

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
FEBRUARY 15, 1996

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, February 15, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

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

Member absent: Hazel Terry

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Carol Stringer, Ed Schneider, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 9:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Mrs. Yvonne Brown.

Chairman Breazeale introduced visitors, Jim Darby, representing Northwest Mississippi Community College and Nancy Alley, representing the Mississippi State Department of Education.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by George Walker, the Board approved the minutes of the January 17 and 18, 1996, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray introduced new SBCJC staff member Carol Stringer. Mrs. Stringer will serve as Dr. Ray's secretary.

Dr. Ray distributed to Board members a copy of correspondence from the Mississippi Humanities Council requesting that the legislature fund the Council through a line item appropriation in the SBCJC's appropriation. (Exhibit A)

Dr. Ray also distributed a copy of a Resolution supporting the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, signed by Chairman Breazeale on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit B)

Dr. Ray reported that the Mississippi Educational Technology Conference sponsored by ETV, IHL, the State Department of Education, Community Colleges, the Library Commission, and the Department of Information Technology Services, will be held on March 26 and 27, 1996. Dr. Ray extended an invitation to all Board members to attend a luncheon on March 26, 1996. On a motion by George Walker and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to change the date of the March SBCJC meeting to Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at 9:00 a.m.

In connection with the Conference, an educational technology fair, Mississippi Ed Tech '96, designed for classroom teachers, administrators, technology committees, parents, legislators, business leaders and anyone supportive of educational technology enhancement, is scheduled for March 26 and 27, 1996, at the Mississippi Fairgrounds Trade Mart Building. Dr. Ray urged all Board members to attend.

Dr. Ray informed Board members that the SBCJC office would be closed on Monday, February 19, 1996, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Dr. Ray also reminded Board members of the 1996 Skills and Technology Conference that will be held on February 28 and 29, 1996.

Executive Director's Travel Schedule:

March 6 through 9 - Orlando, Florida for an International Workforce Meeting

Ed Schneider presented a report on Block Grants for Board members information.

Dr. Ray reminded Board members that election of new officers would be held at the March meeting. On a motion by George Walker and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to begin the process to change the beginning of elected officers' terms from April, which is current policy, to July to coincide with Board appointment terms.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. David Haraway, Chairman of the Mississippi Association for Community and Junior Colleges, reported on the following agenda items discussed at their January 22, 1996, meeting:

State Treasurer Marshall Bennett reported to the Presidents on the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program. The Association endorsed and will support this program.

Dr. Ned Lovell presented a continuation proposal for the third year of the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program sponsored by a Grant from the Phil Hardin Foundation. The Association voted to endorse the proposal.

A Nursing Workforce Re-development bill was discussed and action was tabled for further investigation.

Dr. Olon Ray reported on the partnership with public schools and community colleges to offer training through the CCN. Dr. Ray met with Dr. Tom Burnham, State Superintendent of Education, and a concept paper has been prepared stating guidelines for the partnership. The Presidents voted to support the position paper and the Association is now awaiting a response from the State Department of Education.

Dr. Ray also reported that the CCN would be moving from Hinds Community College, Raymond Campus, to the SBCJC office during the week beginning March 11, 1996. An agreement has been reached with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to move the inventory and management of the CCN equipment to the SBCJC's offices.

Dr. Ray reported to the Presidents that the Mississippi Bond Commission had not met. All fifteen community/junior colleges have submitted and have received approval on their technology plans. The Association appointed Dr. David Cole, Dr. Clyde Muse, and Dr. Olon Ray to meet with the Governor and ask him to call a meeting of the Bond Commission so that bonds may be released and the technology plans may move forward.

Bill Bunch reported that Representative Billy McCoy and Senator Grey Ferris had approached the SBCJC about taking over the Department of Human Services aspects of education in the JOBS Program.

Deborah Gilbert distributed a handout on Telecommunications Network Bonding Disbursements.

Dr. Ray reminded the Presidents of the Skills and Technology Conference to be held on February 28 and 29, 1996, and urged the Presidents to attend.

Dr. Haraway presented his report to the Association. Dr. Ray, Dr. Ted Alexander, Dr. Barry Mellinger, and Dr. Haraway met with Dr. Tom Layzell, IHL Commissioner, at his request to help prepare responses to questions dealing with the Ayers' Case.

Dr. Haraway announced assignments of Presidents to attend the State Workforce Council Meetings.

The Association discussed legislative bills, and scheduled a meeting to continue the discussion via the CCN on January 31, 1996.

Former Representative Glen Endris had expressed interest in representing the community/junior colleges during the next legislative session.

Dr. Billy Thames reported on the Phi Theta Kappa All State Academic Luncheon to be held on March 6, 1996, at the Ramada Coliseum.

Dr. Haraway further reported that Senator Pud Graham's request for the Association and the SBCJC to commit collectively \$50,000 for a state technology committee study was approved.

