

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

**Sledge Board Room, Sandhills Community College  
October 1, 2018, 5:30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Trustees George Little, Chairman; Joe Clendenin, Secretary; James Cunningham; Gary Evans; Jim Saunders; Helen Probst Mills; Gene Horne; Dr. Sandy Stewart; Dr. Larry Upchurch; Art Blue; Tim Carpenter; Charlotte Cox, SGA President

**STAFF:** Dr. John Dempsey; Brenda Jackson; Heather Lyons; Ron Layne; Dr. Rebecca Roush; Kellie Shoemake; Germaine Elkins; Libba Thomas; Dr. Kirk Lynch; Twana McKnight; Wendy Dodson; Teresa Sheets; Andi Korte; Abbe Allen; Dr. Kristie Sullivan; Ryan Riggan; Mike Apple

Following the Buildings & Grounds, Finance, and Personnel committee meetings, the Board of Trustees convened its regular meeting. Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 5:30 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.

Mr. Little modified the agenda to include a closed session under “other business” to follow the President’s Report.

Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Clendenin to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018, Board of Trustees meeting as submitted. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cox presented the Student Government Association Report. Ms. Cox reported on various student activities during the months of August and September.

Mr. Carpenter reported for the Buildings & Grounds Committee. The Committee approved Dr. Dempsey to make an offer to purchase approximately 10 acres of land on behalf of Sandhills Community College. The land is located adjacent to the SCC campus and is owned by the Frye Family.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee made a motion to approve the offer to purchase the Frye property. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval was received from the State Construction Office to proceed with the renovation of the Bradshaw Performing Arts Center. Construction is to begin late October.

Bidding is underway for HVAC and electrical contractors for the McPherson Black Box Theater.

The McNeill-Wooward Green Project is scheduled to begin on October 11, 2018.

The Request for Proposal for architects and design services went out on September 28, 2018, for the Medical Instruction Building. There is a 3-week turnaround on requests for submittal. There has been interest from five architectural firms.

Mr. Horne reported for the Finance Committee.

Mr. Horne reviewed the SGA Budget FY 2018-2019. Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the SGA budget as presented. Mr. Saunders seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reviewed the Athletics Budget FY 2018-2019. Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the Athletics Budget FY 2018-2019 as presented. Mr. Saunders seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reviewed the 2-1 Budget. Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the 2-1 Budget as presented. Mr. Blue seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reviewed receivables considered to be bad debts. Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the reclassification of debts as uncollectible. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reviewed the status of the financial reports, as well as the status of the State and County Bond Funds through August 31, 2018, with no Board action required.

Mr. Evans reported for the Personnel Committee. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans reviewed the Personnel Information, which included the promotion of Heather Lyons to Dean of College Initiatives and Alfreda Stroman to Dean of Cultural Affairs and Diversity. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the Personnel Information as presented. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans called on Chief Threet to submit the Annual Security Report for 2017. Chief Threet reported that there was one minor incident, resulting in no legal action taken. Chief Threet also updated the Board on the campus-wide Active Shooter Drill to be held on October 23, 2018. Dr.

Dempsey emphasized the importance of a working outdoor sound system. Chief Threet is currently working with vendors to ensure the system is in good working order.

Mr. Clendenin reported for the Planning Committee. The College Strategic Plan will be updated this year, with no Board action required. Mr. Clendenin reported that 40 projects have been completed, there are 74 ongoing projects, and 28 initiatives will be added in 2018-2019. Dr. Sullivan reviewed information regarding goals of the CSP.

Dr. Stewart presented the Student Affairs Committee Report. Dr. Dempsey recognized Athletic Director, Mike Apple, and Ryan Riggan, Associate Athletic Director and Director of Recruiting. Dr. Dempsey commended the athletics program, noting the presence of students on campus because of the existence of the program. Mr. Layne offered information concerning student athlete's academics and the extra curricular activities in which the students are involved. Coach Apple spoke regarding the SCC full-time certified trainer who has a presence at volleyball and basketball games and practices and the cost advantages she provides as a result of her expertise in sports medicine. Mr. Riggan reported on the expansion and growth of the athletic department. He noted that athletics has explored adding other sports to the SCC athletics program.

Dr. Stewart reported for the Education Committee. Dr. Stewart called on Dr. Roush to review changes and updates.

Dr. Roush noted that in the August 2018 Board meeting, the committee asked that the Board grant permission to pursue the planning process for an Associate of Fine Arts Degree in Theater and an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Entertainment Technology. Approval was granted in June and research for these programs continues.

The committee recommended the closure of the Polysomnography Program in May of 2019 due to low enrollment and cost issues. Dr. Stewart made a motion to approve the closure of the Polysomnography Program. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee recommended the closure of the Human Services Program in the spring of 2020 due to low enrollment, a low completion rate, and low full-time employment of graduates. Dr. Stewart made a motion to close the Human Services Program. Dr. Upchurch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Elkins presented the Foundation Report. The Foundation held its most successful golf tournament in August 2018. Cassidy Benjamin is the new Associate Director for Foundation Outreach. The next Foundation Board meeting will be held on October 22, 2018. The SCC Community Homecoming was held on September 29, 2018. The Annual Scholarship Dinner will be held on November 15, 2018. The Capital Campaign has received \$1.86m in cash receipts and \$8m in pledges. Staff and faculty visits will begin next week.

Dr. Dempsey presented the President's Report. He asked everyone to visit the SCC website, which now displays a video of the campus and students.

Mr. Little commented on the great success of the Sandhills College Promise program.

Mr. Little made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Clendenin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 6:40 pm.

The Board reconvened at 6:45 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Joseph Clendenin, Secretary of the Board