

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
Cessna Learning Center
CLC 104 (West Classroom)
June 1, 2015-5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Members Present

Norman Chambers
Jay Jones
Phillip Fienen
Hoite Caston
Val DeFever

Others Present

Daniel Barwick, President
Keli Tuschman, Human Resources Coordinator
Wendy Isle, Controller
Tammie Geldenhuys, Vice-President for Student Affairs and Athletics
David Smith, Dean of Instruction
Eric Montgomery, Part-time Instruction/Part-time IT
Beverly Harris, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk
John Eubanks, Professor of Business/Accounting
Ben Seel, Professor of Political Science
Ann Dutton, Vet Tech Program Director
Stacia Kaylor, Upward Bound Program Director
Taylor Crawshaw, Tutoring/Advising Coordinator
Breta Campus, Student Support Services Trio Director
Isaias McCaffery, Professor of History
Brian Southworth, Professor of Developmental Math

Guests

Jana Shaver, Incoming Trustee
Sam Forrer, Incoming Trustee
Kassie Sanderson, Reporter
Alan Smith, Reporter
Andy Taylor, Montgomery County Chronicle
Kevin Cowen, Attorney, Gilmore and Bell, P.C.
Becky Duke, Community Member

I. ROUTINE

- A. Call to Order – Norman Chambers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda – Phillip Fienen moved to approve the agenda with the order of business listed under Institutional Operations changed to visit: Item B. 2015-2016 Budget Review first; Item C. Renewal of President’s Employment Contract second; and Item A. IT System Financing Project third. Jay Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Wendy Isle led the group in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Welcome Guests – Norman Chambers welcomed the guests and provided an overview of options for public comment on items pertaining to the agenda.
- E. Mission Statement – Hoite Caston read the College Mission Statement.
- F. Vision Statement – Hoite Caston read the College Vision Statement.

II. INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS

- A. IT System Financing Project – Kevin Cowan, Attorney with Gilmore and Bell, P.C., provided an overview of the Information Technology Financing Project for the purchase and installation of information technology improvements through the sale of Lease Purchase Agreement Certificates of Participation. Mr. Cowan said, with the Board’s authorization, he could: proceed with going out to bid for tax-exempt financing in the amount of \$990,000; present the bids received during the June 30, 2015 Special Board Meeting; and set a closing date of July 21, 2015, when funding would be available. Phillip Fienen moved to accept the Resolution and authorize the offering for sale of Lease Purchase Agreement Certificates of Participation. Val DeFever seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.
- B. 2015-2016 Budget Review - Dan Barwick presented two 2015-2016 budget scenarios to the Board of Trustees; one reducing the millage by two mills; the second putting two mills in reserves. Discussion followed; the Trustees will continue review and discussion of the 2015-2016 budget during the June 30, 2015 Special Board Meeting.
- C. Renewal of President’s Employment Contract – Isaias McCaffery, Faculty Association President, read a statement that by a margin of three to one, the Faculty did not favor the extension of Dr. Barwick’s contract at this time. Phillip Fienen moved to renew the President’s employment contract as presented. Jay Jones seconded the motion. Hoite Caston gave a detailed statement detailing why he did not believe Dr. Barwick was necessarily deserving of a raise or an extension of his employment contract. Trustee Caston suggested deference of the item until the incoming Trustees came on board July 1, 2015. Incoming Trustee, Sam Forrer, stated that he was strongly against the letter read by Professor McCaffery and likened it to an anonymous letter. Chairman Chambers reminded the Board a motion had been made and seconded to approve renewal of the President’s employment Contract; a vote was called. The motion carried 4-1, with Hoite Caston voting nay.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board of Trustees did not need an Executive Session to protect the district’s right to confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board of Trustees did not need an Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed.

V. ADJOURN – Phillip Fienen moved that the meeting adjourn. Jay Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Beverly Harris
Board Clerk

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