

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

**Sledge Boardroom, Sandhills Community College  
October 6, 2014, 7 pm**

**PRESENT:** Trustees George Little, Chairman; Robert Hayter, Vice Chairman; Joseph Clendenin.; Secretary; James Cunningham; Gary Evans; Linda McCaskill; Eugene Horne, Jr.; Mary Upchurch; Raymond Washington, Sr.; Debbie Riley-Hobbs; Pamela Thompson; and SGA President Andy Duncan

**STAFF:** Dr. John R. Dempsey; Brenda Jackson, Dr. John Turner; Wendy Dodson; Heather Lyons; Dwight Threet; Libba Thomas; Kristie Sullivan; Rick Smith; Susan Grine; and Patti Wolcott

Following the Buildings & 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 6:55 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 asked if there were any modifications to the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Little to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting and seconded by Mr. Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. McCaskill to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting and seconded by Ms. Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Student Government Association report was given by SGA President Andy Duncan. Mr. Duncan reported on four new Sandhills clubs sanctioned and that 11 or 12 new senators had been inducted. He mentioned a back to school social, Patriot Day, Constitution Day, speak easy (one of art classes came to draw), breast cancer festivities, Breast Cancer Awareness month, Hoke Center's Fall Festival, the SGA conference from Oct. 24-26, the main campus' Fall Festival on Oct. 29, recognition of November as men's health awareness (prostate) month, and the no-shave contest.

Mr. Hayter reported for the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the committee tabled the issue of the Westmoore Ball Field based on investigation of need, cost, and prudent use of funds for the community. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings & Grounds Committee to table the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clendenin, and the motion passed.

Mr. Hayter reported that the committee approved the motion to install speed tables incrementally as funds are available at designated locations on campus. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings & Grounds Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Upchurch, and the motion passed.

Dr. Dempsey said he thinks it's fair to acknowledge the 15 mph speed limit. The campus police force highly recommended the speed limit. The speed limit originates from an SGA request regarding the issues about traffic. Ms. McCaskill asked when the changes would go into effect. Ms. Jackson said that within the next month speed limit signs, stop signs and speed tables would be incrementally placed around campus. Ms. McCaskill asked at what point campus police would stop students. Mr. Threet explained that the police force would educate students and not give tickets right away. The police force is not here to arrest students on campus. Students won't get any points and their insurance costs won't increase if they are stopped for speeding. They might have their driving privileges on campus revoked if they get stopped too many times. Parking lots are tight and a 20/25 mph speed limit is too fast on campus. Mr. Clendenin said until the ticket issuing is figured out he would like to table the motion. The motion died for lack of a second. The original motion to pass a 15 mph campus-wide speed limit was made by Mr. Hayter and seconded by Ms. McCaskill, and the motion passed 10-1.

Mr. Hayter reported that the committee approved the replacement of the Meyer Hall Chiller with \$325,000 coming out of Moore County capital funds. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings & Grounds Committee to approve the replacement of the Meyer Hall Chiller. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horne, and the motion passed.

Mr. Hayter reported for the committee that the Hoke Center connector road has been completed, including paved, and came in on budget.

Mr. Horne reported that the Finance Committee approved the motion to approve the College Budget FY 2014-2015. Mr. Horne made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham, and the motion passed.

Mr. Horne reported that the Finance Committee approved the motion to approve the Athletic's Budget FY 2014-2015. Mr. Horne made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson, and the motion passed.

Mr. Horne reported on the Financial Report for information only.

Mr. Horne reported on the status of the State and County Bond Funds for information only.

Mr. Washington reported that the Personnel Committee approved the revisions to the Policy and Procedures Manual Revisions. Mr. Washington made a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the revisions to the Policy and Procedures Manual. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCaskill, and the motion passed.

Mr. Washington reported on the Personnel Information that was for information only.

Mr. Washington introduced Dwight Threet, Director of Police and Public Safety. Mr. Threet discussed the annual security report and CLERY Act. He explained that there are a few drug arrests on our campus but that he has a proactive campus police force that talks to students regularly. He said that the police force wants to be approached by students and have them feel comfortable. Ms. Dodson said that within the next six months they are planning some activities to help educate students, faculty, and staff. Mr. Threet explained that the police force has to notify the community about a rapist or car theft on campus and that if they don't let the community know, there is a \$35,000 fine per incident. Mr. Clendenin asked if this should be in our insurance policy. Mr. Little explained that an insurance policy is not going to cover those types of fines. It will cover action against the college but not a fine.

Mr. Clendenin reported that the Planning Committee would like to present the results of the audit. Dr. Turner said that the 2013-2016 College Strategic Plan contains goals that the College sets by department. First, we are making a major effort to enhance service to our veterans (expand the veterans center and personnel). Second, we are expanding our programs in the area of workforce development not only in Continuing Education but also in the curriculum area in the industrial systems technology area. Third, the College is exploring experiential learning options for its students. How can we give college credit to our students who are involved in experiential learning. The university system is starting to give more support to this concept. Ms. McCaskill asked about the one-stop shop implemented two years ago and that's on the College Strategic Plan. Dr. Turner explained that in spring we review program goals to determine what has been accomplished. Mr. Clendenin made a motion from the Planning Committee to approve the College Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horne, and the motion passed.

Dr. Turner reported on a visit from the auditor in August. The College had a clean program audit with no exceptions. Auditors gave the College a clean bill of health from visiting classrooms to randomly looking at attendance sheets to looking at whether or not grades were reported properly. This is the second year in a row with no exceptions. The process has now been changed from an audit to a compliance review. Mr. Little mentioned that other presidents have called the

audit process cumbersome, so two years ago the project was defunded. Auditors are now operating on a temporary grant.

Mr. Smith gave the Foundation Report. He said that the Foundation Board will have its annual meeting on October 13 preceded by the Palmer Trade Center dedication at 3 pm. He also mentioned that the Scholarship dinners will be on October 29 and 30. There used to be about 40 people who attended these dinners and now there are about 400 people who attend.

Dr. Dempsey gave the President's Report. He said that the next Board meeting and Christmas party will be on December 8 and that Heather will have the exact time to be at Forest Creek. He also mentioned Dr. Turner's retirement party on December 3, which will be a gathering in honor of Dr. Turner in Russell Dining Room or Clement Dining Room. On September 22, Dr. Rich Gough, Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer, Dr. Susanne Adams, and Dr. Stelfanie Williams were here to talk about their experiences as presidents. The day was remarkably heartwarming, especially to see the affection in which they hold this institution and these people. Dr. Dempsey mentioned that we also had a wonderful discussion about veterans today and thanked trustees for showing up for the discussion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Heather Lyons, Assistant Secretary of the Board