CALL TO ORDER

President Bruce Swenson declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present:
Bruce Swenson, President
Pearl Cheng, Vice President
Joan Barram
Betsy Bechtel
Laura Casas Frier

Etienne R. Bowie, Foothill College Student Trustee
Thomasina Countess Russaw, De Anza College Student Trustee

Parcel Tax and Next Steps

Based on the results of the recent poll conducted by consultants TBWB and Godbe Research, district administration recommended that the board authorize the following actions:

1. moving forward with the Planning and Communication Phase for the parcel tax to inform voters in the district of the work that the district does as well as the financial challenges the district is currently facing

2. spending up to $200,000 from general unrestricted ending fund balance for the purpose of retaining legal counsel and TBWB to assist with developing legal notice and ballot language

3. filing a legal notice announcing a public hearing to take place on August 2, 2010 to decide whether to place the measure on the November 2 ballot.

Faculty member Ken Horowitz spoke in favor of the parcel tax. Faculty Association President Rich Hansen said his organization is supportive of moving forward with the parcel tax measure.

M/S/C: Bechtel/Cheng
Advisory vote: 2
Board vote: unanimous
Action: Approved 1) moving forward with the public information campaign for the parcel tax; 2) spending up to $200,000 from the general unrestricted ending fund balance; 3) filing a legal notice announcing a public hearing to take place on August 2, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

President Swenson adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.
Approved: 7/12/10

Linda M. Thor, Ed.D., Chancellor
Secretary to the Board of Trustees