

MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
South Plains College  
August 8, 2013

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, August 8, 2013, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Dining Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Ms. Linda Patton, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. William Clements; Mr. Ken Williams; and Mr. Pete Pettiet. Others present were Mr. Jim Walker; Ms. Cathy Mitchell; Mr. Tony Riley; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. John Rigg, of the News-Press; and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Members absent: Mr. Ronny Alexander

Ms. Patton 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. Pettiet made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Williams, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Mr. Walker reported that most faculty positions have been filled. See Exhibit #3796.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for her report. Ms. Mitchell reported that Summer II enrollment is up by 87 students, or 5.3%. See Exhibit #3797. She also reported that both the male and female residence halls are currently full and have waiting lists.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Finance and Administration for his report. 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. Clements made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3798 and #3799. Second by Ms. Patton and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Riley also presented four resolutions for resale of property; 1) Frankie Karvas; Account #R18104; Exhibit #3800; motion by Mr. Pettiet to approve; second from Mr. Neal; vote to approve was unanimous. 2) Frankie Karvas; Account #R18256; Exhibit #3801; motion by Mr. Williams to approve; seconded by Mr. Neal; vote to approve was unanimous. 3) Abram Friesen; Account #R04961; Exhibit #3802; motion by Mr. Pettiet to approve; seconded by Mr. Williams; vote to approve was unanimous. 4) William D. Thomas; Account #R08268; Exhibit #3803; after discussion, motion by Mr. Clements to deny approval; seconded by Mr. Williams; vote to deny was unanimous.

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The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John reported that eight orientation sessions have been held this year with 712 students and 639 family guests participating. Two additional orientation sessions are scheduled for the Levelland Campus on August 9, 2013 and August 13, 2013. To date, 255 students and 145 guests have registered for these two final sessions. In total, the college is expecting more than 967 students to participate in orientation, a 10% increase over last year. Mr. John explained that different orientation programs are scheduled simultaneously for students and family members and discussed the orientation activities for each session. He also reported that an analysis of student success for last summer's orientation participants indicated that these students generally enroll in a greater number of credit hours, have a higher course completion rate, have a better grade point average and have a higher retention rate than do new students who do not participate in orientation. He commended the faculty and staff who assist with New Student Orientation for their commitment to the program.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp gave the Board a status report on the construction at the housing unit, cosmetology in Levelland, cosmetology in Plainview and on the renovations to North Sue Spencer Hall. All of the projects are moving along their projected time lines.

Dr. Sharp recommended a tax rate of .266140 for the coming year since the local valuation had dropped about 7%. This rate is slightly lower than the published effective rate. Dr. Sharp explained the local revenue at this rate will be about \$2,000 less than the current rate.

Dr. Sharp explained that all expenditures in the Budget for 2013-2014, see Exhibit #3804, were unchanged from the discussion at the June Board Meeting. A 3% raise for full-time employees had been incorporated. Revenues had been adjusted to reflect the new tax rate and the outcome of the latest legislative session. Motion to approve by Mr. Neal; second from Mr. Williams; vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary