

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
JUNE 19, 1998

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, June 15, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. in room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Billy Hewes, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Charles Brown, Ethel Ewing, Deborah Gilbert, Tracy Heggins, Sandra Lucas, Mary Beth Phillips, Ed Schneider, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Denise Walley, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

**Guests in attendance:** Dr. Tom Layzell, IHL Commissioner; Dr. Horace Fleming, President, and Jim Williams, representing the University of Southern Mississippi; Ron Peresich, Gene Warr, and Chevis Swetman, representing Coast 21; Representative Diane Peranich; Debbie Rubisoff, representing the Legislative Budget Office; Jack Holmes and Dr. Starkey Morgan, President, representing Holmes Community College; and Dr. Clyde Muse, President of Hinds Community College

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:00 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Joanna Heidel.

Mr. Walker recognized guests in attendance and requested that they give their names and the institutions they were representing.

**Approval of Minutes of May 15, 1998, Board Meeting**

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth and a second by Yvonne Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 15, 1998, meeting.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Olon Ray introduced new SBCJC staff members, Charles Brown, Mary Beth Phillips, and Denise Walley.

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On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the health insurance disbursement from fund 2298 for FY 1998 in the amount of \$7,979,616. (Exhibit G).

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve a revision to the SBCJC purchasing policy in order to be in compliance with state law concerning purchases of more than \$1,500 but not more than \$10,000, and purchases of more than \$10,000 (Exhibit H).

Mr. Seal also presented the following reports that did not require action but were for the Board members' review:

Capital Improvement Projects Bi-Monthly Report (Exhibit I)

Audit Approval of Fixed Asset Accountability Plans for Colleges (Exhibit J)

Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit K).

### Program Committee

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a listing of vocational/technical programs approved for funding by the State Department of Education for the 1998/1999, and 1999/2000 academic years, including a surgical technology program at Itawamba Community College (Exhibit L).

### Funding and Formula Committee Report

Deborah Gilbert distributed a handout of information reviewed by the SBCJC Funding and Formula Study Committee at their last meeting on May 19, 1998 (Exhibit M). Mrs. Gilbert reviewed the activities of the committee from its inception and outlined the information contained in the handout. The report was presented to the MACJC during their legislative planning session and will be presented to the CJC business managers next week during a meeting in Jackson.

### Request for Change in Status at the Grenada Center

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher distributed a copy of a report prepared in response to Holmes Community College's request for academic campus status for the Grenada Center (Exhibit N). Dr. Stonecypher outlined the criteria involved for academic campus status and the staff's findings with regard to the request. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to disapprove the request from Holmes Community College at this time. Also upon staff recommendation, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to (1) declare a moratorium on considering applications for further changes in order to allow time to re-examine SBCJC criterion, and (2) conduct a review of the present criterion and standards to be completed in a period of time no longer than 18 months.

### ACCT Tri-Regional Conference Report

Billy Hewes and George Walker gave a report on the ACCT Tri-Regional Conference held in Biloxi on June 10 -13, 1998. The conference was attended by over 1200 participants.

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Workforce Education Report

Mr. Walker introduced a film prepared by the Grand Casino Tunica outlining their "Adopt a Town" program that promotes employment opportunities for local residents. This program is designed to train people with the skills necessary to obtain and retain jobs.

Mr. Walker reported that the State Workforce Council voted to participate in the MACJC's regional legislative meetings to present FY 2000 budget needs. Charles Holder will work with the MACJC Legislative Committee to plan the workforce segment that will be presented during the regional meetings.

Mr. Walker attended the MACJC Legislative Planning Retreat in Tunica and stated that the presidents had voted to support the Skill/Tech Center as a priority in their legislative platform. The retreat was well attended by key legislators.

Mr. Walker distributed a copy of an editorial entitled "Community and junior colleges have a unique role" that appeared in a local Gulf Coast newspaper during the Tri-Regional ACCT Conference and thanked Billy Hewes for his efforts in getting the editorial published.

