

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
COALINGA-HURON LIBRARY DISTRICT
Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:30 p.m.
Huron Library**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Chavez, President; Mr. Albrecht, Vice-President; Mrs. Culbertson, Clerk; Mr. Campbell, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Ms. Zavala, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Ms. Mary Leal, Director of Library Services; Ms. Jacqueline Collings, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Mr. Chavez at 5:30 p.m.

FLAG SOLUTE: Mr. Chavez led the flag salute.

Mr. Chavez: Need a motion to approve the agenda?

Mr. Campbell: So moved, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the public will be given the opportunity on any Consent Item or Action Item.

- C-1 Approval of December 2016/January 2017 checks 014975 thru 015027 in the amount of \$92,565.32 in which payroll was \$44,611.68.
- C-2 Approval of minutes for Board Meeting held on December 13, 2016.

Mr. Chavez: Can I get a motion?

Mr. Campbell: So moved, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 Director of Library Services Evaluation (Informal)

Mr. Chavez: We usually have two evaluations for the Director; one is informal in the middle of January/February and then the one in July.

Mr. Chavez: Usually in December once I get comments from the Board members about how she is doing. Then I meet with her. This time I only had two comments from two Board members which were good. I just mentioned to Mary there is still work to be done. She tries to

do so much and sometimes things fall behind. She is going to be working on that, but everything else was good.

Ms. Leal: Okay.

Mr. Chavez: She is keeping us informed that is the main thing and she keeps the library on a good budget that is the reason why we have two items coming up later on. Her next evaluation will be in July and that is when the whole Board will meet.

Ms. Leal: Thank you.

- A-2 Approval of DSJ Contract for Huron Library Addiction

Ms. Leal: Back in July the Board had given me permission to go ahead and look into doing an addition here at the Huron Library. My initial thought was we needed a Program Room. If you look there is not really a place to meet. We meet here and there are a lot of different clubs and organizations in Huron that need a place to meet. This would be the place to do it that is what Measure B money is for. In September or probably August I met with the architects. The major issue that we are facing is the wing walls which are in the photographs that I gave you. We were going though how to add and to go around them, but we think we worked our way around it that is one issue. The other issue is asbestos. They know there is some from last time and of course that is more money. If you don't disturb it your fine. In the Coalinga library we had some that was okay to leave because we did not disturb it, but once you disturb it then you have to get it removed and abated. The other thing is depending on how we add on. We have to bring up the current existing library to code and that could be very expensive. We think we have a way around that and of course money, that is always an issue. At the end of last fiscal year I had \$676,000.00 in Measure B money about \$176,000.00 give or take is committed to programs, materials, and salaries. That leaves me with \$600,000.00 of course these are just guesstimates. Measure B money is not something that is completely secure you never know how much you are going to get. By the end of this year maybe we will have about a million dollars leftover by the next fiscal year 2018 we would have hopefully about a million and a half. That is our budget that we have to work with. The contract is based on this model (showing display board). This is what we first came up with. I have three options to show you. This is what we first came up with; this is the existing library there is going to be an issue trying to add on to this library or how to add to it because of the wing wall and the code. At first we thought to put a courtyard here. (All references to here are when pointing to the large display boards). There is a little area over here where there is no shelving and we can come through so we thought about putting a court yard here and then the Program Room here and the bathroom and storage here. We would also have power and data going all the way around, but basically it was just going to be a Program Room. The square footage was going to be around 1,145 for the program room, the Courtyard 614 sq. ft., the storage and the bathroom was going to be 164 ft. and this entry way we were guesstimating it was going to be like 212 sq. ft. That means about 1521 ft. and they were

guesstimating it was going to be about \$460,000.00. This is what the contract was written off of. Since then we started rethinking the second idea. This came to light from Noll and Tam, this was in 2010 maybe.

Mr. Chavez: It's been eight years.

