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SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

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This Joint Dinner Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2001, at the Collin County Community College, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas. The College was host. All Council Members were present with the exception of Mayor Pro tem Neudorff and Council Members Stovall and Evans.

Upon conclusion of dinner, Collin County Community College (CCCC) Board of Trustees Secretary Cynthia Bauge and Vice Chairman Bob Collins called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. and the following was discussed.

Legislators Review of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

State Representative Jerry Madden spoke to the upcoming November 6, 2001 election and propositions regarding cancellation of an election, calling a special session of the legislature, and issuing bonds for the tollroads.

Senator Florence Shapiro spoke to being enthusiastic about the upcoming election, and to the importance of Proposition 15. She stated that cities and counties can “bond” for roads but that states can not, and that currently no new money is allocated for roads.

State Representative Brian McCall spoke to the constitutional amendments to be considered and to an amendment regarding fire fighter pensions and direct term limitations. He further spoke to the road systems and to Proposition 15.

Presentation on Collin County Community College’s Upcoming Bond Election

CCCC President Dr. Cary Isreal spoke to the upcoming bond election, public policy issues, teacher training, information technology, business solutions, student aid policies, and standards and stated that currently 32,000 students are enrolled at the college. He presented information regarding tax rate comparisons, cost per equivalency, general expenditures, tuition/fee revenues and funding appropriations. Dr. Isreal spoke to revenues and expenditures, stated that the actual tax rate will not increase, spoke to the importance of keeping tuition affordable, staying current with technology, workforce development, enrollment growth, vibrant transfer rate and curriculum, needing more space, and maintenance needs.

Presentation on Collin County’s Upcoming Bond Election

Collin County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland introduced Frito Lay staff member Bill Moore, advising that he will speak regarding the Outdoor Education Center County bond item. Mr. Moore spoke in support of an outdoor learning environment concept and to uses including astronomy and biology. He stated that this will be a camp environment with cabins and that it will be used by multiple entities and be a place for community activities. Mr. Moore reviewed benefits of the program and stated that existing camps are out of capacity and further spoke to planning efforts of the schools and the YMCA and stated that the YMCA will not make a profit but will hopefully break even. He stated that the camp will be used by the schools from September to May, YMCA from June to August, and the public on weekends.

Strategic Plan Regarding Workforce Development/Education and International Business Strategy

Plano Chamber of Commerce President Ronnie Morrison spoke to Workforce Development and International Business Strategy and to an upcoming job fair activity scheduled for October 16, 2001 at Plano Centre. He spoke to a web site for workforce development and to bringing in marketing dollars for the region, and to an internal business task force as a program to provide conferences and opportunities.

Presentation on Collin County Community College's Technology Training Program

CCCC representative Dr. Toni Jenkins spoke to technical training and teacher shortages. Dr. Isreal spoke to the November 16, 2001 education summit. Dr. Jenkins spoke regarding technical education teachers and certifying teachers in secondary areas, reviewed companies involved in this effort, and spoke to grants received and to various technical and non-technical programs offered. She spoke to rapid response capabilities, transition guidance, consulting services and global capabilities.

Presentation on PISD's DSL, eSchool and Palm Projects

Assistant Superintendent of Technology Jim Hursh spoke to applications, student enrollment, courses offered, virtual school program participation, hand held student computing, and to network access program (DSL).

Presentation on the Research and Technology District

Director of Planning Phyllis Jarrell spoke to the creation of the technical business district and reviewed the applicable criteria and regulations. She spoke to developing incentives to include bond funds as a supporting factor and to partnering with developers.

Plano Economic Development Board Director of Marketing Jim Young spoke to Research/Technology regulations, firms moving into the area along with the availability of new jobs, and the demand for high technology areas. He spoke to signage, road extensions, and promoting the City of Plano.

Mr. Collins stated that the next joint meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2002.

Nothing further was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jeran Akers, MAYOR

Attest

Elaine Bealke, CITY SECRETARY