

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF REGENTSSouth Plains College  
August 9, 2007

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, August 9, 2007, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Dining Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members toured the renovations of the Fine Arts Building, then adjourned to the President's Conference Room for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Mr. Charles Miller, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. William Clements; and Mr. Jim Montgomery. Others present were: Mr. Darrell Grimes; Mr. Tony Riley; Mr. David Jones; Mr. Stephen John; Dr. Dick Walsh; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Jon Rigg, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVT Radio; Mr. Jim McCutchin of McCutchin Construction, Mr. Coda Stephenson of BGR Architects; and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Mr. Miller gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes, there being none, Mr. Clements made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Montgomery, vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Neal made the motion to approve the Fine Arts Renovation (Phase I). Mr. Pettiet seconded the motion, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Mr. Grimes informed the Board that South Plains College has filled all but three instructional openings, with most positions being replacements. See Exhibit #3303.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Mr. Jones reported the enrollment figures as of July 10, 2007, the official census day for the second summer session of 2007. Levelland campus reported 1,012 students (+25.6%) and Reese Center reported 592 (-11.9%) students. Overall, total unduplicated headcount at all locations was up 89 (6.4%) students for a total of 1,487. See Exhibit #3304.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Finance and Administration. Mr. Riley presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Miller moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3305 and #3306. Second by Mr. Clements and the motion carried unanimously.

The Vice President presented two resolutions providing for resale of property. Motion by Mr. Clements to approve the resale of property as shown in Exhibit #3307. Second by Mr. Pettiet, vote was unanimous. Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the resale of property as shown in Exhibit #3308. Second by Mr. Neal, vote was unanimous.

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The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to report. Mr. John reported

on the results of the Institutional Effectiveness Performance Report 2005-2006, Exhibit #3309.

The Chairman called on the Provost to report. Dr. Walsh reported that South Plains Tech Prep has received the Mountain Plains Business Education Association, Distinguished Service Award. The M-PBEA institution covering nine states and two provinces in Canada, which is the nation's largest professional organization devoted exclusively to serving individuals and groups engaged in instruction, administration, research and dissemination of information for and about business. This is their highest award. See Exhibit #3310.

Mr. Box distributed the policy regarding vacancies on the Board of Regents and gave a brief history of the Board. See Exhibit #3311. Mr. Box appointed himself, Mr. Neal and Mr. Miller to a committee to consider a possible appointment to position 6 of the South Plains College Board of Regents. Mr. Montgomery requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Dennis Patton.

The Chairman called on the President to report. Dr. Sharp presented a letter from Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. See Exhibit #3312. The Lt. Gov. asks senators for resolution to the Governor's veto of community college health insurance for 2008-09. Dr. Sharp will continue to update the Board on this issue.

Dr. Sharp stated that construction continues on Phase II of the Fine Arts Building. The structure should be erected in five to six weeks. Phase II of Plainview is to be completed before the Fall classes begin on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Sharp asked permission to plan the 5,000 square feet addition to the east side of the Communications Building, see Exhibit #3313, and various renovations to the Texan Dome, see Exhibit #3314. Estimates for both projects total \$2.65 million. Mr. Pettiet made a motion to continue with the architectural planning; second by Mr. Miller, vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Sharp advised the Board that the Effective Tax Rate for 2007-08 was .216192. This rate is 2.5% lower than last year's rate of .221847. See Exhibit #3315. Mr. Montgomery made the motion to adopt the rate of .216192. Second by Mr. Neal, vote to approve was: Box – for; Neal – for; Miller – for; Montgomery – for; Clements – for; and Pettiet – for.

Dr. Sharp presented the 2007-2008 Budget, see Exhibit #3316, as proposed with the adopted tax rate. Mr. Clements made the motion to approve; second by Mr. Pettiet, vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Sharp asked the Board to consider a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> to travel to Plainview. Meeting agenda will be posted.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary