

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
AUGUST 19, 1993

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 19, 1993, in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Paul Breazeale, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, and Perrin Purvis.

Members absent: Lanny Monroe, Barbara Ricks, Nell Rogers, and George Walker.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Debra Anderson, Bill Box, Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Walter Howell, Eloise Johnson, Sandra Lucas, Robert McClellan, Ed Schneider, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bob Breeden, presiding officer, at 10:10 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Amos Bridges.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

Bob Breeden recognized the following guests: Dave Miller, James Sweeney, Martin Mangold, Laura Lee Rochester, and Jef Judin - ETV staff members, Rick Lawrence, Henry Burkhalter, Gene Blailock, and Kelly Balius - of TruVision, Mike Allred - Chairman of EdNet and a member of the ETV Board, Tom Bordeaux - attorney for EdNet, Dr. Eddie Smith - president of East Central Community College and Jan Hillegas.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board approved the minutes of the July 30, 1993, meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

Mr. Breeden's recommended that item IV., D. be deleted and item IV., E., the EdNet Report, be moved to the head of the agenda under the Reports/Actions section.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Ray asked Eloise Johnson to review with the Board the status of sub-grants for adult basic education funding. Mrs. Johnson presented a copy of projects funded for this program year listed by public schools, community and junior colleges, community based organizations, and one university. (Exhibit A)

Dr. Ray reported that August 24, 1993, is the deadline for receiving proposals for model adult educational programs for the state.

Dr. Ray asked Dr. Walter Howell to introduce new staff members. Debra Miller Anderson, Project Coordinator, Dislocated Workers Project and Edward J. Schneider, Project Director, National Workplace Literacy Project, were present and gave brief overviews of their responsibilities and work backgrounds. Dr. Howell presented the Board members with a brief description of the Workplace Literacy Program as well as a biographical sketch on new employees. (Exhibit B)

Executive Director's out-of-town schedule:

August 27 - Clarksdale, Mississippi

September 8 - 10 - School-To-Workforce Transition Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

September 20 - Speaking to Rotary Club, Tupelo, Mississippi

REPORTS/ACTION

EdNet Report

Dr. Ray introduced Mike Allred, Chairman of the EdNet Board, who then reported on contract negotiations between EdNet and TruVision involving a comprehensive statewide system of telecommunications for the benefit of education. Questions raised by SBCJC members, at the July Board meeting, prompted further discussion between ETV engineering staff, EdNet, and TruVision in order to reach an operational agreement.

Mr. Tom Bordeaux, attorney for EdNet, reported the operating agreement reached clarifies the previously negotiated contact and changes some time lines.

Dr. Ray recognized Mrs. Jan Hillegas, a public access producer from Jackson, who had requested an opportunity to speak to the SBCJC about asking the EdNet Board to allow a public access component to their programming.

Dr. Ray reported that in researching question by question, concerns raised at the July SBCJC meeting he was impressed with the seriousness and flexibility of all participants in deciding how to best respond to the public's part of the EdNet-TruVision contract's commitment. Mr. Henry Burkhalter, of TruVision, was most cooperative in allowing an independent party, secured by the SBCJC, to examine financial records in order to answer financial concerns raised. Dr. Ray reported that all the concerns expressed by the SBCJC had now been resolved in a positive manner and presented a written recommendation on the EdNet-TruVision contract. On a motion by Paul Breazeale, seconded by Amos Bridges, the Board voted to approve a resolution to endorse the agreement between EdNet and TruVision. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit C)

Mr. Henry Burkhalter of TruVision, stated that all parties have developed the relationship necessary to go forward, have a commitment to education in Mississippi, and thanked the SBCJC for their confidence.

MACJC REPORT

Dr. Eddie Smith reported that the Association had not met since the last SBCJC meeting. Their next meeting will be August 24, 1993.

Pursuant to requests for additional information on the dispensation of recruiting violations by Jones County Junior College, Dr. Smith related to the Board the following:

In reference to a complaint registered by MS Gulf Coast Community, the original complaint was filed by someone other than the president of the college. Association guidelines require the complaint be registered by the president of a member college. The Executive Committee of the Association ruled that the complaint be set aside until such time as the president of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College might want to file an official complaint.

In reference to a complaint registered by Pearl River Community College with several facets, a hearing was held with the Executive Committee, president, and other officials of Jones County Junior College. Jones was very agreeable to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association dealing with recruiting. The Executive Committee agreed to continue the probation placed on Jones by the Association Commissioner, Robert McClellan, and requested that Jones provide a plan for elimination of any future violations. This plan has been submitted, approved by the Executive Committee of the Association, and signed by the president of Jones.

A grace period was approved for any other such complaints registered against Jones at this time until September 13, 1993.

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted to prepare a resolution commending the President's Association for the Board's inclusion in the annual trustee's meeting, extending our appreciation for their outstanding hospitality. Motion carried unanimously.

Standing Committee: Finance Committee

On a recommendation by the Finance Committee, Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Paul Breazeale, that the SBCJC approve the Educational Enhancement Fund Allocation Revision including two newly approved ADN Nursing Programs. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit D)

A report on the Education Enhancement Disbursements for August, 1993, in the amount of \$1,574,640 was given. No action was required. (Exhibit E)

On a recommendation by the Finance Committee, Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Paul Breazeale, that the SBCJC escalate the budget in order to receive Federal funds in the amount of \$228,850 for a JTPA Title III Workplace Literacy for Dislocated Workers Grant. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit F)

Jeannet Boston asked Deborah Gilbert to explain the Audit Finding and Responses from the State Department of Audit, pertaining to the SBCJC compliance audit performed for the year ended June 30, 1993. Mrs. Gilbert gave a brief overview of two compliance findings, their recommendations, and our response and corrective action plan to those findings in a letter to State Auditor, Steve Patterson. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

A financial statement of funds 3291 and 2291, showing total budget amounts, amounts expended and encumbrances was presented. No action was required. (Exhibit H)

On a recommendation by the Finance Committee, Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Paul Breazeale, that the SBCJC approve revised form Z-1 with new fund numbers for Education Enhancement Fund - 4110 for support, and 4111 for administration. Motion carried unanimously.
(Exhibit I)

The front page of the MBR budget request form comparing actual expenditures for FY 93, the estimate for FY 94 and the request for FY 1995, of CJC support (composite) and SBCJC Administration was presented for information only. No action was required. (Exhibit J)

Standing Committees: Program Committee

Bill Bunch reported that a curriculum change exception from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Emergency Medical Technology Program has now been cleared. On staff recommendation, Perrin Purvis made a motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, that the SBCJC approve Emergency Medical Technology at the Associate Degree level for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Motion carried unanimously.

On a recommendation by staff, Perrin Purvis made a motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, that the SBCJC approve a program application for Licensed Practical Nursing for the Kosciusko Center of Holmes Community College, totally funded for the first year with Rural Health Corps funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bunch reported that the Operating Room Technology program at Northwest Mississippi Community College approved conditionally by the Board at the July 30, 1993 meeting, pending approval of the State Department of Education's Office of Vocational Technical Adult Education, has now been approved by that office.

Other curriculum changes will be brought to the Board at a later date for approval. A number of colleges were approved for curriculum changes under the model curriculum last month. These programs were kept at their present approval level. Staff is currently working with Dr. Therrell Myers, and Bill Blasingame, of the Office of Vocational Technical Adult Education, to develop a procedure whereby colleges can make application to move from a certificate to associate degree level without completing the entire program approval application.

Special GED Report

Bill Box presented a report, for the last calendar year, of persons taking the GED Test. (Exhibit K)

Staff is nearing completion of a data system whereby GED Certificates and transcripts will be processed and mailed directly from the SBCJC office. In the FY 95 budget we are requesting money to purchase a scanner in order to do centralized scoring of the GED. State funding is being requested in the FY 95 budget to operate the GED testing office. In the past funding for this office came out of adult education funds.

Mr. Box informed the Board that a one-hour special public television promotion dealing with the GED will air on ETV, September 8, 1993 at 8:00 p.m.

Financial Study Committee Report

Dr. Ray reported that a group of six business managers from community and junior colleges have been contacted to help identify the issues and set an agenda to make alternative recommendations to the current community and junior college funding formula. In addition, a committee of Board members, business agents, and presidents will then examine these issues and make recommendations to the SBCJC.

Travel Authorization

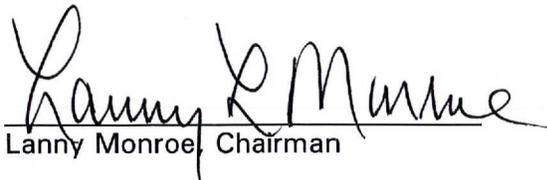
The Executive Director asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. No requests were made.

Other Business

The next meeting of the Board will be held on September 16, 1993. Dr. Ray advised the Board of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. September 14, 1993. All Board members are welcome to attend this meeting.

Adjournment

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.


Lanny Monroe, Chairman


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Executive Director