Ms. Leal: These are the people that came and gave some direction I was actually on the committee that they got ideas from. This was an idea that was presented at that time and as you can see here we are going to do bathrooms here, Program Room in this area. I think this area was going to be closed off I am not sure. This would have been opened up and they would have made an extension to the library and then this would have been the program Room. This is about another extra thousand square feet as opposed to this one. An extra thousand square feet is going to be of course more money. Mainly we are talking about wall and square footage not a whole lot of internal things. We still need power and data; we can wait to do some of the shelving and those types of things. Then I came up with the next idea and the girls here really liked it, it is kind of the same thing as that one that was presented that Noll and Tam came up with. I talked to the engineer today in the morning and he said you can do something called a seismic joint, so that when you build a new building you don't actually hook it to the old building you leave like a gap and if you hook the new building to the old building you don't have to worry about bringing the old building up to code. You can get around it by doing a seismic joint so that they don't actually connect but, but place it right next to it.

Ms. Leal: This is the existing library and this would be the new library, but were I put red is where that little gap is. Where they don't connect completely to the old building and he said we can get away with that. We still need an opening and he said we can figure that out. This is the latest one that I came up with and the ladies like it. This one would be going more out that way, this is the existing library, this is the opening part to it this is the seismic joint. There would be a library extension and then put two study rooms in the back. That is the new thing when you have the tutors and things like that when they have smaller study rooms and a smaller space. It would be a glass wall like we have the YA section over at the Coalinga Library. There would be some glass walls and glass doors. Over here put storage and the bathrooms and the Program Room we would have a door here via the bathroom and a door here via the Program Room and that way you can use this just like at the Coalinga Library. You can use it independently of the rest of it, because they would have their own bathroom and I am thinking for egress, we would have to probably put an outside door just like at the Coalinga Library. This is the idea that the ladies that work here and I favor.

Mr. Chavez: Is that going to cost less?

Ms. Leal: No it will be more because it is more square footage. This one was the 2,000 square foot, but it is not extending the library itself it's just a Program Room. When I saw this one I

thought if we save up for a couple of year's maybe we can expand the library itself. Of course it depends on budget and exactly what the board wants. This is just adding a Program Room.

Mr. Chavez: Let me just give you my opinion.

Ms. Leal: Absolutely

Mr. Chavez: So that way Lisa and Roger can know what we are talking about. Two years ago we had this plan to do the renovation then we had some problems in the way it came out to the public so we had to hire somebody else. We stopped this extension because we thought we should renovate both libraries first and then when we had the money we would do the extension. Now that we are done with the renovation in both communities whatever money is left we are going to go ahead and do the extension that we have talked about since the beginning. My only problem is that the more we wait the more it will cost us because back then it was not a lot. I like your idea. What I would like to see is have the building first and then when we have the money we can furnish it.

Ms. Leal: Right.

Mr. Chavez: At least we have the building I think that is the best way to do it. If you wait another two, three years it's going to cost more.

Mrs. Culbertson: But you don't have enough money for that one.

Ms. Leal: By the end of next fiscal year I should, it will be real close. Right now I have about \$500,000.00 that was in June 2016 so we are in a new fiscal year so I have a whole year. I did cut the program budget and the materials budget about 18% this last fiscal year because I wanted to start saving money for this project. Our collections are in pretty good shape. We have been doing a lot of weeding and our collections are in very good shape. I don't think we need a whole lot of money to be buying books and those types of things. I want to keep our money in programs because that serves the community right now it is \$176,000.00 that we use for materials and I think I can probably cut that back again. The only issue is I don't know how much Measure B funds I will have in June 2016. It is not a set amount that we get, we usually average about \$40,000.00 a month, but property taxes are down as well. When we did a projection we projected the income down a lot for these fiscal years because of oil prices and things that are going on. At the last Measure B meeting Fresno County itself did the same thing. I know that we are moving in the right direction as far as being conservative when it comes to Measure B money. At the end of this fiscal year it will be real close to being able to do that.

