

**EVENING MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
February 19, 1998
MINUTES**

The Board met at 6:00 p.m. at The Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on February 19, 1998. Members present included: Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Billy Hewes, Joanna Heidel, Henry "Bubba" Hudspeth, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker. Hazel Terry was the only board member absent. Others present included State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) staff Becky Cade, Deborah Gilbert, Wayne Stonecypher, Frankie Walton-White, and Evelyn Webb.

Upon completion of the meal those present relocated from the dining room to the Magnolia Room on the eighth floor. Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The first item on the agenda was for the Committee-of-the-Whole to take up finance issues. (See attached agenda.) Mr. Seal, with assistance from SBCJC staff person, Deborah Gilbert, presented several financial items and called for discussion. Required action on appropriate items was deferred to the regular February 20, 1998, meeting. The items covered included the following:

- 1) Disbursement of \$1,950,009.06 Education Enhancement Funds,
- 2) Review of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Recommendation for both the Support and Administrative FY '99 Budgets,
- 3) Bimonthly Capital Improvement Projects,
- 4) Capital Improvement Projects by Source of Funding as of January 1998,
- 5) Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291 and 4300, and
- 6) Acceptance of Lowest & Best Bid for the Purchase of 13 Mobile Labs and Purchasing Approval of GED Tape Sets.

In reviewing the appropriations recommendation for workforce, it was suggested that a formalized plan needs to be developed to improve efforts to tell the community college story. It was discussed that the Trustees meeting on the Coast might offer opportunities to support this effort. After much discussion, a request was made to include this recommendation on the April agenda. It was further suggested that the board might consider developing a legislative committee to work on this plan.

Mr. Walker then called on Joanna Heidel as the board's program liaison to review program agenda items. Joanna with assistance from Wayne Stonecypher, reviewed a request to allow Hinds Community College to offer several courses in the telecommunications and network support program using a fast track schedule. These advanced technical certificate programs would be offered at the Rankin Campus, Jackson Campus- Academic/Technical Center, and Raymond Campus. This request was made in response to the critical need for technicians and network managers within the Metro area. Dr. Stonecypher also offered that the Board would review new program requests at the May meeting.

In other matters, Joanna Heidel raised some questions based on her review of the Weekly Legislative Report compiled by Dennis Miller and forwarded to the Board members. This report provides an overview of bills affecting the SBCJC and/or the community and junior colleges.

After discussion of the bills, Mr. Walker called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Billy Seal and seconded by Yvonne Brown. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.