

MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
South Plains College  
August 13, 2020

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. in a Zoom format with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Ronny Alexander, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; and Mr. Richard Ellis. Others present were Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT Radio; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, New and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Ronnie Watkins, Dean of Administrative Services, and Robyn Reaves, Administrative Assistant to the President.

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

The chairman asked the Vice President of Student Affairs to present. Dr. DeMerritt reported to the Board the violations of Policy FH – Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct in exhibit #4503. He also gave the Board an overview of the Summer II enrollment numbers; exhibit #4504, as well as an update on the occupancy of the residence halls for Fall 2020; exhibit #4505 Finally, Dr. DeMerritt presented the Board with the resources and updates to Policy FH as seen in exhibits #4506, exhibit #4507, exhibit #4508, and exhibit #4509. He will ask for the Board's final approval of the changes to Policy FH during the September 2020 meeting.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Dr. Gibbs presented as list of new faculty members hired for the Fall 2020 semester. See exhibit #4510. He also informed the Board that we are planning an 8-week second chance semester pilot program for the Fall 2020 semester. He will give an update on the progress after the first session in complete.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs for her report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Ellis made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #4511 and #4512. Second by Mr. Alexander and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Green also presented a resolution declaring intention to reimburse certain expenditures with proceeds from tax-exempt obligations; exhibit #4513. Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Mr. Pettiet seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green then presented ten resale of properties. 1) Alton Graves, #R8338; exhibit #4514; 2) Matthew Ireton, #R17720; exhibit #4515; 3) Justin

D. Miller, #R17277; exhibit #4516 4) Justin D. Miller, #26368; exhibit #4517 5) Justin D. Miller, #R26369; exhibit #4518; 6) Justin D. Miller, #R26370; exhibit #4519; 7) Justin D. Miller, #R26371; exhibit #4520; 8) Justin D. Miller, #R26372; exhibit #4521 9) Shannon Whitfield, #R17722; exhibit #4522; and 10) Charles Oswalt, #R17719; exhibit #4523. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve all ten properties. Mr. Neal seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Mr. John presented to Regents the High School to College Linkages Report for 2019 (exhibit #4524). This report presents college enrollment data for 2019 high school graduates that is compiled by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. College enrollment data was presented for the 50 school districts in the College's service area. Mr. John said that of the 5,061 students who graduated from service area high schools in 2019, 2,339 were enrolled in a Texas college or university for the 2019 fall semester for a 46.21 percent attendance rate. This rate compares to a 50.7 percent college-going rate for the High Plains Region and a 51.2 percent rate for the entire state for 2019. Of the 2,339 students who enrolled in college, 1,163 enrolled at SPC for a market share of 49.7 percent. Mr. John said that while the number of service area students graduating from high school has decreased slightly, the percentage of graduates attending college has remained the same for the past two years. He noted that the primary factor that affects college attendance in the region is that families are not prepared financially to pay for college. He said financial aid has become more important for students attending SPC. As a result, several initiatives are underway to make students more aware of financial aid opportunities.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite invited Mr. Watkins to give a construction update. Mr. Watkins presented the budget for phase one of the Science Building renovation. See exhibit #4525, as well as the construction budget and contingency funds; exhibit #4526. He also walked the Board through the Downtown Lubbock Center drawings stating that work will begin this fall on the renovation. Dr. Satterwhite discussed the preliminary 2020-2021 budget (exhibit #4527). He also asked the Board to establish a proposed 2020-2021 tax rate of **\$0.392703**. The votes to approve the proposed rate were as follows: Mr. Box – approve; Mr. Neal – approve; Mr. Alexander – approve; Mr. Ellis – approve; and Mr. Pettiet – approve. The Board will hold a special meeting on Friday, August 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Founder's Room on the Levelland campus.

Meeting adjourn.

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Chairman

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Secretary