Mr. Albrecht: How many square feet are we talking about?

Ms. Leal: It is probably going to be about 2,000 square feet I am thinking so that would almost double the size of the library then it is now.

Mr. Albrecht: How much per square foot it is costing us?

Ms. Leal: I have not gotten that far yet. The old contract with DSJ was based on just this one the extra 1,200 feet. They have not given me a guesstimate on what it will be because I did not know what option we were going to go with. I really don't have that answer for you, but I am guessing if it is \$500,000.00 for one and you double it I am guessing a million if it was going to be \$460,000.00 for the 1,000 square feet, because it is doubling the footage and there are some walls. Then you add data and power so when we have money for the computers we can purchase them as you go just like we have in Coalinga. I have a lot of power and data, but I don't have very many new computers because I don't have the money to purchase the computers. The other thing since this is going to be such a big area I talked to the girls and what we would probably do a little bit of rearranging. We might move the Children's section out here and the adult over here the YA over here we would rearrange it a little so that the children would have a lot more space. They are kind of cramped right here and all of these things would be movable so we can move that over to the new area and give them more space because they really don't have tables or anything. We would do a little rearranging here I could get away with using the shelving units there in the Children's area and not have to get a lot of shelving to fill in that area.

Mr. Crawford: The other bathrooms are right here it would be better if you connect them or do you have to have them separate?

Ms. Leal: I was asking them and they said you need it because of the square footage.

Mr. Crawford: Just to make sure because that might be its own separate line.

Mr. Chavez: Maybe you might want to put them on the other side so that we can use the same connection.

Ms. Leal: Right back to back like they do in homes.

Mr. Crawford: If you can get away with that.

Ms. Leal: If we switch the storage and the bathroom.

Mr. Crawford: Or put the storage way over to here.

Ms. Leal: Oh okay that is true because we would just need to have access to the bathroom for the program room.

Mr. Chavez: That is a good idea what he is talking about because that is going to save you some money on the plumbing.

Ms. Leal: That is true I was just throwing ideas out there. Do we want to have a Program Room or do we want to double the size of the library and extend the actual library itself.

Mr. Chavez: If we have the building we can work on the rest later on and like you said we have the space and we can move some of the stuff around.

Ms. Leal: So when you say the building I am confused?

Mr. Chavez: We are talking about that one, but on this one we spend a lot of money on gadgets and other stuff that we really don't need.

Ms. Leal: The bells and whistles and I agree with you we don't need all this fancy stuff. What you are saying is doing something like that and just have the shell and as we get the funds we would add more shelving and more tables. We have enough tables they are not the fancy tables that we can probably bring over here from Coalinga and use in the Program Room.

Mr. Chavez: I know that architect would like to put all of that in just make sure that they don't. I know they would like to show this library somewhere else remember that back then they wanted to put all those things in and we had to keep our budget smaller.

Ms. Leal: I remember.

Mr. Chavez: The only thing I let them get away with was the fancy glass with the children on it.

Mr. Campbell: How are these architects selected?

Ms. Leal: We have been using them, they have done Woodward Park and they have done few of them in Fresno.

Mr. Campbell: Was there a comparative bid on them?

Mr. Chavez: We have on this one after the public kind of got upset and we started to look for somebody around here and we got two people and we went with them because of recommendations.

Mr. Campbell: With Noll and Tam?

Ms. Leal: No DSJ.

Mr. Chavez: The one that we are talking about right now.

Ms. Leal: I have worked with this architect for two different projects of course when the actual building and projects starts we will go out to a full bid to the contractors.

Mr. Campbell: So if I understand you right you want to take the \$460,000.00 and build what we can, that is it.

Mr. Chavez: For right now.

Mr. Albrecht: Based on the prices here if you do a full 2,000 square feet \$840,000.00

Mr. Chavez: Just the shell that is what we are talking about.

Mrs. Culbertson: And make the rooms after.

