

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

**Sledge Boardroom, Sandhills Community College
June 2, 2014, 7 pm**

PRESENT: Trustees George W. Little, Chairman; Robert S. Hayter, Vice Chairman; Joseph A. Clendenin, Secretary; James O. Cunningham; Gary Evans; Linda McCaskill; Mickey R. Brown; Eugene B. Horne, Jr.; Pamela Thompson; Catherine Graham; Mary Upchurch; Raymond Washington, Sr.

STAFF: Dr. John R. Dempsey; Brenda Jackson; Wendy Dodson; Heather Lyons; Patti Wolcott; Rick Smith; and Wendy Kauffman

Following the Buildings and Grounds, Finance, and Personnel committee meetings held prior to the regular Board meeting, the Board of Trustees convened their regular meeting. Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest to the Trustees 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Clendenin to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting and seconded by Ms. McCaskill. The motion passed unanimously.

Because the new Student Government Association president, Andy Duncan, does not take office until August, there will be no SGA Report.

Mr. Hayter reported for the **Buildings and Grounds Committee** that the committee approved finalizing construction and engineering documents for bidding for the Dempsey Hall expansion. Documents will be reviewed by the state construction office on July 15, bidding will go out on August 15, and construction would start at the end of October. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horne, and the motion passed.

Mr. Hayter reported that the committee approved extending open end design agreements with Mark Wright, Triad Engineering, and McGill Engineering through June 30, 2015. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Upchurch, and the motion passed. Mr. Clendenin asked that if the surveying were done tomorrow, who would the college go with? Mr. Hayter said the college would go with McGill Engineering. Mr. Clendenin asked about the procedure. Mr. Hayter said that the college would use an RFP and select from those companies. He added that the college can commit to these firms but that it doesn't have to.

Mr. Hayter reported that the committee approved paving the now gravel service road on the Hoke County campus. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horne, and the motion passed.

Mr. Horne reported for the **Finance Committee** that the Financial Reports and County and State Bond Funds were for information only. He also reported that BB&T is bidding out the insurance policy and that the college will do a voice poll for approval when the policy is received. Mr. Horne also reported that Hoke County approved its budget and that Moore County will approve its budget at the June 17 meeting. Mr. Horne asked if anyone had any questions. Hearing none he concluded his report.

Mr. Little said that the college is looking at an increase of approximately 11-12% in insurance renewal and that it's basically what's going on in the marketplace. Mr. Little recommended that next year the college go to bid. He mentioned that property insurance is increasing too. Mr. Horne said that the college will have to do a voice poll before the next meeting. Ms. Jackson said that the state is considering requiring community colleges to pay for workers comp. This would mean a \$70,000 cost for Sandhills.

Mr. Washington reported for the **Personnel Committee** that the committee approved sabbaticals for 2014-15. Mr. Washington made a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans, and the motion passed. Mr. Washington made a motion to go into closed session. The motions was seconded by Mr. Evans, and the motion passed. The Board went into closed session at 7:02 pm.

At 7:15 pm, the Board returned from closed session and resumed its regular meeting.

Mr. Smith reported for the **Foundation**. Mr. Smith presented a "Report to the Trustees," which included Foundation assets, information about the sabbatical program at the college, and the college's involvement with CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education). CASE is a membership organization with about 3,600 member colleges and universities around the world. Mr. Smith explained that dues are on the steep side but that the college wants to be at the table when CASE does its benchmarking. Sandhills was the winner of the CASE fundraising award this year. Dr. Dempsey added that the college has close to another \$2 million coming in the next 60 days and that we are thrilled with the job that Mr. Smith and his two colleagues do. He also mentioned that there is an ad in Sunday's Pilot for the upcoming golf tournament because Nick Price will be our guest. Mr. Little said that based on these numbers that puts college at about \$25 million. Ms. McCaskill said that this might be something The Pilot would want to know. Dr. Dempsey agreed and said that The Pilot has been very good to us. He added that John Lentz might want to come out and do an article.

Dr. Dempsey gave the **President's Report**. He reported that the US Opens are coming to town and that he has tickets. He added that at the Board's next meeting in August, the Trustees will no

longer have to deal with the second longest serving president because at the next meeting he will have surpassed 25 years. He suggested having the next meeting, which is on August 11, on the porch of the Pinehurst Country Club because there will be no food service at the college during that time. Mr. Little agreed that the meeting should be at the Member's Club and that dinner should be on the veranda. Dr. Dempsey asked for a count of Trustees who will be attending the ACCT conference in Chicago. Mr. Little, Mr. Horne, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Evans, Mr. Hayter, Ms. McCaskill, and Ms. Thompson said they would attend the conference.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Little, Chairman

Heather D. Lyons, Assistant Secretary