

VVC Trustees to Vote Tuesday on Streaming Meetings

Adopting 2011-12 budget, revising ethics policy among other items of interest

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VICTORVILLE • A heated debate over whether public meetings should be streamed live online may reach a resolution Tuesday night, when the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees is set to vote on the contentious issue.

Trustee Joseph W. Brady has suggested streaming video of board meetings in the name of transparency a few times since his appointment to the board in the spring.

[Tensions stemming from the issue boiled over at the Aug. 9 meeting](#), when Trustee Michael Krause took offense to Brady's comments in the Daily Press stating he believed some board decisions would have gone differently had the meetings been filmed. Krause went as far as to call for Brady to resign, asserting Brady had accused the board of being corrupt but refused to provide any evidence. Krause also questioned Brady's participation in voting on a \$2.2 million contract for Hesperia-based Cooley Construction, which had an advertisement in Brady's The Bradco High Desert Report. Brady insisted Cooley was not charged for that ad.

As for the streaming itself, both Krause and Board President Dennis Henderson had expressed concerns over the price tag at a time when the college has laid off employees and is struggling to accommodate a higher demand for students amid a statewide budget crunch.

A Daily Press survey of Victor Valley cities and school boards found the annual cost to maintain live streaming with a contracted firm can range from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

Tuesday night the board is set to take action on whether or not to approve an agreement with Granicus — a national firm also hired by San Bernardino County, Hesperia, Apple Valley and Victorville — to purchase video recording equipment for the VVC board room and broadcast monthly meetings online for the public.

To read more about live streaming and VVC's meeting, see the full story in Tuesday's Daily Press. Get the complete story every day with the "exactly as printed" Daily Press E-edition, only \$5 per month! Click [here](#) to try it free for 7 days. To subscribe to the Daily Press in print or online, call (760) 241-7755, 1-800-553-2006 or click [here](#).

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