted for 2018-2019, the Board would need to approve a tax rate of \$0.123713/\$100. Approving the rollback tax rate of \$0.126200/\$100 would generate an additional \$78,989. Ms. Thomas stated that, theoretically, this may be the last opportunity to increase tax rates without calling an election because of new legislation being discussed.

Discussion followed. Mr. Aldama made a motion to declare intent to maintain the current tax rate of \$0.121800 /\$100. He stated in his opinion the College has made it through the past year with the rollback rate and had unforeseen expenditures that far exceeded \$60,000 and he feels the College can make it on the current rate. Ms. Holt seconded the motion stating she was not in favor of raising taxes on Navarro County citizens especially after having moved the nursing program from the county. She stated she also feels the College can survive on the current rate.

A record vote was called: Atkeisson, Holt, Aldama, Judson, McGraw and Seely unanimously voted "Aye" to state the Board's intent to maintain the current ad valorem tax rate of \$0.121800 /\$100 for 2018 (2018-2019 Fiscal Year). Mr. Judson stated Navarro College is supported by property owners in Navarro County and this decision is not taken lightly.

Because the current rate exceeds the effective tax rate, public hearings were set for August 16 and August 23, 2018 at 12 noon in Lone Star Room.

Announcement

Dr. Sanchez announced he had just received a phone call that Roark Montgomery passed away within the past hour. Mr. Judson called for moment of silence.

Mr. Judson stated this was sad news and expressed sympathy for the family. He commented on the many lives Mr. Montgomery has touched as the athletic director. Mr. Aldama stated he has known Mr. Montgomery for almost 30 years. He met Roark when he (Aldama) was a radio broadcaster covering athletic events and before becoming a member of the Board. He added that Mr. Montgomery was a "first class" person and will be missed.

Appraisal of Property

Dr. Sanchez stated the old Toyota building on Seventh Avenue owned by Navarro College has been appraised at \$346,907. A party has shown interest in purchasing the property and a bid is anticipated.

Convene into Closed Session

At 7:40 p.m., Mr. Atkeisson made a motion to convene into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters according to Government Code 551.074. Mr. Seely seconded the motion and the decision was unanimous.

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. McGraw made a motion to reconvene into Open Session and immediately adjourn the meeting. Mr. Seely seconded the motion and the decision was unanimous.

No action, decision, or vote regarding the subject(s) discussed in Closed Session was taken.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard L. Aldama, Secretary-Treasurer
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