Mr. Chavez: Yes

Ms. Leal: Okay so are you talking about the 2,000 square footage or just the 1,000 that is just the program room.

Mr. Chavez: 2,000

Mr. Albrecht: Whatever we can get for \$500,000.00.

Mr. Chavez: She has more money than that.

Ms. Leal: At the end of the fiscal year if everything works out alright we will have between \$900,000.00 to a million dollars.

Mr. Chavez: Right now we are just going to approve to start working on it.

Ms. Leal: Right.

Ms. Leal: My thoughts are right now that I need direction if we are going to do the 1,000 or the 2,000 square foot addition and then they will start coming up with ideas. So right now all I am looking for is just an approval to say we are going to do the 1,000 square feet or the 2,000 square feet. Once that is done we sign the contract and DSJ charges us for services rendered. Like last time when we did the Coalinga Library they wanted all this things and we said no so we took some stuff out. They started high and by the time they were done, we decided what we wanted. Of course it was to something we could afford.

Ms. Culbertson: I just don't feel comfortable saying hopefully we will have that money by the end of the fiscal year. I don't want to approve something and have them building a building and then when they are finished we don't have the money to pay for it.

Ms. Leal: That is not the way I do my budget. Maybe I miss spoke, what I am looking for now is just approval to have DSJ start working on the plans.

Ms. Culbertson: Just the plans.

Ms. Leal: Yes just the plans for the building. I don't run the district that way. That is not how I do my budget.

Mr. Campbell: What are they going to draw, because if they draw the plans for the 2,000 square feet and we don't have the money to build it your plans aren't going to be very good?

Mr. Albrecht: They can tell you what the build will cost and you can give them a limit saying you don't want to exceed to a certain amount.

Ms. Leal: And we did that. That is why I like working with them.

Mr. Campbell: I would say I could approve this is how much money we got draw the plans according to that money, but what if you get more money well then we can draw up some more plans.

Ms. Leal: If we get more money that is when we do the rooms, the tables and chairs, and the computers things like that.

Mr. Chavez: What he is talking about the plans and the buildings and as we get the money we can do the improvements.

Mr. Campbell: You said we get about \$30,000 to \$40,000 a month from Measure B?

Ms. Leal: Right, but \$200,000 is committed to programs, materials, salaries, and those types of things.

Mr. Crawford: On this programs and salaries they go up I know you did some cost cutting I could see that you would need to do something with the programs too. I would hate to see all of it tied up into a building and we can't do the programs.

Ms. Leal: I understand and that is why I said we have this money committed to the priority of what is most important.

Mr. Chavez: Another thing we never spend the money that we are getting for years and when we start going to the Fresno County meetings they say you have all that money and you guys are supposed to be using it and it is for improvements on the building.

Mrs. Culbertson: But you don't lose it though?

Ms. Leal: No I go three or four times a year. Nathan actually went this last time it is a Measure B Citizen Review Committee if you guys ever want to go I can let you know when it is. They don't want you to stock pile that money they want you to have a plan. In fact they were giving Fresno a hard time because they have a lot of money right now. They look over what your spending money for what you are doing with the Measure B money. They don't want you to stock pile it because the citizens have been paying for it to be used. It is used for buildings, materials, programs, and for new salaries to help extend the library hours, but it is not used for stipend's it is very specific for what it could be used for, but basically it is those three things.

Mrs. Culbertson: Your talking about that was the bond language?

Ms. Leal: That is exactly what is in the bond that the voter's passed.

Mr. Crawford: You might want to give them a copy.

Ms. Leal: Okay.

Mr. Albrecht: I say let's give a limit and let's say this is what we would like to spend.

Ms. Leal: It is however you want to handle it. Do you want to go with the small one we can go with the small one, if you want to go with the bigger one we will go with the bigger one.

Mr. Chavez: If we do it like she said we will do that one and put the limit on what the money she is going to have and if we don't have it we wait.

Mr. Albrecht: The architect should know how much it should cost. If you tell him what you want and the amount you want to spend it should not be a problem.

