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Mendocino College Bond Implementation Planning Committee - April 15, 2007

Sale of Series A Bonds

Jim Roth from UBS Financial Services, our financial consultant and investment banker, has completed the sale of the first \$30,000,000 of Measure W bonds. Congratulations are in order to the District for being lucky enough to sell in such a good market!

CBOC Meeting

The first meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Tuesday, March 27, with ten of the eleven committee members in attendance. Charlie Myers was appointed as chair of the committee for the first two years, and Jim Mulheren was elected as vice-chair.

In order to initiate a system of staggered terms, committee members drew numbers from a basket and four of the members drew initial one-year terms. The others have an initial two-year term. All members are eligible to be reappointed for a second consecutive two-year term.

Superintendent/President Kathy Lehner will be bringing forward to the Board of Trustees each March recommendations for appointments to the CBOC for the next term.

Most of the meeting was spent with bond counsel David Casnocha explaining the responsibilities and authority of the committee. There were some questions asked about the by-laws, with some members expressing surprise about the limited authority of the committee and the committee's restrictions regarding involvement in the decision-making process.

Quarterly meeting dates have been established for the upcoming year, with the next meeting scheduled for July 10, 2007.

IIS Project Update

The selection of an IIS (Integrated Information System), referred to on the original project list as "ERP and Network Upgrade," has been very well organized by Director of Computing Services, Karen Christopher. With the help of consultants Strata Information Group, the Request For Proposal (RFP) was distributed and two proposals were received – one from Datatel and one from SBC/Banner.

During April and May, these two firms will be doing week-long demonstrations to various user groups on campus. Additionally, the new version of the Santa Rosa Junior College software (which we are currently using) will be demonstrated.

A meeting will be held at the end of May to make the final decision, with installation of the selected system expected to be in late summer/early fall. The intent is to run the new system parallel with the

L/LRC Project Update

Dean of Instruction Mark Rawitsch reports the Library/Learning Resource Committee has met with library consultant Will Baty and TLCDC architect Alan Butler. The next meeting will be to develop the initial diagrams for our needs and to establish what we qualify for from the state.

Early plans proposed for the L/LRC include approximately 4,500 sq. ft. of classroom space, a language lab and faculty offices in addition to the library and the learning center. Rawitsch compliments everyone involved for the quick work. Butler is pleased with results as we are "where we need to be" to meet the July deadline for the Final Project Proposal (FPP). Actual square footage for each area and layout details will be developed over the next two years.