

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
JANUARY 16, 1998

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, January 16, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. in room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Sara Fox; Joanna Heidel; Billy Hewes; John Junkin, II; Patricia Puckett; William Seal; Hazel Terry; and George Walker.

Members absent: Yvonne Brown and Henry Hudspeth.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Ed Schneider, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:15 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Joanna Heidel.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by William Seal, the Board approved the minutes of the December 11 and 12, 1997, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of a request from Mississippi Delta Community College for approval of construction of a Workforce Development Program facility in the Empowerment Zone.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray gave a report on his recent trip to Brevard Community College in Florida, to examine their distance learning program. Dr. Ray was accompanied by Dr. David Cole, Dr. Howell Garner, and Dr. Clyde Muse on the fact finding visit to gather information that will be examined in connection with various distance learning opportunities for Mississippi

Dr. Ray reminded Board members of the Creating Futures Through Technology Conference, co-sponsored by the SBCJC, that will be held on February 3, and 4, 1998. He also reported that the

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Finance Report

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the General Fund 2298 Disbursements for February and March 1998, in the amount of \$7,145,125 each. (Exhibit A).

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for January 31, 1998, from funds 4080, 4110, and 4301, in the amount of \$6,863,187.06 (Exhibit B).

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of GED testing materials from the GED Testing Service in the amount of \$8,458.00 (Exhibit C), GED training materials from Kentucky Educational Television in the amount of \$5,824.60, for the resource center library (Exhibit D), and equipment for the SBCJC Network/DMZ project in the amount of \$86,141 (Exhibit E).

Mr. Seal presented the following reports items not requiring action for the Board's review:
Allocation of FY 1998 Appropriations using Fall 1997 Enrollment Figures (Exhibit F)
Audit Results for FY 1996 (Exhibit G)
Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit H).

Program Committee

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve a certificate program for the Diesel Equipment Technology Program at Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Workforce Education Report

On a motion by Billy Hewes, and a second by Hazel Terry the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from Mississippi Delta Community College to designate a proposed facility, which would be located approximately one and one-half miles from the existing campus, federally funded through the Empowerment Zone, as a part of the Moorhead campus of the college. The facility would house Mississippi Delta's Workforce Development Office and other training facilities.

Chairman Walker updated Board members on the activities of the State Workforce Council. Mr. Walker shared an article on the expanding field of telecommunications training in Mississippi. Mr. Walker reported on the State Work Force Council's Industry Education Committee working with the State Department of Education, to give teachers hands on training in industry positions. The training would allow teachers to get a first hand look at basic skills necessary to successfully join Mississippi's workforce.

The Board viewed a video outlining the JASON Project. The project that targets students in secondary schools was developed by Dr. Robert Ballard and gives students interactive involvement with high tech adventures in math and science. Coahoma Community College will become

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a hub for coordinating providing these interactive services within the state. Dr. Ballard, the person responsible for the discovery of the Titanic, will be the featured speaker at the Council for Educational Technology luncheon on January 28, 1998.

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher shared with Board members statistics on workforce training in Mississippi. Approximately \$2,600,000 in funds have been committed for training in Mississippi in serving 567 participating businesses or industries, and corporate contributions recorded total in excess of \$108,000,000. The number of clients served stands at 5,100, and the cost for training is currently \$114.84 per student.

Legislative Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher provided a brief overview of legislation drafted and introduced during the current Legislative Session that affects the SBCJC and community/junior colleges.

Advanced Technology Centers

Mr. Walker briefly reviewed the discussion held on Wednesday evening concerning House Bill 1451 and the study of advanced technology centers. A copy of the State Workforce Development Council's recommendations discussed during the meeting will be submitted as an addendum to the IHL report to the Legislature (Exhibit I). Members were also reminded that a committee of SBCJC members and community and junior college presidents was scheduled to meet after the Board meeting to develop consensus on their collective positions. All members will be kept informed.

GED Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher gave the Board an update on the activities of the GED office. For the calendar year 1997, 15,000 individuals took the GED test with 5,000 individuals receiving a passing score. There was a 33% pass rate recorded for 1997.

Gulf Coast Study

Dr. Stonecypher briefly covered the recommendations outlined in the Gulf Coast Study done by The College Board of New York. The recommendations included expansion of the University of Southern Mississippi's programs and staff at their gulf coast site, while coordinating with local community colleges to broaden the total number and scope of offerings.

Accountability Report

Dr. Evelyn Webb distributed a copy of the SBCJC Legislative Accountability Report (Exhibit J). A recommendation will be presented to the State Workforce Council from the Accountability Taskforce will require that every employer who receives state subsidized workforce training, submit the Legislative Accountability Report annually or forfeit approval for such training funding for the next fiscal year. The Taskforce will also ask that the Council to implement the mandatory reporting requirement effective July 1, 1999.

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Annual Report

Dr. Evelyn Webb distributed to each Board member a copy of the SBCJC 1996-1997 Annual Report and briefly covered the highlights (Exhibit K).

Proprietary School Liaison

Mr. Walker announced that Sara Fox had agreed to serve as the SBCJC liaison to the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration.

FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

Non-Credit Enrollment Decrease at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

Dr. Larry Day distributed a copy of enrollment figures for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in response to questions raised during last month's Board meeting concerning the decrease in non-credit enrollment. Dr. Day stated that Gulf Coast had made an error in their enrollment reporting and the handout reflects that there was no decrease in non-credit enrollment (Exhibit L).

A final Fall 1997 enrollment report will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Out-of-District Scholarships

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to take up the issue of out-of-district scholarships at the appropriate time, but agreed to delay any actions on the issue until the SBCJC Funding and Formula Study Committee has acted on all the issues before them.

Other Auxiliary Revenue and Expense for Hinds Community College

At the request of John Junkin during the last Board meeting, Deborah Gilbert presented a report giving a more specific breakdown of auxiliary revenues and expenses of Hinds Community College (Exhibit M).

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement of travel expenses as follows:

George Walker for attending an IHL Advanced Technology meeting on January 7, a meeting with Dr. Olon Ray, George Autry of MDC, and Tom Wacaster of the Phil Hardin Foundation, for enhanced educational programs in Jackson on January 22, and the Ed Tech Luncheon and Conference on January 28, and 29, 1998.

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John Junkin for attending a SBCJC Funding and Formula Organizational Committee Meeting on January 20, 1998.

Joanna Heidel and Hazel Terry for attending the Ed Tech Luncheon on January 28, 1998.

Hazel Terry, John Junkin, and George Walker for attending the House Sub-Committee hearing on January 19, 1998.

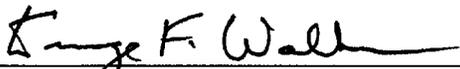
George Walker and Hazel Terry for attending the Senate appropriations hearing on January 23, 1998.

OTHER BUSINESS

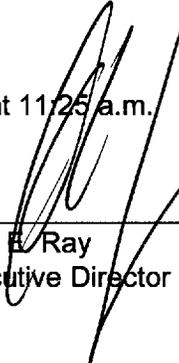
On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to change the date of the March Board meeting to March 18, and 19, 1998.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



George Walker, Chairman



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Executive Director