

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
December 10, 1986

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges met at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 1986, in Room 502A, Walter Sillers Building, Jackson. Members present were:

Betty Applewhite	H. J. Pearson
Wes C. Burkhardt, Jr.	Malcolm Phillips
Tom Childs	William Terrell
Bertha Daniels	

Members absent were Herdia Sena Cauthen, Jean-Marie Hill, and Susan Purdy. Staff present included George Moody and Robert L. McClellan. Others attending included Elwyn Wheat, Worth Haynes, Kermit Nations, Everett Compston, Nell Murray, Clyde Muse, Billy Thames, Howell Garner, Lewis Dugas, and Ed Meadows.

Chairman Tom Childs presided and called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Billy Thames.

MINUTES

A motion by H. J. Pearson and second by Bertha Daniels passed unanimously to amend the minutes of the October 22 meeting to reflect the following:

The decision-making process of the Board was discussed. It was the unanimous concensus that on all items for consideration the Board desired to be fully informed and advised in open and free manner to arrive at decisions. This concensus will be formalized by motion at a subsequent meeting.

The minutes of October 22, 1986, were adopted as amended.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was given by George Moody. Curriculum revisions approved by the Director were:

Northwest Mississippi Junior College

- 1) Commercial Art Technology (Olive Branch)
- 2) Automotive Technology (Senatobia)
- 3) Aviation Maintenance Technology (Olive Branch)

Copiah-Lincoln Junior College

- 1) Child Development Assistant certificate option to Child Development Technology (Wesson)
- 2) Administrative Clerk certificate option to Business Technology (Natchez)

A motion was made by H. J. Pearson that the State Board confirm and continue the policy authorizing the director to approve revisions to vo-tech program

curricula where such revision does not result in a change in curriculum classification (academic, technical, vocational) and provided that such approvals be reported to the State Board for information and the record. The motion was seconded by Wes Burkhardt and carried unanimously.

COMMENDATIONS

Malcolm Phillips moved that the State Board commend Karen McQueen of Miss. Gulf Coast Junior College District upon being selected as National Education Office Employee of the Year, and authorize the director to formulate an appropriate letter on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by Bettye Applewhite and passed by unanimous vote.

ALLOCATION REPORT IN JANUARY

Upon motion by William Terrell and H. J. Pearson and unanimous passage, the director was instructed to give a report in January 1987 on the appropriation and allocation formula. The Board expressed the desire to have comments and recommendations from the junior college presidents after receipt of the report.

Chairman Childs requested a monthly agenda item be a legislative update report from the presidents' organization.

LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wes Burkhardt reported that he, Tom Childs, H. J. Pearson, and Susan Purdy met with the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning at 11:00 a.m., today, Wednesday, December 10. He stated that formal and informal lines of communications and working relationship were established and that a sub-committee of the BIHL was appointed to work with the committee of the State Board.

Bertha Daniels noted that the committee consisting of her, Bettye Applewhite, Malcolm Phillips, and William Terrell would meet with a work group of the State Board of Education on December 18.

REQUEST TO CONTRACT FOR LOAN

Clyde Muse presented a request from the Board of Trustees of Hinds Junior College for State Board approval to enter into contract with the U. S. Department of Education for a low interest loan not to exceed 3.5 million dollars for a period not exceeding thirty years to be repaid from county tax funds, and for the purpose of upgrading and modernizing housing facilities at the Raymond Campus. A motion was made by H. J. Pearson that the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, by authority of Section 37-29-127, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated as Amended, authorize the Board of Trustees of Hinds Junior College to contract with the U. S. Department of Education within the terms and conditions set forth in its request. The motion, seconded by Malcolm Phillips, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Clyde Muse expressed appreciation to the State Board for representing the junior college system as part of higher education in a positive manner. He expressed concern that some groups used the term "higher education" to apply

only to the universities, but that junior colleges are an integral and vital segment of higher education in Mississippi as evidenced by their annual enrollment of more students than the universities; the enrollment of over sixty percent of students classed as freshmen and sophomore in the state; and the junior colleges being the presumptive deliverer of postsecondary vocational and technical training for the state.

REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM REVISION

A request was presented by Billy B. Thames, president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, to revise the curriculum of the Commercial Truck Driving Program and reduce the duration of the training cycle from 540 to 240 clock hours (eight weeks). He explained that the revised curriculum would accommodate five classes each year, and reported student and employer satisfaction with the shorter program. A motion by Malcolm Phillips and second by H. J. Pearson carried unanimously to approve the curriculum revision of Commercial Truck Driving.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

A presentation on Vocational and Technical Education was given by Elwyn Wheat. His discussion and materials distributed included:

- Two pieces of legislation which drive vocational-technical education: Carl Perkins Act and Mississippi H. B. 1009.
- Three-Year State Plan
- Systems Approach to Comprehensive Delivery Systems
- Strategic Plan for Vocational and Technical Education
- Operation Handbook for Industrial Training

Mr. Wheat supported the continuation of two strong tracks, university-transfer and vocational-technical in junior colleges, and the delivery of occupational training programs principally through the established junior college system.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

Materials distributed and reviewed by George Moody included:

- State Budget Office Recommendations
- Fall 1986 Enrollments and Allocations
- Legislative Issues

LEGISLATIVE MATTER

Upon a motion by H. J. Pearson and second by Malcolm Phillips, the Board authorized the director to have a bill introduced in the 1987 Legislative Session authorizing local boards of trustees, with approval of the State Board, to change the names of junior college districts to community college or other appropriate collegiate designation.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

A letter from Clyde Muse dated December 5, 1986, was distributed regarding problems being encountered between junior colleges and colleges of teacher education at public universities. A motion by Malcolm Phillips and second by Bertha Daniels passed unanimously and referred the matter to Wes Burkhardt and the IHL Liaison Committee for a report at a time he and the committee deem appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

The State Board adjourned at 5:05 p.m. and announced the next regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 28, 1987, in Room 502A, Sillers Building.

By: *George V. Moody*
George V. Moody, Director

Approved: *Thomas E. Childs*
Tom E. Childs, Chairman

Date: *Jan. 28, 1987*