

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
FEBRUARY 15-16, 1995

The February 15-16, 1995, meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was hosted by East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi.

At 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 1995, members of the Board and staff attended a dinner with East Central faculty, staff, and board members in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Members present were: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers and William Seal. Members absent were: Amos Bridges, Barbara Ricks, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

The East Central Accent Singers provided entertainment during dinner followed by greetings and remarks by East Central's president, Dr. Eddie Smith, and presentation by the college's One-Stop Career Center and Tech-Prep staff.

Mr. Bill Bunch presented and discussed legislation pending in the 1995 session. Mr. Bunch also presented the Program Committee's agenda to the Board as a committee of-the-whole. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to approve a list of programs recommended for probationary status based on fall 1994 enrollment figures. (Exhibit A)

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board unanimously approved removing from probation a list of vocational/technical programs based on fall 1994 enrollment figures. (Exhibit B)

The dinner meeting recessed at 10:10 p.m.

On Thursday February 16, 1995, at 9:00 a.m., the Board convened its regular meeting in the Administration Building Board Room.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Barbara Ricks, Nell Rogers, and William Seal.

Members absent: Amos Bridges, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Barnett, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Mac McClellan, Ray Smith and Frankie White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 9:07 a.m. Board members went to an auditorium/classroom at East Central Community College where Dr. David Haraway Chairman of the MACJC, gave his report via the Community College Network. This afforded the Board an opportunity to view the operation of the network.

MACJC REPORT

Dr. Haraway reported on the following items discussed at the January 24, 1995, MACJC meeting:

The Association received a report from Dr. Ned Lovell of Mississippi State University regarding the Community College Fellowship Program. The presidents went on record supporting this effort.

Dr. Shirley Hastings, Mississippi State University, and Dr. Ed Meek, University of Mississippi addressed the MACJC regarding a Mississippi Childcare Provider Network Grant. The presidents asked Dr. Haraway to appoint a committee to investigate the proposal to be sure that it is not in conflict with programs already in place at Mississippi community colleges. The committee consists of Dr. Eddie Smith, chairman, Dr. Eldridge Henderson, and Dr. Barry Mellinger.

Dr. Haraway reported to the presidents that the SBCJC had approved the expenditure of \$10,000 to be applied toward the \$50,000 cost of the technology study initiated by Senator Pud Graham.

The presidents received a legislative committee report from Dr. Clyde Muse.

Dr. Olon Ray reported on an opinion issued by the Ethics Commission dealing with Board of Trustee members of community colleges being ineligible for services of Skill/Tech Centers. Dr. Ray also gave a six month overview of the Workforce and Education Act of 1994, including strategic planning and ongoing projects of the Skill/Tech Centers.

Dr. David Cole, Chairman of the Technology Committee, reported on the Evans and Associates recommendations. The presidents voted to accept the report as a working document, authorized the Chairman to schedule a press conference, extended the report deadline to February 28, 1995, and approved the Library Commission request to revise budgets in connection with the report.

The Association recommended the appointment of Dale Lewis, Vocational Technical Dean from Holmes Community College, to the Private Industry Council.

The Association voted to pay legal fees to Watkins, Ludlam and Stennis incurred in connection with an athletic appeal involving a Pearl River Community College student.

The Association discussed the HEADWAE Luncheon, involving "Star" teachers and students, on February 14, 1995, and the Legislative Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the MACJC, Community College Faculty Association, and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees, on February 21, 1995. The next Association meeting will be held following the Legislative Luncheon at 1:30 p.m., on February 21, 1995.

The Phi Theta Kappa All State Team Luncheon will be held on March 1, 1995.

Dr. Haraway concluded his report via the Community College Network at 9:35 a.m. The Board meeting recessed and Dr. Eddie Smith, President of East Central Community College gave Board members a walking tour of the campus and grounds.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Mr. Paul Breazeale.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

Chairman Breazeale recognized Mr. Jimmy Dempsey, GED Examiner for East Central Community College.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by William Seal, the Board approved the minutes of the January 19, 1995, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda with the addition of an item under Reports/Action, H. Recommendation on GED Testing for 16 Year Olds.

REPORTS/ACTION

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert covered items listed on the Finance Committee agenda.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Aid to Colleges March disbursements from Fund 2298 in the total amount of \$5,318,153. (Exhibit C)

Mrs. Gilbert presented for the Board's information a report on Health Insurance Disbursements. On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised schedule of health insurance support. (Exhibit D)

Mrs. Gilbert presented a report on the February 1995 Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement in the amount of \$2,180,358.50. No action was required. (Exhibit E)

Dr. Larry Day presented for the Board's review the Bimonthly Progress Report on Capital Improvements. No action was required. (Exhibit F)

Mrs. Gilbert presented House and Senate Appropriation Sub-committee Recommendations for fiscal year 1996 for Support and Administration. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Ray reported on the absence of Board members Hazel Terry, Amos Bridges, and George Walker. Ms. Terry is recovering from a dog bite and Mr. Bridges and Mr. Walker had previous business meetings.

Executive Director's Travel Schedule:

February 20, 1995 - Presidents' Day Holiday, SBCJC Offices will be closed.

March 14, 1995 - Editorial Board meeting in Laurel, MS

Dr. Ray informed Board members that Mrs. Janet Henderson had been hired and would begin as Special Project Officer of the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration, Monday, February 27, 1995.

The Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' Legislative Appreciation Luncheon will be held on February 21, 1995. Dr. Ray encouraged Board members to attend.

Dr. Ray asked Mrs. Becky Cade to update Board members on the Evans and Associates Technology Study. Mrs. Cade reported that the final Evans report is due in the SBCJC office today. Changes to the report have a deadline of February 28, 1995. Dr. Ray informed Board members that a meeting had been scheduled with key members of the Legislature to review the Evans report and a press conference is scheduled for February 21, 1995, to announce the findings and rally support for the project's funding.

Dr. Ray reported on a ruling from the Ethics Commission stating that community college Board of Trustees' members are not eligible to receive training from the Skill/Tech Centers.

Mr. Perrin Purvis asked Dr. Ray for an update on the Board's request of the Attorney General's Office to investigate allegations regarding the Mississippi Community College Foundation. Dr. Ray discussed briefly actions being taken pursuant to the Board's request.

PURCHASES AND OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Mr. Ray Smith updated Board members on the MIS system and other computer acquisitions by distributing a copy of the SBCJC Management Information System proposal (MIS). (Exhibit I) Mr. Smith briefly covered the proposal and answered Board members' questions.

Mr. Bill Barnett discussed with the Board the process involved in awarding bids for eight mobile classroom/labs. The sealed bids will be opened on February 24, 1995. Estimated cost for each unit is approximately \$21,000. Mr. Barnett also covered infrastructure improvements

funding. A handout stating criteria for requesting funding was distributed for the Board's information. (Exhibit J)

Dr. Ray presented a list of recommendations for Board approval, to authorize the process for purchasing eight mobile classrooms/labs with necessary support equipment including thirty computers (approximate cost \$326,000), the Management Information System (approximate cost \$191,000), infrastructure funding support for community colleges for meeting area industry training needs (approximate cost \$900,000), and the cost of interfacing the Center for Quality and Productivity with the MIS system (approximately \$60,000). (Exhibit K) Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above mentioned purchases as presented.

Mr. Bill Barnett covered the Quality Award Program. He distributed to Board members literature being disseminated in connecting with the program for their review. Any Mississippi business may apply to receive a Quality Award. Training will begin shortly for Quality Examiners who will go into the business environment to evaluate and grade businesses that apply. Awards will be issued on four levels. The approximate cost of the program for the first year will be \$100,000.

Chairman Breazeale read a letter from IHL requesting that the Board submit two names to serve on an Inter-Educational Board Committee comprised of community colleges, senior colleges, and State Board of Education, aimed at improving communication and coordinating work efforts. Mr. Breazeale asked Alton Bankston and George Walker to serve on this committee. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve these appointments to the Inter-Educational Board Committee.

GED REPORT

Mr. Jimmy Dempsey, GED Examiner for East Central Community College, gave an update on GED activities. (Exhibit L) Mr. Dempsey praised the program and related to the Board some personal experiences dealing with people participating in the GED program.

**The meeting recessed at 12:00 for a luncheon sponsored by East Central Community College in the Gordon Room of the Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

**The meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m. (Dr. Barbara Ricks was called away and did not return to the meeting.)

EDNET REPORT

Mr. Paul Breazeale reported on the February 8, 1995, EdNet meeting. The private partner now has approximately 4,000 subscribers, and plans are proceeding to open the next cell, the Mississippi Delta.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Paul Breazeale asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously approved travel expense reimbursement for any Board member who attends the MACJC Legislative Appreciation Luncheon, and for Paul Breazeale who attended an EdNet meeting on February 8, 1995.

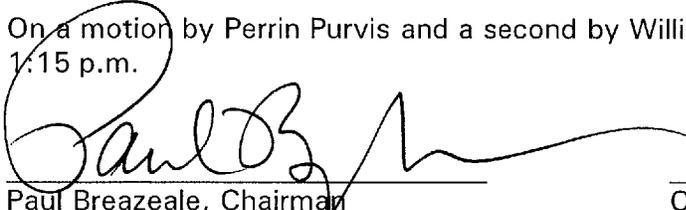
OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Ray discussed with Board members a program at Camp Shelby, carried out by the National Guard dealing with dropouts. This program is a very highly structured discipline program created to provide an educational option for these dropouts, some sixteen years of age. There are presently guidelines for seventeen year olds taking the GED. Dr. Tom Burnham, State Superintendent of Education, is presenting to the State Board of Education a proposal for submission to the SBCJC, to grant a waiver allowing sixteen year olds enrolled in the program at Camp Shelby to take the GED test. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve granting a waiver, pending State Board of Education approval, for students sixteen years of age enrolled in the Camp Shelby program.

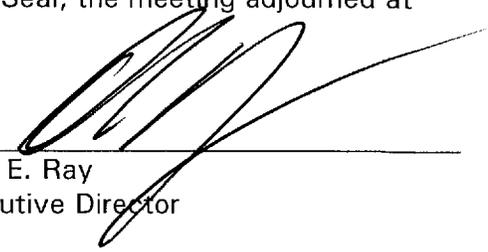
Mr. Breazeale distributed two letters, one from Dr. Clyde Muse and Dr. Ted Alexander responding to the Boards' request of the Attorney General's office to look into actions of the Mississippi Community College Foundation. After a open discussion, a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to reactivate the Committee on Foundation Affairs and expand its role in developing and setting standards.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by William Seal, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



Paul Breazeale, Chairman



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Executive Director