

TBCC Connections, September 2007

The regularly scheduled Tillamook Bay Community College Board Meeting was held the evening of September 10. The Board heard reports from Dean of Instruction and Student Services, Dr. Lori Gates, on the progress the College is making on our Strategic Plan and the Accreditation process. The College's on-site visit by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities for candidacy is tentatively scheduled for October 2008. Dr. Gates also reported on the College's involvement with Career Pathways, a state-wide initiative providing information on career paths and programs available at Tillamook Bay Community College. The Board also heard from Dean of Administrative Services, Ron Ellison, on the 2008-2009 budget development guidelines and approved the organization, finance, and legal designations for the College budget. Kyra Williams, the College Comptroller, gave a monthly financial report. Katie Rodriguez, President of the Associated Student Body of Tillamook Bay Community College (ASTBCC) gave a report on the goals of student government for the coming year.

As usual, I took up the majority of the meeting with action items and information about the College Capital Construction projects. It has been less than 120 days since the approval of the General Obligation Bonds to finance a new campus and centers in North and South County. During that short time period, we have been very busy in preparation for the work ahead. We have an agreement to purchase the County and Fair property as outlined in our earlier Memorandum of Understanding for the new campus and the Board gave me permission to enter into a purchase agreement. The College has agreed to pay the fair market value of \$750,000 for the property. At the August board meeting, the College entered into an agreement with J.J. Henri, Co., Inc. as project managers and this month, approved the DLR Group for our Architectural and Engineering services. On September 11, the College sold its General Obligation Bonds through Seattle Northwest Securities Corporation and was successful in not only securing the \$9,865,000 bond funds, but due to favorable market conditions, was able to reduce the debt service from the original published tax rate of 19 cents per thousand of assessed value to approximately 17 cents per thousand, saving our tax payers money.

The next steps in our busy schedule will be to secure our funds from the bond sale for the State's match of an additional \$4.9 million, finish the partition of the property and purchase agreement, finalize the contracts with our construction and project managers, architects and engineers, and begin the design phase of the project. As promised, we will be sharing with the community and asking for your opinions along the way through a community meeting process. If you have any questions, concerns, issues, or advice, please don't hesitate to call me or email me at carnahan@tillamookbay.cc This is an exciting time for the College and community and we want to share it with everyone.

Finally, Fall term classes begin on September 24 with registration currently taking place. Education is a life-long learning process so let us be a part of your life at Tillamook Bay Community College.

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