

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
NOVEMBER 17, 1995

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, November 17, 1995, at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Yvonne Brown, John Junkin, II, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers, Hazel Terry, William Seal, and George Walker.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Deborah Gilbert, Duane Hamill, Janet Henderson, Joy Ladd, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Ed Schneider.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Mrs. Yvonne Brown.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by George Walker, the Board approved the minutes of the October 18 and 19, 1995, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

Dr. Olon Ray recommended that a report from the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration be added as item K under section IV. Reports/Action, and advance the EdNet Report and Travel Authorizations Request to items L and M under the same section. On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Yvonne Brown, the Board unanimously adopted the amended agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray introduced Joy Ladd and Duane Hamill, two new SBCJC staff members.

Dr. Ray distributed to Board members a copy of an article entitled "A Cheaper Path to a College Degree" included in the September 25, 1995, issue of *U. S. News and World Report*.

Dr. Ray also thanked Board members for attending regional legislative meetings. Eight Board members were able to attend the meeting held on Thursday, November 16, at East Central Community College. The Jackson area meeting to be held at the Ramada Coliseum has been rescheduled for Monday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Ray distributed to Board members a draft copy of a letter to the Department of Human Services requesting a hearing to resolve issues related to a monitoring visit of JOBS Grant #37831. (Exhibit A)

Ed Schneider presented an overview of Plexus Corporation's ISO 9000 Training Program, EPIC. A copy of this information was distributed to Board members for their review. Further information will be brought to the Board at the December meeting. (Exhibit B)

Executive Director's Travel Schedule:

November 23 and 24 - SBCJC Offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

November 29 - East Central Community College's District Work Force Council Meeting

November 29 and 30 - Pearl River Community College, Legislative Reception and Meeting with the Presidents

December 1 - East Mississippi Community College, Golden Triangle ABE Advisory Council

December 5 - Delta and Pine Land Seminar, Scott, Mississippi

December 13 and 14 - University of Mississippi, SBCJC December Meeting

December 25 and 26 - SBCJC Office will be closed in observance of Christmas.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. David Haraway, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, presented the following items discussed during their October 24, 1995, meeting held at Mississippi State University at the conclusion of the 1995 MAC Conference:

Secretary of State candidate, Eric Clark addressed the Association.

Dr. Cora Norman, Director of the Mississippi Humanities Council presented a proposal requesting that the Mississippi Legislature place a Line Item Budget for the Council in the SBCJC Administration Appropriations Bill. The Presidents voted unanimously to support the Humanities Council proposal.

The Association approved their annual contribution to the MACJC Choral Association.

Dr. Clyde Muse presented a request from the State Department of Education to offer thirty hours of staff development over the CCN statewide to public school teachers. The Association voted to have the SBCJC staff work with local college staff to develop a plan whereby each Community and Junior College District would be the regional resource center for local school Superintendents for teacher and staff training.

April of each year is Community and Junior College Month. Dr. Eddie Smith presented a proposal from the CJC Public Relations Directors to prepare a thirty second video to advertise and publicize April as CJC Month at a cost of \$30,000. The proposal was not approved.

Dr. Olon Ray presented the SBCJC Executive Director's Report. He distributed handouts on the Budget Program Narrative and Program Indicators and Measures, and

Mississippi Public Community and Junior College's Disbursements for Recurring Technology Funds through Senate Bill 3212. Dr. Ray also reported that the SBCJC had approved in final form the SBCJC Standards Policy.

Dr. Clyde Muse gave the Legislative Committee Report. Dr. Muse presented a proposal to participate in the Rural Electric Power Associations' publication at a cost of \$8,200. The Association voted to approve the proposal. Dr. Muse also suggested that an advertisement be placed in the Mississippi Business Journal to talk about One-Stop Career Centers and Skill/Tech Centers. The Association asked Dr. Muse to obtain the necessary information and report to them at their November meeting.

The Association discussed the Regional Legislative meetings.

