Highlights of the February 4, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting

The Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at the regularly scheduled time of 5:00 p.m. During the public hearing, the following occurred:

Presentations:

• Piper Jaffray’s Senior Vice President, Ivory Li, presented uplifting results of the refinancing of the Measure H bonds from an average of 5.30% to an average of 3.32% reducing the community’s tax bill by $2,280,298 over the next 16 years.

• Vice President of Information & Technology Resources, Matthew Coombs presented a sneak peak of the ‘new look’ for the Hartnell website. It is more interactive, easier to navigate, more appealing to the eye, and comes with the ability for departments to make their own adjustments. It is due to debut this Fall.

• Dr. Brian Lofman, dean of institutional planning and effectiveness, presented the 2013 Student Success Scorecard results. The student success scorecard replaces the ARCC report (Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges). All data and documentation can be accessed at http://scorecard.cccco.edu/scorecard.aspx.

• Hartnell Math Ambassadors gave a presentation about their January visit to Guanajuato. The six students say the experience was incredible and learned strategies to teach children math with simple math games. They are bringing their knowledge to schools in Salinas.

Action items:

• The governing board approved Board Policy 1200, Vision, Mission, and Value Statements.

• The governing board awarded the construction contract and authorized the administration to enter into agreement for the new science building to the lowest, responsive bidder, Dilbeck and Sons, paid from Measure H at a cost of $23,940,653.

Information/Consent agenda items:

• We are applying for two major grants:
  o College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)
    • By the U.S. Department of Education, to develop a CAMP program at Hartnell to assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers and members of their family. The amount could be up to $425,000 each for five years effective July 1, 2014.
  o California Career Pathways Trust (CCPT)
    • This could be a partnership with CSUMB, Gavilan, and MPC - Hartnell would act as lead agent. The proposal is to create 9-14 career pathway programs that provide students with a sequenced pathway of integrated academic and career-based education and training. The amount could be $600,000, $6 million, or $15 million over a four-year period beginning July 1, 2014.