

SADDLEBACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Mission Viejo, California

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

February 7, 1977 - 7:30 p.m.  
Science-Mathematics Building - Room 313

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of the Saddleback Community College District was called to order by Mrs. Brandt.	SPECIAL MEETING
Present:	PRESENT
Mrs. Norrissa P. Brandt, President	BOARD MEMBERS
Mr. Frank H. Greinke, Vice-President (9:30 p.m.)	
Mr. Lawrence W. Taylor, Clerk	
Mr. Patrick J. Backus, Member	
Mrs. Donna C. Berry, Member	
Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Superintendent/President	STAFF MEMBERS
Mr. Roy N. Barletta, Business Manager	
Mr. William O. Jay, Dean of Instruction	
Absent:	ABSENT
Dr. James W. Marshall, Member	
The Agenda was adopted as presented.	AGENDA ADOPTED
The Board of Trustees immediately convened to Executive Session and reconvened to Regular Session at 8:05 p.m.	EXECUTIVE SESSION REGULAR SESSION
Mr. Backus led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mrs. Berry gave the Invocation.	
Mrs. Brandt introduced Mr. Blurock to present possible ideas for a satellite campus design.	
Mr. Blurock showed slides displaying an overview of educational concepts and the master plan for a campus of the Portland Community College system: Rock Creek. The faculty serves 1,200 full-time equivalent students on a 140,000 square foot area. It is an educational "shopping center" with series of clusters by disciplines. An inside concept is used, because of frequent rain, with a great deal of glass giving the effect of openness.	
Dr. Hart, Assistant to the Superintendent, mentioned that William Blurock and Partners, Architects, had won a national award for this design.	

Mrs. Brandt stated that Mr. Greinke and Mr. Taylor had talked with the representatives of The Irvine Company and had received additional offers concerning the potential cost of Site Number 2, Irvine Center and Jeffrey. An analysis of these costs was distributed to representatives of the press, and a copy is attached to these Minutes. Mr. Taylor explained the various alternatives which have been offered by The Irvine Company for the sale of up to 100 acres of land.

Mrs. Brandt presented a report showing two schedules for development of both Sites Number 1 (Bryan and Myford) and Number 2 (Irvine Center and Jeffrey). These are based on whether a decision to proceed is made by the Board of Trustees in February or April. A copy is attached.

A third report, a copy of which is attached, was presented showing, for each site, the off-site development costs, the reimbursable costs, the costs for 20 acres of land, and the total cost of each site.

Mrs. Brandt was called from the meeting to receive a phone call from Mr. Greinke. During her absence, Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Mr. Taylor opened the meeting for discussion.

A member of the public, later introduced by Mr. Taylor as Dr. Allen Greenwood, a candidate for Trustee Area Number 2, asked questions concerning Site Number 2, the population increase, and the possible need for additional acreage.

Superintendent/President Lombardi stated that it is felt that either site offers adequate area for development. A campus built on 60 to 80 acres could handle any number of students, and there would be additional acreage available to the College. A 20-acre campus is being considered in order to ascertain its success and to permit the campus to grow as population expands.

Mr. Taylor then introduced the other candidates present: Dr. Clifton Brooks and Mr. William Watts, also candidates for Trustee Area Number 2; Mr. Eugene McKnight, a candidate for Trustee Area Number 4; Mr. Robert Price, a candidate for Trustee Area Number 5; and Mr. Patrick Backus, incumbent candidate for Trustee Area Number 4.

Mrs. Brandt returned and stated that Mr. Greinke had called to say that he would be late, as he had been called out of town on business, but that he would be in attendance.

Mrs. Berry suggested asking the candidates to express their opinion concerning the satellite campus.

Mr. Watts stated that he feels that the Tustin area desires a campus close to home, as he mentioned at a recent Board Meeting.

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Mr. McKnight stated that, according to the Tustin paper, the Tustin City Council feels that either site will do. He has walked both sites and is concerned about the sewage problem on Site Number 1 and its location in a flood plain. Site Number 2 already has utilities and other improvements needed. For these reasons, and because the District can save so much money, it seems that Site Number 2 is the place for a satellite campus.

