

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

MINUTES

**Russell Dining Room
Sandhills Community College
February 18, 2013**

PRESENT: Trustees George W. Little, Chairman; Robert S. Hayter, Vice Chairman; Joseph A. Clendenin; James O. Cunningham; James Garner; Catherine P. Graham; Eugene B. Horne, Jr.; Linda McCaskill; Pamela Thompson; Raymond Washington, Sr.; and Jordan Willett, Student Trustee.

STAFF: Dr. John R. Dempsey; Jean Blue; Wendy Dodson; Dean David Farmer; Dr. Richard Gough; Brenda Jackson; Dean Kellie Shoemake; Dr. John Turner.

Following the Buildings and Grounds and Finance Committee Meetings held prior to the regular Board meeting, the Board of Trustees convened their regular meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order and read the statute to the trustees regarding conflicts of interest. Hearing none, Mr. Little then proceeded to the next item of business.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pamela Thompson, seconded by Mr. James Cunningham, to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Mrs. Linda McCaskill made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Raymond Washington, Sr. then seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

The Student Government Report was given prior to the regular meeting during the retreat.

Mr. Hayter reported for the **Building and Grounds Committee**. Mr. Hayter introduced Dr. Gough to discuss the **Causey Hall Roof Project**. A voice poll of the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees was taken on January 10, 2013, to recommend approval to increase the Causey Hall Roof project by \$18,000 using 2007 Moore County Bond Repair and Renovation funds, and to award the contract to American Coatings & Insulation Systems, Inc. Dr. Gough asked the Board to ratify the voice poll taken on January 10, 2013. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings and Grounds committee to ratify the voice poll. Mr. Horner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Gough indicated that the rest of the items were project updates and required no action. He indicated that the Tyler's Ridge property did close and that the work will begin. He shared that the units will be HUD qualified.

He then discussed the plans that were presented by the Southern Pines Fire Department for the location of a new station. Dr. Dempsey asked how the Board felt about the suggested plans. He indicated that Plan A that was presented would need the college's most valuable property and he would not be in favor of that. He would be supportive of plan B or some other option, but not plan A, which would involve the use of the college's property. Mr. Hayter agreed with Dr. Dempsey's view and indicated that option A was not on the table. He recommended that the fire department explore the more efficient use of land on the northern side of the property owned by the airport. A further discussion ensued. Mr. Hayter indicated that through Board consensus there was an action plan.

Mr. Gene Horne reported for the **Finance Committee**. He presented the **Approval of Summer Self-Support Tuition Rate**. He explained that the current state tuition rate is \$69.00 per credit hour for curriculum classes. The college recommends an increase in the summer self-support tuition rate to \$75.00 per credit hour. Mr. Horne made a motion from the Finance Committee for approval to charge \$75.00 per credit hour for curriculum classes Summer Semester 2013. Mr. Clendenin seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Horne then presented the **Approval for Submission of Moore County Budget for FY 2013-2014**. Dr. Gough reviewed the Moore County budget request for FY 2013-2014. Mr. Horne made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the Moore County budget submission for FY 2013-2014. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Horne presented the **Approval for Submission of Hoke County Budget for FY 2013-2014**. Dr. Gough reviewed the Hoke County budget request for FY 2013-2014. Mr. Horne made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the Hoke County budget request for FY 2013-2014. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Horne then indicated that the enclosed financial reports and State Financial Audit for FY 2011-2012 were for information only. He asked if anyone had any questions. Hearing none, he deferred to Mr. Little.

Mr. Brown was not present therefore the **Educational Programs Committee** had no report.

Mr. Little introduced Mr. Washington to present for the **Personnel Committee**. Mr. Washington presented the credentials of Candace Lee, full-time Medical Laboratory Technician Instructor, effective January 1, 2013. Mr. Washington made a motion by the Personnel Committee to approve Candace Lee. Mrs. McCaskill seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Washington referred to the personnel information and indicated that it was for information only. He asked if there were any questions. Hearing non he concluded his report.

Mr. Little introduced Mr. Clendenin to report for the **Planning Committee**. Mr. Clendenin explained that at the last board meeting there was a discussion about the upcoming SACS visit and representatives would wish to speak to the Trustees. Dr. Turner indicated that there was consensus to include in the October 8th board meeting a SACS briefing to prepare the Trustees for

the visit the week of October 22nd. Dr. Turner then informed the Board that the college strategic planning meeting would be held on Tuesday, on April 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Clement Dining Room. He explained that this is the meeting in which he and Dr. Gough give the Trustees the goals that have been met as well as what goals the college has set for the next year. He further detailed the agenda for this meeting. Dr. Turner then detailed the SACS visit by Dr. Cuevas. He explained that she was here for two days to review the facilities and do some preliminary meetings. He further explained about the process and indicated that the visit went very well and we are on track for this stage in the reaffirmation. Dr. Turner asked for any questions. Hearing none, he indicated that his report was complete.

Mr. Little introduced Mrs. McCaskill to report for the **Student Affairs Committee**. Dean Shoemake and Dean Farmer gave a report on updating the registration process. She indicated that the Trustees are very proud of the Student Services department and the work they do for us at this college.

Dr. Dempsey reported for **Foundation** in Mr. Smith's absence. He updated the Trustees on the Guarantors dinner, of which Mrs. McCaskill was in attendance. He indicated that the dinner went very well and the college is so fortunate to have the community support for the college. The goal is to have fifty new guarantors by our fiftieth birthday. Karen Manning is featuring fifty people connected to the college every week in the Pilot Newspaper and on our website for the fiftieth anniversary.

President Dempsey gave the **President's Report**. He informed the Trustees that Ernest Greene would be at the college as the Ruth Pauley Lecturer on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. On March 27th the college will host Return to the Classroom. He informed the Board that he would be lecturing about the American Presidency at this event. He encouraged the trustees to attend the Sandhills Community College production of Guys and Dolls. It will have show times on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. He just previewed the performance and indicated what a good production it was. Tickets are available on-line or at the library. Richard Smith of the foundation is the producer and Jennifer Thomas, one of our music professors, is the director. He asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Clendenin then pointed out the article in the Charlotte and Raleigh newspapers about the Flyers and expressed that it was truly wonderful coverage. A discussion about the Flyers Club donation levels ensued. Mr. Clendenin suggested that the Trustees get together a donation so that the Board could be listed in the program. Dr. Dempsey indicated that he would get the information from Aaron Denton, Athletics Director.

Dr. Dempsey then discussed the topic of his retirement. He indicated that as long as the Board felt he was an effective leader he would continue as president. He felt that unless the Board felt the institution would be better served by the change in leadership, he would continue for the next two to three years.

The staff was excused for the president's evaluation.

Mr. Horne made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m. and entered into closed session.

The Board returned from closed session at 3:37 p.m. to discuss Dr. Dempsey's evaluation with him.

Mr. Little shared the evaluation results with the president. Mr. Little indicated that the Board was very pleased that he was willing to continue in his role as president. Mr. Little explained to Dr. Dempsey that he had another excellent evaluation, and the Board was pleased with his performance. The Trustees indicated that his leadership made it a pleasure to serve on the board. Mr. Little congratulated Dr. Dempsey and indicated that he would receive the written evaluation soon.

Mr. Little asked if there were any other items of business for discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Upchurch and seconded by Mrs. Graham. The motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Little, Chairman

Wendy B. Dodson, Assistant Secretary