Athletic matters were discussed.

Finance Committee

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

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February General Fund Disbursement for Aid to Colleges from Fund 2298, in the amount of \$6,049,058. (Exhibit C)

On a motion by John Junkin and seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 29, 1996, Education Enhancement Disbursement from Fund 4080, and Fund 4110 in the total amount of \$2,191,952.41. (Exhibit D)

John Junkin presented a report on audit results for the community and junior colleges for FY 1994. No action was required. (Exhibit E) On a motion by George Walker and seconded by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to instruct staff to keep the Board advised of audit results and to instruct Dr. Ray to write the schools encouraging their compliance with State Audit Department's regulations pertaining to fixed assets.

Deborah Gilbert presented a report on the Legislative and Governor's Office Budget Recommendations for FY 1997. No action was required. (Exhibit F) On a motion by George Walker and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to prepare a resolution for presentation to the leadership of the Mississippi Legislature, similar to one adopted by the State Workforce Council, to ask that funding remain at least at the fiscal year 1996 level.

**The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m.

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Mr. Junkin presented for the Board's review the Bimonthly Capital Improvements Report. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

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

In other business, Deborah Gilbert presented a request for a project to move the MCU to the SBCJC. On a motion by George Walker and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$105,924.15 for purchasing teleconferencing video equipment.

Workforce Education Report

George Walker thanked the SBCJC members who attended the State Workforce Council on February 14, 1996. Mr. Walker also updated Board members on the Council's activities.

On a motion by George Walker and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to authorize a contract for the 1996 Quality Award Program's examiner training, not to exceed \$28,000.

Program Committee Report

William Seal presented a list of vocational and technical programs recommended to be placed on or continued on probationary status based on low enrollment figures reported by the colleges, and a list of programs recommended to be removed from probationary status. On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the staff recommended status for the listed programs. (Exhibit I)

Health Care Committee Update

Dr. Larry Day presented an update on the Health Care Committee activities. Twelve hospitals have been identified for follow-up visits to obtain additional information on their client satisfaction surveys. Additional questions are also being developed to reach larger issues relating to future health care needs.

Proprietary Schools and Colleges Report

Janet Henderson presented a report on the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration's activities discussed during the December 21, 1995, meeting. (Exhibit J)

Legislative Report

Bill Bunch gave a report on current legislation that affects the SBCJC.

EdNet Report

Chairman Breazeale reported on an EdNet meeting held on February 5, 1996. Mr. Breazeale reported that the Gulf Coast Cell was activated on January 22, 1996.

Higher Education Assistance Corporation Appointment

On a motion by George Walker and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Starkey Morgan to serve on the Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corporation.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Breazeale asked for requests for travel authorization reimbursements other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement for all Board members' attendance at the Legislative Luncheon on February 6, the State Workforce Council meeting on February 14, the Skills and Technology Conference on February 28 and 29, the Educational Technology meeting to be held on March 26 and 27, and Paul Breazeale's attendance at an EdNet Board meeting on February 5, 1996.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Chairman Breazeale asked Assistant Attorney General Frankie White concerning the recent report released by the PEER Committee dealing with the Mississippi Community College Foundation, "At the present time, are there any actions that we need to take as a Board with regard to this report?" Ms. White responded by stating that there were none that she was aware of, and that the report specified various state entities that needed to look into recommendations; however, the SBCJC was not named.

Chairman Breazeale also asked Ms. White, in connection with the Ayers Case , "In your opinion, has our Board taken or are we in the process of taking the actions necessary to comply with the Ayers court decision?" Ms. White stated that we are working with IHL toward compliance with Judge Biggers' order. Dr. Ray also stated that the Board staff is responding and continues to respond to the requirements of the Ayers Case, and are working with IHL toward compliance.

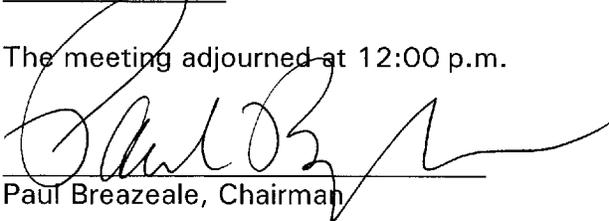
R. L. McClellan distributed a list of activities scheduled for the Natchez Literary Festival on May 30, 31, and June 1, 1996. The May Board meeting will be held during these dates.

In observance of Black History Month, Dr. Larry Day gave Board members a brief historical sketch on John R. Lynch. Lynch Street here in Jackson is named after this statesman.

Chairman Breazeale announced that two new Board members have been appointed to the Board. They are Joanna Heidel and Henry B. Hudspeth. These appointments will begin in July 1996 for six year terms. These new members will be invited to attend SBCJC meeting to observe beginning with the March 1996 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.


Paul Breazeale, Chairman
Olen E. Ray
Executive Director