

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
JANUARY 20, 1994

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 20, 1994, in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Paul Breazeale, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, and Nell Rogers.

**Members absent:** Barbara Ricks and George Walker.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Debra Anderson, Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Rozelia Harris, Walter Howell, Sandra Lucas, Robert L. McClellan, and Derek Youngblood.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lanny Monroe at 10:15 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Paul Breazeale.

**Acknowledgments/Introductions**

Lanny Monroe recognized the following guests: Mrs. Nancy Alley, State Department of Education, Dr. Janace Goree, Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs, Institutions of Higher Learning, and Dr. David Haraway, President, Mr. Jim Darby and Mr. Joe Broadway of Northwest Mississippi Community College.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board approved the minutes of the December 16, 1993, meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Olon Ray reported that the Mississippi Delta Community College football team won the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Paul Breazeale, the Board voted unanimously to provide the Mississippi Delta team, coaches, and others personnel with an appropriate resolution of commendation for this honor.

Dr. Ray requested that on behalf of the SBCJC, a resolution of commendation also be presented to Mr. Jimmy Heidel, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, for being named the "Outstanding Economic Development Leader" in the United States. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to issue the commendation.

Dr. Ray reminded members of the Board that Statement of Economic Interest forms from the Ethics Commission are due no later than May 1, 1994.

An EdNet Advisory Committee established earlier has now been expanded to include six practitioners from community colleges. The first EdNet cell is expected to be active in early spring.

On recommendation by Dr. Ray, a motion by Amos Bridges, and a second by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to be presented to Jones County Junior College in appreciation for the lovely poinsettias given to the Board during the Christmas season.

Dr. Ray asked the Board to consider having the May Board meeting in north Mississippi in keeping with an earlier Board policy to hold two meetings a year in other areas of the state. On a motion by Bob Breeden, and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to hold the May Board meeting in north Mississippi. The location and date will be provided to the Board members as soon as details are available.

Dr. Ray reported that a district for Coahoma Community College is still being sought. Dr. Vivian Presley, President of Coahoma Community College has asked Dr. Ray to attend a Board of Trustees meeting, in order to resolve issues of concern and achieve an amicable agreement for Coahoma, Northwest, and Mississippi Delta Community Colleges.

#### **Executive Director's Travel Schedule**

- January 30 - Follow-up Millennium Group meeting, Hinds Community College, Rankin Campus, noon, and Meridian Community College, evening.
- January 31 - Coahoma Community College
- February 3 - Follow-up Millennium Group meeting, Pearl River Community College, noon.
- February 6 - Northeast Community College, Dedication of McCoy Hall
- February 11 - Follow-up Millennium Group meeting, Northwest Mississippi Community College, noon and Itawamba Community College, evening.

The next SBCJC meeting will be February 17, 1994.

#### **REPORTS/ACTION**

Mr. R. L. McClellan distributed to Board members, invitations to the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' legislative appreciation luncheon on February 1, 1994.

### MACJC REPORT

Dr. David Haraway, Vice President of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, reported on the following items:

On December 8, 1993, the presidents met to discuss the SBCJCs' Committee on Foundation Affairs recommendations, and the workforce enhancement proposal. Dr. Ray met with the presidents.

The presidents have attended Mississippi House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee hearings. Dr. Haraway commended Dr. Ray for his presentation of recommendations for the community college general support and State Board budgets.

Dr. Haraway invited Board members to attend the legislative appreciation luncheon to be held on February 1, 1994.

Dr. Haraway also reported on Millennium Group follow-up meetings being held around the state, and invited Board members to attend any meeting held in their area.

The Rural Health Corps Grant will equip each of the community college campuses with an interactive classroom. These will be linked with other classrooms at the University Medical Center, and Mississippi State University. The presidents will meet on Monday, January 24, to define ways to utilize the system and costs involved.

### Finance Committee

Jeannet Boston reported on the Finance Committee's meeting held immediately before the Board meeting.

Upon finance committee recommendation, Jeannet Boston made a motion, seconded by Bob Breeden, that the Board approve the February and March 1994 disbursements from fund 2298, Aid to Colleges, each in the amount of \$4,583,489. Motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit A).

Mrs. Boston reported on the bi-monthly capital improvements projects. Senate Bill 3192 bond projects are almost complete and any remaining funds will be transferred to Senate Bill 3057 bond projects. No action was required. (Exhibit B).

An update to the indirect cost proposal that was approved in December subject to a cost/benefit determination was presented for the Board's review. The indirect cost rate computed by the Board is 18.79% but will have to be negotiated with the U. S. Department of Education. No action was required. (Exhibit C).

Mrs. Boston presented for the Board's review a letter from the Phil Hardin Foundation authorizing the SBCJC to expend funds in the amount of \$4,000 to be paid to the Mississippi Community College Foundation. These funds are to be used only to pay MDC Inc., for staff services and expenses relating to the development of an implementation plan for the recommendations of the Millennium Group. The \$4,000 will come from an unused balance of \$2,041 from a previous grant authorized on December 11, 1991, and \$1,959, to be

received from the Phil Hardin Foundation. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, and a second by Amos Bridges, the Board voted unanimously to approve receiving the \$1,959 and expending the \$4,000 to the Mississippi Community College Foundation. (Exhibit D).

Upon finance committee recommendation a report was made to the full Board for changing the funding formula for community and junior colleges. The two categories of the formula to be changed would be the Base from 4.37 to 4.6 and Part-time Academic Students from .43 to .55. On a motion by Bob Breeden, and a second by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to approve the changes in the funding formula. (Exhibit E).

A report on disbursements from the Education Enhancement Fund for January 1, 1994, totaling \$1,574,640 was given. (Exhibit F) No action was required.

Mrs. Boston presented a report on the new maximum daily meal reimbursement amounts and an explanation of the in-state high cost areas. (Exhibit G).

A report on financial statements for fund 2291 and fund 3291 was presented for the Board's information. No action was required. (Exhibit H)

In other business, Mrs. Boston introduced an Interagency Agreement to provide legal services to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges from January through June 1994, at a cost of \$7,120. Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by Jeannet Boston, and a second by Bob Breeden, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Interagency Agreement between the Attorney General's Office and the SBCJC as of today's date. (Exhibit I).

#### Committee on Foundation Affairs

Lanny Monroe reported that the SBCJC Committee on Foundation Affairs and the Executive Committee of the president's Association met last night on areas of concern in the Board's foundation policy. As a result, revisions will be made to the Board's proposed policy and will be presented at a later date.

#### Workforce Education Legislation

Copies of House Bill 1412, the Workforce Education Act of 1994, were presented to Board members. Dr. Olon Ray reported on the bill. (Exhibit J).

#### Dislocated Workers Program Report

Debra Anderson, Project Coordinator, gave the Board a brief synopsis of the Dislocated Workers Program that provides basic skills training to individuals when there is a plant closing. The program has successfully trained approximately thirty-seven dislocated workers from the two classes. One class was started at the Heinz Pet Product plant closure on the gulf coast and one in the delta from the Jockey International plant closure.

Legislative Update

Mr. Bill Bunch presented a list of legislative bills dealing with SBCJC interests from the House and Senate and discussed their status with the Board. (Exhibit K).

EdNet Report

Paul Breazeale distributed to Board members a financial report given to EdNet at their last Board meeting, listing receipts and disbursements from inception through December 31, 1993. He also reported that an Attorney General's Opinion had been received that states it is permissible for employees of the Mississippi Educational Television Network to do work for EdNet.

Mr. Breazeale reported that all litigation with MAX Communication have now been settled.

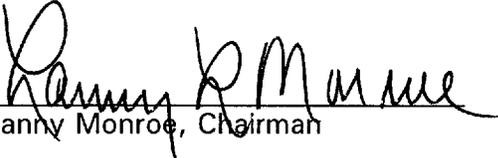
The "turn on" date for EdNet is set for March 1, 1994. Mr. Breazeale reported that the Governor's Office will seek a special appropriation for EdNet for \$550,000 to fund programming aspects.

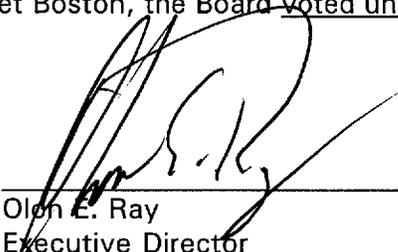
Travel Authorization

Lanny Monroe asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. A request was made by Paul Breazeale who attended an EdNet Board meeting on January 19, 1994. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Neil Rogers, the Board unanimously approved reimbursement for Mr. Breazeale.

Adjournment

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

  
Lanny Monroe, Chairman

  
Olen E. Ray  
Executive Director