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CALL TO ORDER

Butte College President William McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Board Room at Butte College at 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville, CA.

Roll call of the Butte-Glenn Community College Board was taken by Dr. Van Der Ploeg. Present were: William McGinnis, Allan Forbes, Fred Perez, Thomas McLaughlin, Michael Boeger and Diana Van Der Ploeg. Absent were: Lou Cecchi and Bill Brown.

Superintendent, Chet Francisco, introduced the Members of the Board of Education of Chico Unified School District. Rick Rees, President; Rick Anderson, Member; and Anthony Watts, Member. Absent, but in route: Scott Huber, Clerk, and Jann Reed, Vice President.

Butte Trustee Boeger led the pledge of allegiance.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Butte Trustee Perez and seconded by Butte Trustee Forbes to approve the agenda as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. McGinnis opened the floor up for public comments on non-agendized items at 9:03 a.m. There being no comments from the public, the public comments session was closed.

3. DISCUSSION – Early College Program

Dr. Van Der Ploeg reported on previous discussions with Dr. Francisco on the concept of Early College. Joyce Arntson, Vice President – Grants & Development, was present to give a presentation on the Early College High School Initiative on behalf of the Foundation for California Community Colleges.

Point of Order by Mr. Boeger. Should the group wait for the other CUSD board members? CUSD Board President Rees indicated that he would prefer to proceed and bring the others up to date later.

Joyce Arntson provided information on Early College – a small, autonomous school of no more than 100 students per grade (9-12) where students are provided the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and at least two years of college at no additional cost to the student. This program is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in partnership with the Carnegie Corporation (NY), the Ford Foundation and W.K. Kellogg Foundation, with a maximum grant of \$400,000 distributed over a four- or five-year period.

At 9:15 a.m., Jann Reed, CUSD Board Vice President, arrived.

Joyce Arntson reviewed a packet of documents which she presented and which provided additional information on the program.

At 9:23 a.m., Scott Huber, CUSD Board Clerk, arrived.

Joyce Arntson indicated that the next step would be to begin work on a Memorandum of Understanding between the college and the school district.

At 9:35 a.m., the floor was opened for public comments. Gene Lucas presented his views against the idea of an early college plan. There being no further comments, the public comment session was closed.

After further discussion, both Boards expressed support of the program. The next steps outlined were to form a steering committee, decide on a location for the campus, agree on financial plans and assets/resources and to then form sub-committees to address the issues of target students, curriculum, facilities and future visits to other early college campuses for additional information.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Butte College Board President McGinnis thanked the participants for coming and there being no further

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business adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

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