

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Sledge Board Room, Sandhills Community College
December 9, 2019, 5:00 pm**

PRESENT: Trustees George Little, Chairman; Larry Caddell, Vice Chairman; Joseph Clendenin, Secretary; Gary Evans; Irish Pickett; Linda McCaskill; Dr. Sandy Stewart; Helen Probst Mills; Gene Horne; Dr. Larry Upchurch; Art Blue; and Raymond Villalobos, SGA President

STAFF: Dr. John Dempsey; Brenda Jackson; Heather Lyons; Ron Layne; Germaine Elkins; Twana McKnight; Wendy Dodson; Dr. Kirk Lynch; Teresa Sheets; Doug Smith; Libba Thomas; Andi Korte; Joe Brown; Abbe Allen; Michelle Bauer

Mr. Little called the Board meeting to order at 5:00 pm. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest and asked the Board if there were any potential conflicts with the agenda items to be discussed. Hearing none, Mr. Little proceeded to the next item of business.

Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Probst Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019, Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Blue seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dempsey asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Sandhills Community College Trustees. A motion was made by Mr. Caddell to elect Mr. Little as Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stewart, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Little opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Clendenin to elect Mr. Caddell as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stewart, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Caddell to nominate Mr. Clendenin as Secretary to the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Upchurch, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Caddell to elect John May as Board attorney. The motion was seconded by Dr. Upchurch and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Villalobos presented the Student Government Association (SGA) Report. Mr. Villalobos reported on numerous activities and projects including a campaign to move towards positive change on campus. He then provided information regarding past and future student events.

Mr. Blue commended Mr. Villalobos on his efforts to create fellowship within the student population.

Mr. Caddell reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The Westmoore property has been listed for 11.9 acres and 47.4 acres at \$3,750 per acre. Mr. Caddell reported that he had attended the Moore County Commissioner's meeting during which a request was made to move up the funding for the Health Sciences Building by one year. The request was granted and commissioners had no further questions for Mr. Caddell.

The Certificate of Occupancy for the Bradshaw Performing Arts Center (BPAC) was received on October 29, 2019. Mr. Caddell called on Dr. Dempsey to share information regarding the grand opening of BPAC. Dr. Dempsey congratulated Joe Brown on his role in website preparation and other areas of responsibility to ready BPAC for opening night. Dr. Dempsey commented that opening night was a great success and that everyone is looking forward to many memorable events at the newly renovated Owens Auditorium. Dr. Dempsey also shared that the first Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was held earlier in the day in Evelyn's Courtyard.

Mr. Caddell asked Ms. Jackson to report on the Capital Projects and Deferred Maintenance list. Ms. Jackson explained that Mr. Smith utilizes the report to schedule various projects and costs. Dr. Dempsey discussed a cap fee to fund security measures such as lighting and cameras. A \$25 per semester fee will be charged resulting in approximately \$170,000 per year to be used towards security measures. At present, students are charged an SGA fee and a technology fee. All fees will be submitted for BOT approval in February 2020.

Mr. Horne reported for the Finance Committee. Mr. Horne reported that he had no items requiring action. The Financial Report as well as the Status of State and County Bond Funds through October 31, 2019, were reviewed. Mr. Horne asked Ms. Thomas to review the status of the state budget. Ms. Thomas reported that she and Ms. Jackson will attend a meeting on December 12 to review the state budget. With the exception of salary increases, Ms. Thomas expects to receive all other updated budget information and funding.

Mr. Evans reported for the Personnel Committee. Mr. Evans reviewed personnel information. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve one new hire. The motion was seconded by Dr. Upchurch, and the motion passed unanimously.

Personnel information was reviewed with no action required.

Dr. Stewart presented the Educational Programs Committee report with no information to report at this time.

Mr. Clendenin reported for the Planning Committee. Mr. Clendenin called on Dr. Dempsey to comment on strategic planning for the college. As part of the plan, the college will ask for public input, starting with the Board of Trustees. This will be the fundamental thrust of the February Board retreat...what the vision will be for SCC moving forward. The 2020 Vision program will be resurrected. A campus-wide committee will take a look at where we would like the college to

be in 10 years. Dr. Dempsey cited that one great item resulting from the 2020 Vision was the addition of “Helpfulness” to our set of core values. He is looking for an equally important achievement from the 2030 Vision program.

Ms. McCaskill reported that the Student Affairs Committee had no information to submit. Ms. McCaskill commented that Student Affairs is working diligently to allow students to be involved in their own planning in 2020.

Ms. Elkins presented the Foundation Report. The Foundation recently had its annual board meeting. Charlie Meyer, Chairman, was honored. Mr. Meyer has stepped down as chairman and has been replaced by Kathy McPherson. A very successful scholarship dinner was held, with the focus on Landscape Gardening. Ms. Elkins expressed gratitude from the Foundation to be involved with BPAC festivities. A new scholarship brochure is being planned and will be available in the spring. Ms. Elkins presented an update on the Annual Giving Program.

Dr. Dempsey presented the President’s Report. Hoke Correctional Facility is closing, which will impact the college in lost FTE. Dr. Dempsey is confident that we will manage this loss and will move forward. Dr. Dempsey reviewed plans for the February retreat. A tour of the Hoke Center will take place at the start of the meeting. Plans for the campus will be discussed, as well as the future of our partnership with Hoke County Schools. The retreat will continue at Mid Pines after the tour. The focus of the afternoon will be on the long-range plans for the college. One focus will be to consider if there are things we can do to help employees feel valued, and in turn, impact how they work with students.

Dr. Dempsey highlighted the work that Andi Korte has done for the college and the improvements she has brought to the Continuing Education division.

Dr. Dempsey extended an invitation to all Board members to attend the annual staff and faculty Christmas party on December 18, beginning at 11:30 am, at Pine Needles.

Dr. Dempsey reported that the college has just received a \$1mm bequest. The campaign fund is now at \$17mm.

Mr. Little presented an update to the Trustees before going into closed session. Mr. Little offered thanks to all for a great year and reported that the college has had the two best years in the history of the college, both in fundraising and activities.

Mr. Little stated that a committee should be formed to work towards compiling a written history of the college. He expressed the importance of the documentation of historical events. Mr. Layne reported that three Boyd Library associates are attending training at the state level for archiving, and these associates are currently reviewing the Raymond Stone papers.

Mr. Little made a motion for the Board to go into closed session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 6:02 pm.

The Board of Trustees left closed session at 6:08 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Joseph Clendenin, Secretary of the Board