

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

Sledge Board Room, Sandhills Community College

September 23, 2016, 12:30 pm

PRESENT: Trustees George Little, Chairman; Joseph Clendenin, Secretary; Larry Caddell; Art Blue; Gary Evans; Tim Carpenter; Dr. Larry Upchurch; Mary Upchurch; Linda McCaskill; Dr. Sandy Stewart; Jim Saunders

STAFF: Dr. Dempsey, Brenda Jackson, Ron Layne, Heather Lyons, Doug Smith, Ken Dowdy, Kirk Lynch, Andi Korte, Rebecca Roush, Germaine Elkins, Teresa Sheets, Libba Thomas, Wendy Dodson, Twana McKnight, and Tracey Emmons

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Robert Hayter, John Birath, Dr. Bob Grimesey, Bruce Cunningham, Mary Kate Murphy, Stacy Caldwell

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 12:39 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, he asked Ms. Lyons to perform the Oath of Office for incoming trustees.

Ms. Lyons proceeded to give the Oath of Office to incoming trustees, Timothy Carpenter and Larry Upchurch, as well as reappointed trustee Ms. McCaskill.

Mr. Caddell, who reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee, asked Mr. Birath, of Moore County Schools, to present the layout of the new Advanced Career Center (ACC) and review the details of each area of the facility. Mr. Birath explained access and no access points and that ACC students will only have walking access from the ACC to Sandhills Community College. Mr. Birath said that the DOT analysis has been completed and there will be turning lanes on Highway 22 and an improvement made to the traffic circle.

Mr. May discussed the requirements of the land transfer/sale. Since Sandhills Community College is a government entity and in order for the college to enter into the project, the rules state that the transfer of land must read “unnecessary and undesirable.” He mentioned that the property is about 18 acres and that access easement will be owned by the college and that there will be a reversion clause that states if this facility ceases to be used by the school system for the ACC, land reverts back to the college.

Mr. Clendenin said that the agreement requires Moore County Schools to pay \$1 to the college and that he would like to pay the \$1 for Moore County Schools.

Mr. Caddell made a motion to approve the resolution for transfer of land for the ACC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clendenin, and the motion passed.

Mr. Cunningham, chairman of the Moore County Board of Education, said how much he appreciates what Sandhills Community College is doing for Moore County Schools. Mr. Little said that today is a historic day for the college, an important moment, and a special day for the children in Moore and Hoke counties.

Mr. Clendenin reported for the Planning Committee. He asked Mr. Layne to report on the cross country program at the college. He mentioned that six area schools would feed into this program and that the top runners from these schools get scholarship offers at other schools, which would leave 120 runners to possibly choose Sandhills Community College. Mr. Layne said that this program would generate 24 full-time FTE. Mr. Layne reported that the program would cost \$22,000 and generate \$100,000 in FTE.

Mr. Blue said that the area middle schools are running about 200 students per meet, and it's a very strong program.

Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve the cross country team program implementation for 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stewart, and the motion passed.

Mr. Clendenin reported on the College Strategic Plan and that the college has done a lot of collaborative work between vice presidents, department heads, deans, and directors to create a plan for future guidance. Mr. Clendenin explained that once Dr. Dempsey signs off on the College Strategic Plan, trustees will receive a copy, have a chance to make some suggestions, and send back to Ms. Lyons. He mentioned that the Board of Trustees would vote on the College Strategic Plan at the next Board of Trustees meeting, October 17, 2016. Trustees will receive a draft of the plan electronically on October 7 followed by a hard copy in U.S. mail.

Dr. Dempsey mentioned that the orientation sessions for Sandhills Promise will take place the week of September 26, one at the Hoke campus and the other at the main campus in Pinehurst. He invited everyone to the clock dedication at the Hoke campus on October 26 at 10 am. He also mentioned that Dr. Dietemeyer, a former vice president at Sandhills Community College, is the new president at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte.

Mr. Saunders made a motion to proceed with a closed session to approve annual salaries for 2016-2017. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The Board of Trustees came out of closed session and into their regular meeting at 1:45 pm.

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 Mr. Clendenin to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Caddell. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Heather Lyons, Assistant Secretary of the Board