Mr. Price stated that he strongly favors Site Number 2 because of the economical aspects of purchasing and constructing. Also, it is the demographic center of a developing area, and because ultimate cooperation with The Irvine Company is important.

Dr. Brooks stated that he does not feel sufficiently well informed about the background to give a brief opinion about either site. From what he has heard, residents of the Tustin area and the remainder of the district agree that an additional site with maximum convenience and opportunity for the Tustin/Irvine area is essential.

Dr. Greenwood stated that a location more conveniently located for people in the Tustin/Irvine area is an acknowledged necessity. He has walked both sites and finds that the Myford/Bryan site presents a potential traffic hazard. Comparing the environment situation, Site Number 2 is more favorable, and it is more readily available. Site Number 2, from a financial standpoint, has a tremendous advantage over the selection of Site Number 1. This being a single district, Site Number 2 would do the most good for the most people.

Mr. Backus stated that he favors Site Number 1 which was originally chosen by the Board of Trustees to serve the Tustin/Irvine area. He stated that it is a good site and that any good site is going to cost the District money. He stated that a 20-acre campus is being considered, as it will not be necessary to duplicate all of the programs offered on the Mission Viejo campus. He wishes then to look toward other satellites, one in the Turtlerock area, perhaps, and then one in the San Clemente and Dana Point area.

Mrs. Brandt distributed a statement from the City of Tustin, a copy of which is attached, expressing the City's interest in the establishment of a satellite in the northern area of the District and concern that this process proceed in an orderly manner so that a new campus may be established at an early date and provide reasonable educational opportunities for the thousands of students living in that area. It urged that the District choose the site that is the most economical in light of all long-term decisions.

Mrs. Brandt stated that the Saddleback Community College District serves 49 percent of the residents in the Orange County area. Presently the other half of the county contain six colleges, while

the Saddleback Community College District has only one. No matter where a satellite is constructed, some residents are not going to live near it. She stated that the majority must be considered and that if Site Number 2 is chosen residents of Tustin will be at least 13 miles closer to a campus.

Mrs. Brandt read an excerpt from the Minutes of the September, 1976, Board Meeting during which Mrs. Marilyn Boyd, who was a member of the Select Citizens' Advisory Committee, asked why Site Number 6, Irvine Center and Jeffrey (which is now referred to as Site Number 2) was not chosen as many of the Members of the Committee had felt it was a satisfactory site. Mrs. Berry had responded by saying that if new facts were presented the Board could consider including this site. Mrs. Brandt had said that she felt the site would be too expensive being across from Woodbridge.

Mrs. Brandt stated that the District now has the opportunity to purchase this site at a better price, it is closer to the areas of El Toro and Lake Forest where population is projected to greatly increase, it would be more convenient for residents of Leisure World, and construction could be completed more rapidly. Most important would be the savings to the taxpayers. She quoted statistics indicating how money would be saved over the long-term by purchasing Site Number 2. She concluded that there is no question in her mind that Site Number 2 is the better site: price-wise, time-wise, and people-wise.

Mrs. Berry asked if the only way for the District to obtain Site Number 1 is through condemnation proceedings. Mr. Taylor stated that he understands that The Irvine Company would not force the District into condemnation action, but that The Irvine Company has questions about the price. Mr. Reese, a Vice-President of The Irvine Company agreed, unless something drastically wrong were found with the appraisal. He stated that The Irvine Company will honor the date of the appraisal, but will perform its own appraisal as of that date. Mrs. Berry asked if this had been done. Mr. Getchel, a representative of The Irvine Company, replied that it is presently being reviewed.

Mrs. Frances, a resident of Tustin, questioned how near the proposed Peters Canyon Freeway would be to either site. Mr. Mel Roop, a City of Irvine employee, showed the locations being considered. It was agreed that discussion of this possibility was unnecessary as the freeway has not yet been approved by the State.

Dr. Minch, a faculty member at Saddleback College, asked about the easement under the powerline on Site Number 2. Mr. Taylor stated that this property could only be used for the agriculture program or for landscaping.

The Board of Trustees recessed at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened to Regular Session at 9:25 p.m.

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REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Greinke arrived shortly thereafter.