Ms. Leal: The only thing that I suggest is that we make sure that we add is data and power all around because you don't want to go back and dig in and tear up your walls and your carpet. You need your plumbing, your power, and your data that is something that needs to go in from the very beginning. The rest of it can be added later I just did not know if you wanted to do the 1,000 square feet or the 2,000 square feet. Like we did with the Coalinga Library we play around with it, if this is going to cost us \$100,000 we don't need that and if something else is going to cost us more we'll we do that later.

Mrs. Culbertson: You don't want a bigger Program Room?

Ms. Leal: I am not a draftsman, but the program room I would still like for it to be 1,000 square feet because that is the size of the Program Room over in Coalinga. I was hoping that this would even out but it is not (showing the drawing).

Mr. Chavez: The reason that we came up with this was because we saw that this library was small, but we wanted to renovate both libraries before we did the extension. We need to have a bigger library here.

Mrs. Culbertson: I see a lot of people use the library here.

Ms. Leal: It is also the only place with Wi-Fi that I know of here in town.

Ms. Collings: Yes.

Ms. Leal: It is right next to the school we call it the witching hour when the kids are out the place is pretty full. When the Huron Library was done and the Coalinga Library was done we saved up some money and we have money left over now we just need to decide what to do with it.

Mr. Albrecht: So how much can we comfortably spend?

Ms. Leal: After we did Coalinga I thought now it is Huron's time to get a Program Room and after we do that I have thoughts for Coalinga.

Mr. Campbell: So 460K is what we are looking at?

Mr. Chavez: No that was for the Program Room only.

Ms. Leal: No that was just for a Program Room extension.

Mr. Campbell: What is the money you have available?

Ms. Leal: As of right now \$500,000 and at the end of this next year I will have another pile of money.

Mr. Chavez: She will have what she needs for that one that is what she is saying.

Mr. Campbell: What if it doesn't happen?

Mr. Chavez: Well then we stop doing the project. That is what's going to happen, but at least we give her direction to for that one.

Ms. Culbertson: Just the drawings?

Ms. Leal: Just the drawings.

Mr. Albrecht: Right now we are just looking at the drawings.

Ms. Leal: Right now we are almost into February our fiscal year ends in June so by the time the drawings are done we have a know more I like to have options we will be at the end of the fiscal year and I will know what I have.

Mr. Albrecht: They can draw it in such a way that we can expand it. So right now we can tell them I am looking at \$600,000 to \$700,000 what can we get for that with the option that we may want to expand it?

Ms. Leal: Whatever direction you guys want me to take.

Mr. Albrecht: I feel \$600,000 would be fairly comfortable because we already have \$500,000 of that.

Mr. Chavez: But that will cost us more and remember once you start making changes, changes is what get you

Mr. Albrecht: Oh yes.

Mr. Chavez: Just give her direction about that one and like I said let's start drawing everything if we don't have the money we can stop. These charts that you see over here we have paid for them from the beginning, but we stopped it because we decided just to do the renovation.

Mr. Campbell: Do your plans have to be DSA approved same as the school?

Mr. Chavez: I don't think so.

Ms. Leal: I don't know what DSA is.

Mr. Campbell: Department of State Architects

Ms. Leal: I don't believe so.

Mr. Campbell: How long will your plans be good for at the school level its 4 years once DSA approves them.

Ms. Leal: I don't have that answer for you I have never heard of DSA.

Mr. Albrecht: Forever as long as they met the standards.

Mr. Campbell: They have to run out sometime what I am saying is if we draw this like Francisco wants and when it comes in it comes in at a million five for the price of the building it is going to coast us 25% for a million five to have the plans drawn because that is what the architect is going to charge you so we are out that money, but we don't have the money to finish the project do we hold on to the money, is that correct? Is that what you want?

Mr. Chavez: That is what we are talking about, that is what we did before.

Mr. Campbell: As long as there is no ending time for the blue prints.