Mr. Walker also distributed a copy of a concept paper on Advanced Technology Centers (ATC) prepared by Dr. Charles Chrestman for a MACJC Committee chaired by Dr. David Cole (Exhibit O). The paper outlined a definition of ATC and gave examples of presently operating centers. Mr. Walker suggested that the Board consider adopting a resolution in support of the concept paper which proposes that the major portion of ATCs be housed at Mississippi's community and junior colleges as an extension and/or expansion of the existing Skill/Tech Centers. Mr. Walker also distributed a flowchart outlining jobs that are included under Advanced Technology, Technology and Basic Education categories. This chart was prepared by Mr. Charles Holder, a member of the State Workforce Council (Exhibit P).

Mr. Walker distributed a draft copy of Mississippi Workforce-Related Training Program funding Sources for 1998 (Exhibit Q).

The State Workforce Council's Committee for Support of Public Education continues to work with the State Department of Education to assist in identifying ways to ensure students stay in school and graduate with skills that would allow them to be successful members of the workforce.

Ed Schneider reported on the School-to-Work federal grant awarded to Mississippi in the amount of \$19,200,000. This grant covers a three year period and is designed to help public high schools facilitate students' success, encourage them to stay in school, and upon graduation to go into employment, community and junior colleges, or universities.

Mr. Walker thanked Yvonne Brown for participating in a workforce training meeting sponsored by Holmes Community College on May 27, 1998.

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EdNet Report

Yvonne Brown reported on an emergency meeting of EdNet with ETV, IHL, and Wireless One regarding the status of the build out of the system.

GED Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher reported the current statistics for the GED Office (Exhibit R). The GED Office is working with local examiners to encourage people to attend preparatory classes before sitting for the test. Public service announcements (PSA) have been sent to 169 radio stations for broadcast. Also, one 20 second PSA describes the availability of free classes which prepare students for the GED test. Another PSA gives a number that individuals may use to obtain information about where to take the GED.

Proprietary Schools Policy

On a motion by Yvonne Brown, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration Regulations.

Adequate Insurance Coverage

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher distributed a copy of a memorandum providing information and a recommendation with regard to adequate insurance coverage for the community and junior colleges (Exhibit S). After a discussion the Board agreed to review the recommendation and bring the policy back for action at a later date. On a motion by Billy Hewes, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to add the language "80% of replacement cost as adequate insurance coverage."

EdNet Report (Continued)

Dr. Ray announced that in response to concerns expressed by the Board over EdNet matters, he had invited Henry Burkhalter, with Wireless One, to attend the meeting. Mr. Burkhalter was unable to attend; however, Dr. Ray has also extended an invitation to him to meet with the Board during the July meeting on the Gulf Coast. Mr. Burkhalter has not yet responded. Dr. Ray reported that Wireless One appears to be seeking concessions that are not outlined in the original contract which provides for services to Mississippi's public schools.

Recommendation on Student Financial Aid

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher distributed a copy of a State Attorney General's Opinion regarding the role of the SBCJC in regard to the management of students' financial aid opportunities in Mississippi (Exhibit T). Dr. Stonecypher discussed the shortfall anticipated in the amount of student financial aid available for Mississippi students.

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Dr. Stonecypher also distributed a copy of the rules and regulations for administering the HELP scholarship for the Board's review. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve rules and regulations for administering the HELP Scholarship (Exhibit U).

Update on Statewide Information Initiative

Dr. Evelyn Webb updated the Board on the Statewide Information Initiative. A meeting of the public relations officers of the community and junior colleges with SBCJC staff is scheduled for next week.

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 Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement of travel expenses as follows:

George Walker and Billy Hewes for attending the Tri-Regional ACCT Conference on June 10 - 13, 1998, in Biloxi, Mississippi.

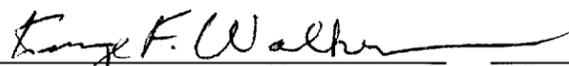
George Walker for attending the following meetings: Mississippi State Program at Eagle Ridge Conference Center on June 25 - 26, and a School-to-Work meeting on June 6 - 7, 1998.

Evaluation of Executive Director

After a discussion, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board finalized the Executive Director's evaluation and voted to approve a 7% salary increase beginning July 1, 1998.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
George Walker, Chairman

  
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Executive Director