

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

Sledge Boardroom  
June 17, 2013

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

**STAFF:** Dr. John R. Dempsey; Wendy Dodson; Dr. Richard Gough; Ronald Layne; Karen Manning; David Reece, Dean Kristie Sullivan and Dr. John Turner.

Following the **Buildings and Grounds Committee**, and joint **Finance and Personnel Committee** meetings held in the Sledge Boardroom, the Board of Trustees convened their regular meeting. Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest to the trustees and asked the Board if anyone had any 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. Eugene Horne, seconded by, Ms. Pamela Thompson to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Mr. Little then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2013, Board of Trustee meeting. On a motion by Mr. Joseph Clendenin, seconded by Mr. James Cunningham and unanimous consent from the Board, the minutes from the April 8, 2013, Board of Trustees Meeting were approved.

The new student trustee had yet to be appointed, so the **Student Government Association** report was not given.

Mr. Hayter reported for the **Buildings and Grounds Committee** that met prior to the regular meeting. Mr. Hayter presented the **Van Dusen Chiller/DCC Replacement** project. He informed the committee the equipment was not functioning after 15 years of service. He indicated that the committee would like to recommend we not approve the recommendations and to retain the professional services necessary to determine the cost of that replacement and present it to the Moore County Commissioners for funding. He made a motion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee to approve this change. Mr. Horne seconded the motion. Dr. Dempsey explained that if the college did not pursue this avenue that the capital repair fund account would be brought down to \$100,000. Mr. Hayter explained that the Commissioners indicated that if the college had a need for capital funds, that they should bring the request to the County. The college will obtain the cost estimate and submit it to Moore County Commissioners for funding. A Discussion ensued. The motion passed.

Mr. Hayter then presented the **Maintenance/Trade and Student Services/Information Services Renovations** project. Mr. Hayter explained that a voice poll of the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees was taken on May 16, 2013, to recommend approval to increase the scope of the Maintenance/Trades Renovation project by \$68,450 to enable the college to include some of the alternates, and to approve Precision Contractors as the low bidder for the above projects. The approval requested involved the transfer \$3,554 of 2007 Moore County Bond funds from the Causey Hall Roof project, and \$29,310 of State Capitol Improvement funds from Stone Hall Student Services/Information Services Renovation project to the Maintenance/Trades Renovation project. The remaining balance of \$35,586 is to come from the 2007 Moore County Bond Repair and Renovation funds. Mr. Hayter made a motion from Buildings and Grounds committee to approve the voice poll. Mr. Horne seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion passed.

Mr. Hayter then presented the Hoke Early College Building #2 project. Dr. Gough explained that this will be a second Early College building to expand the number of SandHoke students, and to move the high school classes out of Johnson Hall. The plan was to seek a bond this year to build this building and a Freshman Academy, but this has been tabled until possibly next year. We have already engaged MBAJ Architecture, and Dr. Gough presented the schematic drawings as prepared by Angela Crawford. No approval is necessary at this point as this project will be put on hold for the time being.

Dr. Gough provided the project updates for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He indicated that the final construction documents for the gymnasium expansion had been approved and that work could begin in thirty to sixty 60 days. He explained that this is a six month project. He informed the Board that the Blue Hall project is now complete. He detailed the Hoke Connector Road project and a discussion ensued. He then indicated that his report was complete.

Mr. Little asked if there were any other questions related to Buildings and Grounds. Hearing none, he introduced Mr. Horne, Chair of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Horne reported for the **Finance Committee**. Mr. Horne presented the **Approval of Student Fees for 2013-2014**. He indicated that there was a discussion in the committee meeting that several fees had been added to the student fees. He made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the fees. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Horne then presented the **Financial Reports**. He presented the financial reports year to date through May 31, 2013. Dr. Gough explained to the board that the month of May report is year to date and that most of the state funds have been expended. The college has had good fiscal management with the two local budgets. The Moore County budget will be completely spent, and Hoke County will have a carry forward as much as a one hundred thousand dollars. He gave credit to Anna McPhatter for her good stewardship at the Hoke County Campus.

Mr. Horne then presented the **County and State Bond Funds** year to date through May 31, 2013. He indicated that no action was required at this time.

Mr. Horne indicated that his report was concluded.

Mr. Brown indicated that the **Educational Programs Committee** did not meet and did not have a report.

Mr. Washington reported for the **Personnel Committee**. Mr. Washington indicated that there were no personnel action items and the personnel details were for information only and no action was required. Mr. David Reece provided the college security report and updated the Board on the concealed weapon bill. Mr. Washington felt he did a very good job and appreciated the update.

Mr. Little introduced Mr. Clendenin to report for the **Planning Committee**. Mr. Clendenin informed the Board that in October the board meeting will be held on October 8, 2013, and will start early with a Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Ronald Layne, Dean Kristie Sullivan, and Dr. John Turner will be making a presentation to help the Board to be prepared for the SACS visit on October twenty first through the twenty third. He introduced Dr. Turner to discuss the SACS off-site report. Dr. Turner informed the Board that the college was non-compliant in eleven statements. Dr. Turner went on to detail the findings and the college's plan for response and indicated that the college gets an opportunity to respond. He indicated that all of the non-compliance statements were very manageable, that the college can respond and take care of the findings, and was confident that the college will be able to have a positive response. He introduced Dr. Sullivan and Mr. Layne. Dr. Turner explained to the Board that both Dean Sullivan and Mr. Layne were in charge of coordinating the many pieces of the compliance statement. He recognized them for the job they did. Mr. Little expressed appreciation behalf of the Board for their work. Dr. Dempsey echoed the appreciation from the college.

Mrs. McCaskill indicated that the **Student Affairs Committee** did not meet, so there was nothing to report, but hoped to have a report at the next meeting.

The **Foundation** report was not given, due to the absence of Dean Richard Smith.

President Dempsey gave the **President's Report**. He informed the Board that the college was in the process of planning its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. A nursing student was one of the first graduates and she has been invited to the block party in September.

He then informed the Board that the college was notified about two weeks ago that it was selected as a great college to work for by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. *The Chronicle* does this through employee surveys that it conducts. On July 26, 2013, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* will announce their list of great colleges to work for in their July issue. Sandhills Community College will be included in this list. The college needs to keep this award confidential until after that announcement. After that date the college can promote this honor. He indicated that he was especially excited because if he did anything well he would like it be said that he was a good supervisor and that the college is a good place to work. He expressed how much it meant to him and to the college

Mr. Clendenin suggested that the college consider changing the commencement robes from black to the college's colors. He used NC State's red and Chapel Hill's blue commencement robes. A discussion ensued. Dr. Dempsey indicated he would explore that option.

Dr. Dempsey indicated that his report was concluded.

Chairman Little updated the trustees about the on-going legislative work in Raleigh. He encouraged the Trustees to call their representatives to discuss the community colleges. He also shared that the articulation agreement between the community colleges and the university system passed and has been signed into law. A discussion about issues in the legislature ensued.

With no further business, Chairman Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Little, Chairman

Wendy B Dodson, Assistant Secretary to the Board