Mr. Albrecht: She can find that out for us.

Mr. Chavez: I was going to say we can put a hold on this and give her direction talking to them about this.

Mr. Campbell: She can bring the contract back to us and we can see that we are going to have to pay \$250,000 for the blue prints because you are going to have to pay 25% of your cost and your building.

Ms. Leal: A of right now for this the original one we talked about is 1,000 square feet it was going to be \$55,000 for their fee to draw the plans, construction documents, bidding and construction administration.

Mr. Chavez: And for this other thing it will be the same thing.

Mr. Campbell: You're going to pay your percentage here. This is going to come in higher we know that.

Mr. Albrecht: It is a little bit cheaper here than the schools.

Ms. Leal: It is about the plans and the soft costs for the architect and everything it is probably ten or fifteen percent.

Mr. Campbell: It is going to be ten or fifteen percent, but the bigger the building the higher the prices.

Mr. Chavez: Right.

Mr. Albrecht: Right.

Mr. Campbell: Okay I would be okay for drawing the plans and bringing them back to us and get them approved later.

Mr. Chavez: Then you will get all the information that you are asking about right now.

Mr. Campbell: Right.

Mr. Chavez: But at least we can give her the direction.

Ms. Leal: What the plans are good for have them come up with a new contract for the 2,000 square feet shell, right?

Mr. Chavez: Yes.

Ms. Leal: By the time they do all of this by the end of June I will know how much money I will have for the fiscal year, because it is almost February right.

Mr. Albrecht: Since we are not voting on it and you are going to talk to them about it see if you can get an approximate square footage cost. That would give us an idea if we can afford the 2,000 square footage or not.

Mr. Leal: I just needed to know if you wanted to go with the 1,000 or if you were looking into doubling it.

Mr. Chavez: Direction to go with the 2,000 square feet.

Ms. Leal: Okay, and find out how long the plans are good for as far as code and those types of things.

Mr. Campbell: Right.

Mr. Albrecht: And the cost per square foot.

Ms. Leal: Okay.

Mr. Chavez: This one is going to be better because when we did the approval from the plans through the city the city did not have their own building inspector now they do.

Ms. Leal: Once we get all through that it will go out to full bid process for the contract.

- A-3 Updating Signatures on Union LAIF Bank Account

Ms. Leal: I have the form and I forgot it I am not going to lie to you about it. Everybody on the board is a signer on the checking account and I have the form from the bank that everybody needs to sign. Of course I am still a signer on it and John and Francisco are also, but we have removed some people from it.

Mr. Campbell: Can we stop by the library to sign it?

Ms. Leal: You sure can.

Mr. Campbell: I will try to get down there this week.

Ms. Leal: Is that okay Francisco?

Mr. Chavez: That is fine. I need approval

Mr. Albrecht: We need approval?

Mr. Chavez: Yes because we need to remove the other board members and add them.

Mr. Campbell: So moved, seconded by Ms. Culbertson. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Leal: I have been busy with this. Things seem to be going fine. Something I will be implementing is a Seed Library, let me explain to you how that works. Lots of different libraries are doing it and I was interested in doing it, but there was a little disconnect I was waiting to happen and that has happened. I don't know if you are aware of that the City of Coalinga are almost ready to do a Community Garden. They have the land, they have backers to help them back it. It is going to be a raised garden bed and they are working on the 5013C. Is that the nonprofit?

Mr. Albrecht: 501(c) (3)

Ms. Leal: Yes thank you they are working on all those types of things. The Community Garden is going to happen and West Hills is partnering with them and other community members are as well. What we will be doing is having a Seed Library. The way that works is you have to have a

library card and you come and check out the seed. We will provide the seed and of course we are not going to get it back. The hope is if they have enough seeds to grow five plants they harvest four plants and the fifth plant they let it go to seed and they return the seed from that fifth plant. That is how we would replenish our seed library. I actually have some people working on what seeds to purchase because I am a pretend gardener. They are working on what seeds they can purchase that would work here with the companion's seeds in flowers and the different types needed to partner with the vegetables. The gardening people say that the planting should end by March, April at the latest so I am getting right on top of this. So basically what the library is going to be doing is be giving out packages of seed so we will be partnering with them. That is something new and upcoming that we will be doing.