Dr. Clyde Muse reported that the Rural Health Legislation in the Federal Congress has passed the Appropriations Committee with a \$40,000 decrease in the Mississippi allotment.

Representatives of the Association have been attending the State Work Force Council meetings. Dr. Barry Mellinger and Joe Childers reported on the last State Work Force Council.

The State Department of Education's Vocational Technical Division has informed the Presidents that certain vocational programs which do not adhere to the Vocational Technical Model Curricula would be terminated. After discussion, an ad hoc committee was appointed to meet with Dr. Therrell Myers to address concerns. The committee is comprised as follows: Dr. Olon Ray, Dr. Eddie Smith, Dr. Bill Scaggs, and Dr. Horace Holmes.

The Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team program was discussed.

Dr. Haraway reported that the Association had been invited to hold their December meeting at the University of Mississippi in conjunction with the SBCJC meeting; however, he reported that traditionally the Association does not meet in December and therefore declined.

* Dr. Terrell Tisdale, entered the meeting.

Dr. Terrell Tisdale, President of Jones Junior College, reported to the Board on the events during Homecoming Ceremonies commemorating the reunion of the 1955 Junior College Rose Bowl between Jones and Compton Community College. Dr. Tisdale also reported that the Jones Junior College Band will participate in the Pasadena Rose Parade on New Year's Day. The band will be one of twenty-two nationwide invited to perform.

Finance Committee

John Junkin and Deborah Gilbert covered items listed on the Finance Committee agenda.

Upon a motion by John Junkin and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Allocation of Telecommunications Bond Costs. (Exhibit C)

Upon a motion by George Walker and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December General Fund Disbursement for Aid to Colleges from Fund 2298, in the amount of \$5,053,663. (Exhibit D)

Upon a motion by John Junkin and seconded by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 1995, Education Enhancement Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4110 in the total amount of \$2,226,179.41. (Exhibit E)

Deborah Gilbert presented for the Board's review Financial Statements on Funds 2291, 3291, 3292, and 4300. (Exhibit F) No action was required.

In other business, Deborah Gilbert reported to Board members on Federal Budget Issues. All SBCJC programs were appropriated and signed into law before the federal shutdown.

**Dr. Billy Thames entered the meeting.

Workforce Education Report

George Walker reported on Workforce Education Committee activities. Mr. Walker and Jimmy Heidel, Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development, spoke to the IHL Board at their November 16, 1995, meeting about the structure of the Skill/Tech System and the need for basic training as a preface for technical training. They communicated their belief that Mississippi Community Colleges are the best vehicle for delivery of workforce training for Mississippi. Technology transfer programs between community and senior colleges was also discussed.

*** Dr. Dee Martin entered the meeting.

The State Work Force Development Council has established a committee to deal with Block Grants. This committee met on November 3, 1995, and heard a presentation from George Autry with MDC. The committee voted and agreed that Community and Junior Colleges should be the vehicle whereby training funds are transferred down into the workforce. The committee also discussed the restructuring of the State Work Force Development Council to better match the structure developed in Washington for distribution of Block Grants. Upon a motion by John Junkin and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to support the State Workforce Development Council's efforts to ask the Governor to appoint the State Workforce Development Council and the Community College District Councils as the vehicle of choice for workforce training in Mississippi.

Health Care Committee

The Health Care Committee will be meeting immediately after the SBCJC meeting today. A report will be received at the December meeting.

Telecommunications Report/Recommendation

Becky Cade reported that at its December monthly authority meeting, ITS will begin the approval of the Technology Plans submitted by the fifteen community and junior colleges and the SBCJC. Also, she reported that the resolution adopted by the SBCJC at its October meeting has now been adopted by the Mississippi Library Commission and IHL. Mississippi Authority for Education Television also approved the resolution, but due to no quorum it must be ratified at their next scheduled Board meeting. The State Department of Education and ITS will deal with the resolution at their meetings today.

