

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

Sledge Board Room, Sandhills Community College

December 7, 2015, 5 pm

PRESENT: Trustees George Little, Chairman; Robert Hayter, Vice Chairman; Joseph Clendenin, Secretary; Gary Evans; Larry Caddell; James Cunningham; Gene Horne; Raymond Washington; Mary Upchurch; Linda McCaskill; Arthur Blue; Dr. Alexander “Sandy” Stewart; and Student Trustee Payton Manning

STAFF: Dr. Dempsey; Brenda Jackson; Kellie Shoemake; Germaine Elkins; Patti Wolcott; Heather Lyons; Kirk Lynch; Elizabeth Thomas; Andi Korte; Rebecca Roush; Joe Brown; Ron Layne; Wendy Dodson

A motion was made by Mr. Hayter for the Board of Trustees to forgo committee meetings and convene their regular meeting. Mr. Horne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 5:18 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. Mr. Little asked if there were any modifications to the agenda and none were submitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda and seconded by Mr. Clendenin. The motion passed. A motion was made by Mr. Hayter to switch the Personnel Committee agenda items with the Buildings and Grounds Committee agenda items. Mr. Washington seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015, Board of Trustees meeting and seconded by Ms. McCaskill. The motion passed.

Mr. Little temporarily stepped down as chairman for the election of officers. President Dempsey began the process of the election of officers for the Board of Trustees. He opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman. Mr. Hayter nominated Mr. Little to continue his service as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hayter then put the nomination in the form of a motion with Mr. Washington seconding the motion. With no other nominations from the trustees, Mr. Little was re-elected Chairman of the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees with a unanimous vote.

President Dempsey then turned the meeting back over to Chairman Little. Mr. Little then opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Little made a motion to nominate Mr. Hayter, which was seconded by Mr. Washington. With no other nominations from the trustees, Mr.

Hayter was re-elected Vice Chairman of the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Little asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Clendenin and it was seconded by Ms. McCaskill. With no other nominations from the trustees, Mr. Clendenin was re-elected Secretary of the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Little opened the floor for nominations for Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Clendenin nominated Ms. Lyons and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Clendenin asked for the vote to be passed by acclamation. Ms. Lyons was elected as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees without objection.

Chairman Little asked if there were any nominations for legal counsel to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Caddell made a motion to elect current legal counsel, Robbins, May and Rich as legal counsel for the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The firm of Robbins, May and Rich were elected as legal counsel by acclamation.

The Student Government Report was given by SGA President Payton Manning. Mr. Manning reported on student activities planned for January in order to get more students involved in campus events.

Mr. Washington reported for the Personnel Committee regarding personnel information that was for information only.

Mr. Washington asked Ms. Dodson to give an update on the CLEARY Act. Ms. Dodson spoke about the different ways that Sandhills Community College is providing information to students, faculty, and staff about the CLEARY Act.

Mr. Horne reported that the Finance Committee requests the Board of Trustees to approve the College Budget for FY 2015-2016. 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 requests the Board of Trustees to approve the Moore County Budget for FY 2015-2016. Mr. Horne made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caddell, and the motion passed.

Mr. Horne reported that the Finance Committee requests the Board of Trustees to approve the Hoke County Budget for FY 2015-16. 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 Financial Report and State and County Bond Funds were for information only.

Mr. Hayter provided information only on the renovations in Owens Auditorium.

Mr. Evans asked Dr. Roush to report for the Educational Programs Committee. Dr. Roush discussed open-source textbooks and using them to reduce costs for students. She reported that these textbooks are written by credentialed authors and peer reviewed.

Mr. Clendenin reported for the Planning Committee on two documents, the College Strategic Plan and the Quality Conference college outcomes. A motion was made by Mr. Clendenin to approve the College Strategic Plan for FY 2015-2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham, and the motion passed.

Ms. McCaskill told the Board of Trustees that the Student Affairs Committee met on November 19, 2015. Discussions ensued regarding the Veterans program located in the Student Services area of the college and how it can be expanded and funded.

Ms. Elkins gave the Foundation Report. She mentioned that the Foundation hosted two successful Scholarship Dinners with 200 people attending each dinner. The Foundation also hosted the Culinary Foodie Night, a fundraiser that brought in about \$52,000.

Dr. Dempsey gave the President's Report and told the trustees that Dr. Stone is planning on presenting a check to the college in the amount of \$500,000. Dr. Dempsey recognized Dr. Williamson as the winner of the North Carolina Superintendent of the Year award and presented Dr. Williamson's resolution to the trustees in support of this honor. A motion was made by Ms. Upchurch to endorse the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham, and the motion passed. Dr. Dempsey also presented the resolution supporting the North Carolina bond issue to the trustees. A motion was made by Mr. Caddell to endorse the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayter, and the motion passed.

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. Little to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Horne. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Heather Lyons, Assistant Secretary of the Board