Mr. Price mentioned two other factors not yet discussed. The Select Citizens' Advisory Committee, he stated, had been united concerning the intent to build a northern campus while maintaining the current tax rate for capital improvements. From the data presented, it appears that Site Number 1 could require up to six cents of the current tax rate while Site Number 2 would be viable economically. Secondly, in discussions of the Committee it was mentioned that the cities of Laguna Beach and San Clemente are "left out of things". Site Number 2 would bring the location back to the demographic center of the area.

Referring to the attached report showing the total cost of each site: Site Number 1 - \$1,312,000, Site Number 2 - \$1,275,000, Mrs. Brandt stated that the reimbursable costs would make the sites comparable cost-wise. However, The Irvine Company has offered additional acreage on Site Number 2, that may be purchased at this year's prices when needed. In the meantime a rate of six and one-half percent interest will be charged. However, if agricultural use of the land by The Irvine Company is allowed to continue during the interim, this charge will be waived.

Mr. Brennan, a faculty member at Saddleback College, stated that he feels that 20 acres would not be sufficient for the estimated population growth. Mr. Taylor stated that he does not wish to "tie the hands" of future board members in making decisions in this respect, that is why the option for additional land appeals to him.

Ms. Mary Ann Gaido, representing the Irvine City Council, told of the Council's unanimous vote to request the selection of Site Number 2 which is more centrally located. It is felt that the freeway interchange at Myford is definitely sub-standard and their preliminary studies indicate that Site Number 2 is superior to Site Number 1 concerning traffic circulation. The Council is also concerned about the possible detrimental affects to athletic students caused by air pollution from automobile emission. She stated that Irvine is a planned community with a statement of policy for responsible growth. Site Number 1 is not planned for development until 1985 or after, and construction at that site might stimulate growth in that area. Site Number 2 is appropriate to be developed now. The City would prefer Site Number 2 as it is better located with access from the freeway and Irvine Center Drive. She requested that the Board of Trustees consider the most economical site: Number 2.

Mr. Greinke stated that the most economical site would be on Sand Canyon or in Laguna Beach. He recalled that there were ten sites considered.



Mrs. Gadio stated that the recommendation from her Council was for the most economical site in Irvine, that she is aware of a discussion of only two sites and would not be able to speak of any others.

Mr. Greinke stated that the most economical site is not necessarily the cheapest site. The most economical site, in the long run, is in relation to responsibilities of this District to Tustin and Irvine.

Mr. Greinke mentioned that three years ago Tustin wished to leave this District. He stated that a possible "spin-off" of Irvine to Orange Coast College and Tustin to Rancho Santiago College should be considered.

Mr. Taylor stated that the only way any area can be removed from a district is to petition the Chancellor's office for a hearing to be held to determine if a vote is to be called for, because of the financial obligations of all of the area.

Mr. Robert Green, a Tustin area resident, feels that most of the discussion thus far has revolved around the three and one-half miles difference between Site Number 1 and Site Number 2 and its affects on Tustin. The position of the City of Tustin apparently is that a northern district site to serve the residents of Tustin is needed. He stated that apparently the three and one-half miles difference is a minor problem, if it were a major one more residents would be in attendance at this meeting. He suggested that the Board of Trustees look at the economic and time factors.

Mr. Mel Roop, an employee of the City of Irvine, commented as a planner, not as an employee, that perhaps a supplement to the environmental impact report would be the appropriate vehicle for obtaining information to assist the Board of Trustees in making a decision. Mrs. Brandt asked Mr. Getchel if The Irvine Company would pay for whatever costs would be involved in the preparation of this supplement. Mr. Reese stated that, at this point, an offer to pay would be misconstrued and that it was up to the Board of Trustees to make a decision. He stated that The Irvine Company will cooperate with whatever decision is reached.

Miss Frances, a Tustin resident and a student at Saddleback College, stated that she travels 18 miles every day to school and would like a campus closer to home. She requested that a decision be made and action taken.

Motion by Mr. Greinke and seconded by Mr. Backus to approve the Myford/Bryan location as the northern satellite site.

Aye: Backus, Berry, Greinke  
Noes: Brandt, Taylor  
Absent: Marshall

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Monday, February 14, 1977. ADJOURNMENT

*R. A. Lombardi*

R. A. Lombardi, Secretary of the Board of Trustees