Mrs. Cade updated Board members on meetings with the Bond Attorney, Department of Finance and Administration, State Treasurer's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and SBCJC staff members.

****Dr. Clyde Muse entered the meeting.

Block Grant Legislative Status Report

Ed Schneider updated Board members on Block Grant activity. In Washington, the conferees have been assigned but have not met. As soon as information is received, it will be forwarded to Board members.

*****Dr. Clyde Muse and Dr. Billy Thames left the meeting.

Recommendation for Flexible Time Scheduling

Dr. Olon Ray presented a proposed Flex-Time Leave Policy. After review of the policy, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Flex-Time Leave Policy. (Exhibit G)

Request for Hinds Community College Center Approval at Vicksburg

Dr. Olon Ray presented a letter from Dr. Clyde Muse, President of Hinds Community College requesting that their Vicksburg-Warren County Branch be designated as an academic center. He also presented a copy of the SBCJC Criteria for Establishment of a Campus/Center, and a copy of a memorandum for Assistant Attorney General Frankie Walton White. (Exhibit H) The SBCJC Policy 1.11, "Establishing a Campus or Center," requires that after the formal request has been placed on the Board Agenda, there is a thirty day period for solicitation of formal comments. Inasmuch as the December SBCJC meeting has been moved to December 14, 1995, the request will not be eligible for consideration until the January, 1996, meeting. After a discussion, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to follow SBCJC policy deadlines and defer any action on Hinds' request until the January 1996, meeting. A report on the request will be received from SBCJC staff members and representatives of Hinds Community College will be invited to state their case at that time.

Joint Education Meeting with Forum

Dr. Olon Ray and Nell Rogers reported on a Public Education Forum Joint Education Meeting which they attended on November 6, 1995, in Jackson. The meeting included business leaders from around the state and representatives from the three educational boards, SBCJC, IHL, and State Board of Education. The purpose was to discuss what could be done to support the building of an educational agenda that is more responsive, constructive, and visionary for the State of Mississippi. A committee was formed to develop strategy for bringing to educational entities a plan for preparing Mississippi's total population for employability and bring to the Forum specific recommendations.

Preliminary Enrollment Report

Bill Bunch covered preliminary Fall 1995 Enrollment Audit results for the Board's information. (Exhibit I) These preliminary figures reflect an increase of 6.1% in students served.

Mr. Bunch reported that four 100% audits were conducted by staff.

***Mr. Harry Martin entered the meeting.

Perrin Purvis introduced Mr. Harry Martin, State Workforce Development Council member from Tupelo, Mississippi. Mr. Martin commended the State Board for their support in workforce training.

Proprietary Schools

Janet Henderson reported on activities discussed at the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration meeting on November 17, 1995. (Exhibit J)

EdNet Report

Chairman Breazeale reported that EdNet has not met since the last SBCJC meeting. He informed Board members of the death of Mr. Tom Bourdeaux, Board Attorney for EdNet.

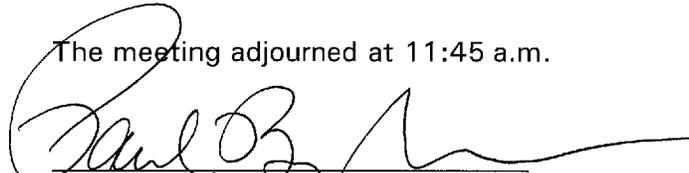
Bill Bunch made an announcement concerning the death of Representative Billy McCoy's father. Services will be held at 2:00 p. m. at Gaston Baptist Church in Booneville, tomorrow, November 18, 1995.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Breazeale asked for requests for travel authorization reimbursements other than regularly stated Board meetings. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement for Perrin Purvis's attendance at a State Workforce Development Council meeting, George Walker's attendance at the IHL Board meeting, Patricia Puckett's attendance at a regional legislative meeting at Northwest Mississippi Community College, and Nell Rogers' attendance at a joint education meeting with the Public Education Forum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Paul Breazeale, Chairman



John E. Ray
Executive Director