I am still in the process in collecting veteran's material I don't know if I have talked to you about this. We are going to have a Veteran's Resource Center it is actually a state funded program Veteran's Connect at the Library I think it is called. Right now I am in the process of getting our veteran resources that I need. We will be trained on how to do that so we can have that information for the veterans.

I think I spoke to you guys about the Glenn Marcussen scholarship.

Ms. Culbertson: I think you did mention it.

Mr. Albrecht: I don't remember hearing about that.

Ms. Leal: I will tell you one more time Glenn Marcussen left us his insurance policy with the veteran's affair and it comes out to about \$3,100 or something like that I have been wanting to implement something called the Online High School Program. It's young adults or twenty year olds all the way up to people that are our age that can do high school online. It is very regimented and you have to have a matching scholarship if the state library gives you \$3,000 it is about \$1,000 for each person. The state library gives you \$3,000 and you have to come up with the other \$3,000. I have been sitting on it because I was thinking how I am going to do this and then when the Glenn Marcussen donation came in I said, okay that is a great way to use it. It will probably be called the Marcussen High School Scholarship or something like that. The state gives you money for three people and you have to do a matching three people. Fresno right now only has around five people in this program. Porterville only has two people and Kings County has two people as well. Another reason why I was sitting on is because I don't want to extend my staff anymore they have more than enough to do.

Mr. Chavez: Why don't you get somebody from West Hills?

Ms. Leal: I did

Mr. Chavez: Somebody else is trying to do something like that here in Huron I think their name is West Side Family Preservation it is an nonprofit organization. Maybe you guys can work together the reason why I am saying this is because if we are going to do the extension and everything that is going to help you bring in more people here.

Ms. Leal: Right, I spoke to West Hills College and there is some place else in Coalinga that does college education and I wanted to make sure that we weren't going to be in competition with them and this program is completely different. You have to be computer literate, it is not like here were are going to give you \$1,000 scholarship there's bells and whistles that you have to jump through to even be considered to do that. It is not just given to just anybody. After the first six weeks if you don't do the modules that is required in the program you are no longer in the program and they refund you the money. Hilda has volunteered to help me. We have a meeting with them tomorrow on that and as I was saying I don't want to take up my staff's time. We don't have to babysit the students the online high school program babysits the students.

Mr. Crawford: After this first year you used that money do you want to extend it after that?

Ms. Leal: We will see how it goes the state will continue it is a three year program and they are in the second year with the program right now so the state will fund it for one more year and we will see how that goes.

Mr. Crawford: That would be where your major grant money would go.

Ms. Leal: Right, when I do the new budget on my program column I can include that in there.

Mrs. Culbertson: So at the end of the program what do they end up with?

Ms. Leal: A high school diploma it is not a GED it is actually a high school diploma.

Mr. Campbell: Where does that diploma come from?

Ms. Leal: The online high school people they are accredited. Does that make sense?

Mr. Campbell: Yes.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

Mr. Campbell: Nothing tonight.

Mrs. Culbertson: I went to one of the bingo games.

Ms. Leal: I heard.

Mrs. Culbertson: It was fun I was also looking at the activities coming up I wanted to go to one of the movies, but those are always the third Thursday right?

Ms. Leal: Normally yes.

Mrs. Culbertson: I just thought the bingo was a lot of fun I really would like to attend more of the other events.

Ms. Leal: Thank You.

Mr. Albrecht: Nothing tonight.

Mr. Chavez: Nothing for me as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Chavez: I would like a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Albrecht: So moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

DATE OF THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regular board meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Coalinga Library Program Room.

