

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

January 14, 2021

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 11:45 a.m. in the Sundown 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. Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. Ty Gregory; Mr. Joe Tubb; and Mr. Jim Mara. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen John; Ms. Kattie Moody, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVY Radio; Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Mr. Pettiet 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 of the Regular November 12, November 20, and December 8, 2020 minutes, there being none, and Mr. Alexander made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Tubb, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs presented an update on Workforce Education and Training in exhibit #4578. He also discussed the Texas Commission on environmental quality computer-based testing sites.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt presented the Title IX reports received for FY 2021 Q1; exhibit #4579. Dr. DeMerritt then presented the Spring 2021 Preliminary Enrollment Report (exhibit #4580) and the Preliminary Spring 2021 Housing Occupancy Report (exhibit #4581).

Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report, Financial Reports, and the Investment Report. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Mara moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in exhibits #4582, #4583, and #4584. Seconded by Mr. Tubb and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Green then presented one resale of property: Account #R10146, Mr. Elias Saenz, \$1,001.00, exhibit #4585. Mr. Gregory made the motion to approve the resale of the property, Mr. Pettiet seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John provided Regents with a summary of federal, state and local grants received and expended during the past

three fiscal years (exhibit #4586). He focused his presentation on grants that were received during the 2019-20 fiscal year, noting that the College received \$5,496,488 in federal funding, which included \$3,762,434 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds as part of the CARES Act. Federal funds were also received to support four other major projects. He discussed each of these projects and how the funds are being used to support students, faculty and instructional programs. He also reported that \$395,916 in state-funded grants have been received and expended. The majority of these funds have come from the state's Nursing Shortage Reduction Program that has benefitted SPC's nursing programs and a Skills Development Grant from the Texas Workforce Commission. The College also received \$9,764,851 in grants from local sources, which included \$8,740,100 for three capital improvement projects. The South Plains College Foundation has provided \$4,731,851 in local grants for scholarships, capital improvement projects and unrestricted program support. In the past five years, the College has received \$35,526,948 for grant-funded projects. He said that securing federal, state and local grants to support the educational program is an important resource development activity for the College and that most of the programs supported by grants would not be possible without them.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite invited Mr. Watkins to update the Board on Phases I & II of the Science Building renovations. See exhibits #4587 and #4588. Mr. Watkins also presented the Board with the Greenhouse bids; exhibit #4589. Following some discussion, Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the bids as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded the vote and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite then stated South Plains College received word from SACSCOC that we will not need to need to provide any more follow-up after receiving the 5th year interim report. He complimented the faculty and staff that worked tirelessly on this document. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite provided an update on Texan and Lady Texan athletics. See exhibit #4590.

To end the meeting, Mr. Pettiet announced he is retiring from Position #5 on the South Plains College Board of Regents after thirty-two years of service. Mr. Box and Dr. Satterwhite complimented and thanked Mr. Pettiet for his unique service to the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary