

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
DECEMBER 15, 1994

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, December 15, 1994, at 9:00 a.m., in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Amos Bridges, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Barbara Ricks, Nell Rogers, and Hazel Terry.

Members absent: William Seal and George Walker.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Box, William Bunch, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Walter Howell, Sandra Lucas, Mac McClellan, Ray Smith, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 9:05 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Amos Bridges.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

Paul Breazeale recognized and welcomed the following visitors: Dr. Cynthia Dickens and Dr. Ned Lovell, Mississippi Educational Leadership Program at Mississippi State University, Dwayne Tucker, Project Director of PRO-MS, Susan Hart, Director of ADN Nursing at Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Carolyn Alexander, State Department of Education, Patrick McKinnis, EdNet, and Bubba Hudspeth, President of the Mississippi Trustees Association.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board approved the minutes of the October 20, 1994, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray reported to Board members on his visits to Northeast, Coahoma, Pearl River, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. He reported on the advanced electronic technology lab at Northeast, Mississippi Gulf Coast's initiative dealing with training people

incarcerated in the county jail, and Pearl River's Skill Tech Center Director's vision for developing industry in that area. Dr. Ray also reported on Coahoma's Skill Tech Center.

Dr. Ray stated that later in the Board meeting Dr. Ann Cook of IHL, and Mrs. Susan Hart would address the Board and answer questions dealing with issues related to nursing programs.

Dr. Ray introduced Mr. Bubba Hudspeth. Mr. Hudspeth addressed the Board stating his concerns over superintendents of education serving on community college boards of trustees. Mr. Hudspeth solicited the Board's assistance in introducing legislation whereby superintendents, elected or appointed, may not serve on community college boards of trustees. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to take Mr. Hudspeth's recommendation under advisement.

Dr. Ray introduced new staff member Ray Smith, SBCJC Management Information Systems Specialist. Mr. Smith told the Board he looked forward to the challenges this position would present.

Dr. Ray introduced Dr. Ned Lovell who reported on the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program, their future plans and expansion for the Program, and asked for the Board's endorsement of the concept of extending the leadership training program in the future. A proposal that will be presented to Dr. Tom Wacaster of the Phil Hardin Foundation in January for continuation of this program. Dr. Cynthia Dickens, from the Department of Educational Leadership at Mississippi State University, presented Board members with a report on the first session of the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program. (Exhibit A) Mr. Dwayne Tucker also reported on his program PRO-MS, Promoting Rural Opportunity in Mississippi. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the concept of continuing this leadership training for the future.

Executive Director's Travel Schedule:
January 3, 1995 - Rotary Club, Batesville, MS

Dr. Ray reported on the marketing strategy that will be used for the Work Force Education Program. Meetings will be held with editorial boards, with TV production people, and lay persons will be brought into local communities to talk to those communities about work force education. These meetings will be scheduled for January and February.

Dr. Ray reminded the Board that the January Board meeting will be followed by a joint luncheon with IHL and the State Department of Education, to be held at 11:30 a.m. on January 19, 1995, at the Ramada Plaza, in Jackson. IHL will be sending invitations.

Dr. Ray asked Board members about rescheduling the Board meeting that was to be held at East Central Community College for February 16, 1995. On a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to hold the February 16, Board meeting at East Central Community College subject to Dr. Eddie Smith's approval.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC REPORT - No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Patricia Puckett presented the following Finance Committee agenda items for Board approval.

The Bimonthly Capital Improvement Report on S.B. 3057 and S.B. 3192 bond projects was presented for information only. No action was taken. (Exhibit B)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January disbursements from Fund 2298 in the total amount of \$15,282,573. (Exhibit C)

Deborah Gilbert presented a report on the SBCJC Indirect Cost Proposal for FY 1996, based on actual expenses for FY 1994 in the amount of 15.32%. On finance committee recommendation, a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Indirect Cost Proposal for submission to Washington for approval. (Exhibit D)

Mrs. Puckett presented preliminary budget recommendations from the Legislative and Governor's budget offices for the SBCJC FY96 budget. No action was required. (Exhibit E)

Mrs. Puckett presented a report on the FY 1995 Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for November and December both in the amounts of \$2,180,358.50. No action was required. (Exhibit F)

Mrs. Puckett presented, for the Board's review, a report on the fifteen community college's One-Stop Career Center budgets. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

Mrs. Puckett presented for the Board's information, financial statements for funds 2291, 3291, and 4300. No action was required. (Exhibit H)

Deborah Gilbert presented a report on a request for expenditure authority of non-federal funds from a grant received from the Phil Hardin foundation and the Evans and Associates contract. Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to request from the Legislature in January, expenditure authority in the amount of \$200,000 in expenditure authority of non-federal funds.

Mrs. Puckett reported on the extension of the National Workplace Literacy Program Grant until February 28, 1995. (Exhibit I) No action was required.

Deborah Gilbert presented for Board members review, reports on county tax support by district, comparison of revenue by source and expenditure by program for FY 1994, and auxiliary enterprises revenues and expenditures for FY 1994. No action was required. (Exhibit J)

Dr. Ray reported that he has received a request from the President's Association via Dr. David Haraway, that the SBCJC participate with them in investing \$50,000 in a state systems study of technology. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to participate by investing \$10,000 in the systems study, providing funds are available.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Amos Bridges called on Mr. Bill Bunch to cover items listed on the Program Committee agenda.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by Amos Bridges, the Board voted unanimously to approve a program in Construction Materials Technology, 2.3/15.0291 and 2.2.15.0290, for Jones County Junior College.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Amos Bridges, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve a program in Environmental Technology, 2.3/15.0507 for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jackson County Campus.

In other business, Mr. Bunch told Board members that the poinsettias in the Board room were provided for the Board from the Horticulture program at Jones County Junior College.

WORK FORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Ray presented the Work Force Education Committee Report. He distributed to Board members copies of the first edition of Skill/Tech News, a copy of the Skill/Tech Directory, and a copy of the newly published ABE Directory. Dr. Ray brought the Board up-to-date on the State Work Force Council's actions. (Exhibit K). Dr. Ray reported that the \$84,000 Phil Hardin Foundation Grant has been approved for MDC, Inc., in North Carolina to help build planning capacity within the individual councils and the state council, and developing policy issues that will return to the SBCJC.

*The SBCJC recessed at 11:00 a.m. for a short break.

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ENROLLMENT AUDIT REPORT

Bill Bunch presented for the Board's review a report on fall enrollment audits. Two 100% audits were conducted, one at East Central and one at Hinds Community College. Overall, there was a 6.7% headcount enrollment increase. (Exhibit L)

GED REPORT

Mr. Bill Box gave the Board an update on GED testing activities through November, 1994. There is between a 6% and 7% increase in GED testing in 1994 over 1993. In Fall of 1994 there were 4,397 individuals enrolled in community and junior colleges based on receipt of a GED diploma. Mr. Box reported on the State Department of Education's plan to ask the

SBCJC to request special permission from the GED Testing Service to use the GED test as part of an overall dropout prevention program through their alternative schools.

*Dr. Ann Homer Cook entered the meeting.

Mr. Breazeale introduced Dr. Ann Homer Cook, Associate Commissioner for the Board of Trustees of Higher Education. Dr. Cook addressed the Board concerning nursing faculty shortages and steps IHL has taken to alleviate problems without causing a breakdown in quality instruction. A three year program was developed that offers scholarships and stipends to ADN nurses working on BSN, MSN, and DSN degrees who will return to teach, and the addition of two Masters degree nursing programs. Funding for these programs came about as a result of cooperative efforts between IHL and the Mississippi Nursing Association.

Mrs. Susan Hart, Director of ADN Nursing for Copiah-Lincoln Community College, addressed the Board concerning the problem of obtaining qualified nursing faculty for the community college ADN programs by relating her experience of securing qualified faculty for the new ADN program at Copiah Lincoln. She reiterated key points covered by Dr. Cook dealing with degree requirements, clinical experience, specialty area requirements, clinical responsibility and liability, salary, and continuing education and clinical practice.

AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING OF THE STATE DEAF PROGRAM

Dr. Ray asked that Mrs. Becky Cade cover a request for authorization of funding for an Office of Deafness and Hard of Hearing. Mrs. Cade pointed out two concerns of the Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities addressed to Dr. Ray. The first relates to the insufficient cadre of qualified interpreters in Mississippi, and the second concern that the population as a whole, is typically unaware of how they can and must be accessible to those hearing impaired citizens. Upon recommendation by Dr. Ray, a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve a proposal to be presented to the Legislature for establishment and funding of an Office on Deafness and Hard of Hearing. (Exhibit M)

EDNET REPORT

Paul Breazeale asked Patrick McKinnis to report on the last EdNet Board meeting. Mr. McKinnis reported that TruVision is preparing to move into two new areas of the state, the Delta, and the Gulf Coast. He also reported that funds from the Education Enhancement Funds allocated to EdNet through the Mississippi Authority for Education Television will be used to construct an ITFS control room at the ETV facility. Ultimately this will lead to an educational broadcast channel for community colleges upon completion of the system around 1998. In agreement with the EdNet contract, TruVision agreed to install, at no charge, receive site equipment at all K-12 schools. They have contacted principals in this local area and have begun installation of these receive sites.

JOINT BOARD MEETING

Mr. Breazeale reminded Board members of the joint meeting with IHL and the State Department of Education on January 19, 1995.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Paul Breazeale asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board unanimously approved a request for travel expense reimbursement for George Walker, who attended a State Work Force Council meeting on December 7, 1994.

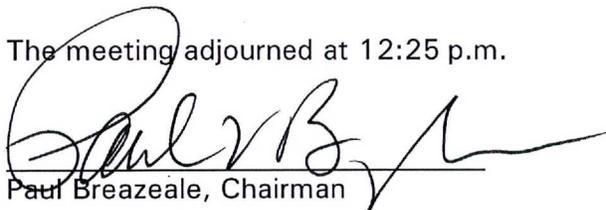
OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Breazeale asked Attorney Frankie White to update the Board on the Lobbying Law Reform Bill. Ms. White stated that the bill had been submitted by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office to the United States Justice Department for pre-clearance on November 1, 1994; however, until pre-clearance or approval is received, the Reform Bill will not become effective.

Mr. Breazeale requested that a three ring binder with tabs be set up for Board members to retain at home for their pertinent Board information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.


Paul Breazeale, Chairman



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Executive Director