

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
January 16, 1992

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 1992, in Room 507, Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Building, Education and Research Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson. Members present were: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Lanny Monroe, Nell Rogers, Perry Purvis, and George Walker. Members absent: Jeannet Boston and Dr. Barbara Ricks.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Carolyn Shorter, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Lanny Monroe, presiding officer.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Perrin Purvis.

Acknowledgment/Introductions

Lanny Monroe recognized the following guests: Worth Haynes, Denton Gibbs, Kathy Hayden, Dr. Eddie Smith, Dr. Billy Thames, and Dr. Julian Prince. Special recognition was given to Mr. George Walker of Clarksdale, a new Board member, from the Second Congressional District.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board approved the minutes of December 12, 1991. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

By voice vote, the Board adopted the agenda with two additions: Add to the Standing Committee Reports a legislative report and add under Other Business the reappointment of an ETV Board member.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Ray informed the Board of a meeting with NASA staff on Thursday, January 23, 1992, for the purpose of pursuing ways in which community colleges can effectively utilize NASA resources and

information, produce a NASA dissemination network, and to produce a technology transfer initiative. Dr. Ray stated that he planned to invite community college planners to the meeting.

The Executive Director announced that the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges ITFS applications were filed on December 31, 1991, and copies of the application were available should any member want a copy. The Executive Director discussed with the Board some complex issues relating to the potential delivery capacity of ITFS.

Dr. Ray announced that the first edition of the community college newsletter jointly sponsored by the Board, staff, and the Academic Deans' Association would be published in the spring. Dr. Ray commented that the newsletter would feature outstanding and unusual programs within the community colleges.

The Executive Director announced that the Special Planning Committee, chaired by Alton Bankston and comprised of three Board members, three presidents, and the president of the Trustees' Association would meet at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Ray reminded the Board that the committee is charged with the further development of concepts and strategies to assure effective communication between the presidents and the State Board and to specifically define ways in which the Board can effectively carry out its mission.

At this time, The Executive Director introduced Dr. Julian Prince, Executive Director of the Public Education Forum of Mississippi.

Dr. Prince stated that the Forum comprised of 66 members was established in 1989, and includes businesspersons, industrialists, state officials who have a vested interest in public education, and others concerned about public education. Dr. Prince informed the Board that the Forum is requesting the IHL Board, State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, State Board of Education, Governor's Office, the leadership of the legislature, and other institutions that have a vested interest in education in the state and ask each to join with the Forum in developing a strategic long-range plan for the State. The plan would be presented to all for review. He stated that the Forum recently established a Strategic Planning Committee and David Ratcliff, president of Mississippi Power was appointed chairman. Dr. Prince discussed ways the Board could interact with the Forum.

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director, George Walker moved, Bob Breeden seconded, that the Board join with the Forum in developing a strategic long-range plan, and authorize the chairman to appoint a representative to work with the Forum. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS/ACTIONMississippi Association of Community/Junior Colleges

Dr. Eddie Smith reported that the Presidents' Association had not met since the Board and Presidents' meeting at the NASA facility. He stated that the Association would meet on February 4, the day of the legislative luncheon. Dr. Smith encouraged everyone to attend the legislative luncheon. Dr. Smith informed the Board that most community colleges are currently involved in starting second semester. Dr. Smith concluded his report by saying that all of the community colleges were involved in keeping abreast of various legislative bills.

Standing Committee Reports - Planning Committee

The Planning Committee's report was presented by Nell Rogers. Ms. Rogers reported that the committee amended their agenda to hear comments from George Walker concerning findings of the Commission on Workforce Excellence relating to specific job skills.

Based on the recommendation of the Planning Committee, Nell Rogers moved that the Board authorize the Executive Director and Paul Breazeale to pull together a Board of Directors for the Mississippi Community College Public Foundation. Motion, seconded by Bob Breeden, carried unanimously.

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director, Nell Rogers moved that the Board endorse a continued study and investigation on finances within the community colleges and authorize the staff to develop a policy and/or standard on deficit spending. Motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, carried unanimously.

Ms. Rogers reported that the second draft of Policy and Procedures Manual could possibly be presented to the Ad Hoc Committee in February.

Ms. Rogers reported that the Planning Committee recommends that the Executive Director and Chairman enact a plan to comply with the Section 37-101-3 which requires the Executive Director or his designee, and one member of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges to be designated by the chairman to attend all regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. (No action and/or motion on this item).

Based on the recommendation of the Planning Committee, Nell Rogers moved that the Board accept an invitation from Southwest Mississippi Community College to hold the regular monthly Board meeting in March on their campus, and plan the committee meetings also on Wednesday evening prior to the Board meeting. Motion, seconded by Bob Breeden, carried unanimously.

Planning Committee Report (continued)

Ms. Rogers reported that thirteen of the fifteen public community colleges will close on January 20, 1992, in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Finance Committee Report

Lanny Monroe reported that the Finance Committee reviewed a status report on the financial situation at Coahoma Community College and recommended that the staff go back to Coahoma with some specific questions and a request for additional information.

Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Lanny Monroe moved that the Board approve the February disbursement of \$4,716,521 from Fund 2292, Senate Bill 3127. Motion, seconded by Bob Breeden, carried unanimously.

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director, Bob Breeden moved that the Board authorize the staff to make a determination on the best way to secure data processing equipment and with the approval of the Finance Committee initiate a request to the legislature for approval of changes in the major object of the budget. Motion, seconded by Nell Rogers, carried unanimously.

Mr. Monroe concluded the Finance Committee Report by calling attention to the Year-To-Date Budget Expenditure Report.

Legislative Committee Report

Bob Breeden, chairman of the Legislative Committee, provided information on pending legislative bills and the Board discussed and considered the following legislative bills:

Based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, Bob Breeden moved that the Board oppose House Concurrent Resolution 33. Motion, seconded by Paul Breazeale, carried unanimously.

Based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, Bob Breeden moved that the Board oppose House Concurrent Resolution 34. Motion, seconded by Paul Breazeale, carried unanimously.

Based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, Bob Breeden moved that the Board favor S. B. 2163 provided participation is voluntary. Motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, carried unanimously.

Legislative Committee Report (Continued)

Based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, Bob Breeden moved that the Board take no position on S. B. 2165. Motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, carried unanimously.

Bob Breeden reported that the Legislative Committee did not take a position on S. B. 2009, and Mr. Breeden offered a motion that the Board favor S. B. 2009. Motion, seconded by Paul Breazeale, carried.

Based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, Bob Breeden moved that the Board authorize the Legislative Committee in conjunction with the staff to adopt positions on legislative bills between meetings of the Board and contingent on Board review and concurrence. Motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, carried unanimously.

EdNet Report

Paul Breazeale expressed appreciation to the Board for its unanimous vote on the contract and stated that the SBCJC's application had been submitted to FCC. Mr. Breazeale reported that notification of FCC withdrawal by the competing foundations had been received. Mr. Breazeale expressed appreciation to Dr. Clyde Muse for carrying out his commitment on this matter.

Mr. Breazeale discussed and shared information on potential applicants for the remaining four ITFS channels. He stated that he was in favor of EdNet applying for these channels since there were no other board based educational entities in the state. Bob Breeden moved that the Board support this position. Motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, carried unanimously.

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Perrin Purvis, the Board commended Paul Breazeale for the tremendous hard work rendered in serving on the EdNet Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Authorization

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director and on a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by George Walker, the Board approved travel reimbursement to Paul Breazeale for an EdNet meeting on December 27, 1992. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Grant/Phil Hardin Foundation

The Executive Director discussed the approval of a grant agreement between the Board and the Phil Hardin Foundation. He informed the Board that the purpose of the \$6,400 grant would be to carry out a planning exercise which would lead to a leadership institute for the community colleges.

Planning Grant/Phil Hardin Foundation (Continued)

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director, Bob Breeden moved, George Walker seconded that the Board approve the Grant Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Ray presented and recommended for approval two grant agreements - one between Itawamba Community College and the Department of Economic and Community Development, and a second between Northeast Mississippi Community College and the Department of Economic and Community Development. Dr. Ray explained that these agreements were a culmination of months of cooperative work among the private and public sectors. Dr. Ray stated that the grants secured from the state represent a significant development of two advance technology centers.

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director, Perrin Purvis moved that the Board approve both of the agreements. Alton Bankston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

George Walker moved that the Board give an accolade to the Executive Director for this very significant achievement. Motion seconded by Bob Breeden carried unanimously.

Introduction of New Employee

The Executive Director introduced Mrs. Sandra Lucas, who was employed on November 1, 1991, to replace Mrs. Mary Henderson.

Reappointment to the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television

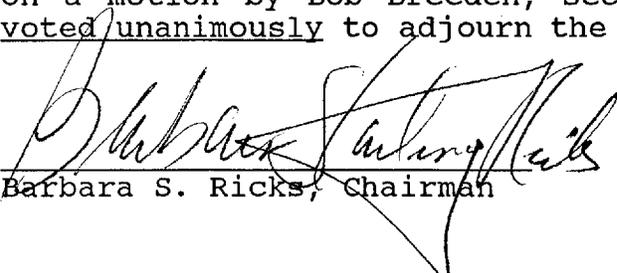
Perrin Purvis moved that the Board reappoint Dr. Olon Ray for a new term of four years on the ETV Board. Motion, seconded by Bob Breeden, carried unanimously.

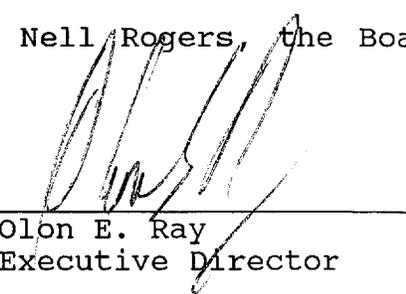
Other Business

At this time, questions raised by Amos Bridges concerning the transfer of hours and/or credit of vocational programs to the universities were discussed and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.


Barbara S. Ricks, Chairman


Olon E. Ray
Executive Director