

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
NOVEMBER 20, 1998

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, November 20, 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, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Ethel Ewing, Tracy Heggins, Adrien Landry, Sandra Lucas, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

Guests in attendance: Debra Anderson, representing IHL; Nancy Alley, representing the State Department of Education; Dr. Ted Alexander, representing the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges; and Andy Kanengiser, representing the Clarion Ledger.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:05 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Approval of Minutes of October 15, 16, and 22, 1998, Board Meetings

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 15, 16, and 22, 1998, meetings.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of an item to the Finance Report which requested payment of up to \$15,000 for a technology position for Mississippi.Future.Net.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Ray reported that a meeting of the Mississippi.Future.Net (M.F.N.) work group is scheduled for November 30, 1998. The work group will develop recommendations on issues related to Mississippi's technology needs.

Dr. Ray distributed a draft copy of possible legislation being drafted as a result of the findings of the Special Task Force on Economic Development and Planning. Included in the draft is language to reorganize and consolidate workforce training functions and funds into a single agency or entity (Exhibit A).

Dr. Ray also distributed for the Board's information, a handout entitled "Brighter Days Are Ahead with Guaranteed Tuition to Mississippi's Community and Junior Colleges" (Exhibit B).

Dr. Ray reported that Representative Jimmy Green has requested that he attend meetings with a House Committee that is examining issues relative to the growing need for training of local jailers.

Dr. Ray announced that Jim Bunch had recently retired from the Mississippi Employment Security Commission. Mr. Bunch has been a long time friend to the SBCJC and Mississippi's community and junior colleges. Upon Dr. Ray's suggestion, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to authorize a resolution of appreciation to Mr. Bunch on the occasion of his retirement.

Dr. Ray also announced the upcoming Third Annual Creating Futures Through Technology Conference that will be held in Jackson. Further information on the conference will be available at the December Board meeting.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of an article that presented a comparison between Alabama and Mississippi community colleges that appeared in the Mobile Press Register on October 15, 1998 (Exhibit C).

Dr. Ray also distributed a copy of an article for the Board's information, entitled "Supporters of 4-year School See an Opening" from The Sun Herald (Exhibit D).

Dr. Evelyn Webb gave a report on the Education Alliance's Teacher Induction Program. The Alliance's committee comprised of ten persons was assigned the task of developing a Teacher Induction Plan that considered all needs for support for a new or beginning teacher. The committee established goals and identified resources available. The Teacher Induction Plan will include components for Instruction, Classroom Management, Individual/Group Support - Professionalism, Community/Communications, and Teacher Education Program Follow-up. The program will begin operation next year in five pilot program sites and findings from these programs will be used to hopefully establish a Mississippi Induction Plan.

Dr. Ray reported that he would be out of the office on December 2 and 3, to testify in a court suit in Corinth; on December 7 and 8, to attend the Southern Association of Colleges Conference in Atlanta, Georgia; and on December 9 and 10 to attend a 2-year 4-year college collaboration meeting in Gulfport.

REPORTS/ACTION

Finance Report

Upon motion by John Junkin, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 1998, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080 and 4110 in the amount of \$2,084,940.16 (Exhibit E).

Sara Fox presented the Technology Bond Fund Update as of November 10, 1998 (Exhibit F). No action was required.

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to authorize funding for maintenance of the video network from ATS Telephone and Data Systems for the period of July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, in the amount of \$132,734. A copy of the CP-I form approved by the Department of Information and Technology Services was distributed for the Board's review (Exhibit G).

Mrs. Fox also presented the following reports not requiring action for the Board members' review:

Legislative Budget Office Recommendations.
Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit H).

In other business, Sara Fox made a motion, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, that the Board approve the payment of up to \$15,000 toward the salary and costs associated with the M.F.N. Work Group, including but not limited to a project director or firm. Other public educational and industry entities are partnering in this endeavor.

Activities Report

Dr. Randall Bradberry updated the Board on the following Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) activities:

In football: Northwest Mississippi Community College won the North Division Championship and Jones County Junior College won the South Division Championship. These two teams played for the Mississippi Championship and Jones won 24 -14. The Jones football team has been invited to participate in the Golden Isle Bowl in Brunswick, Georgia.

In soccer: Eight men's teams and three women's teams are now participating. Mississippi Delta Community College won the men's championship and Hinds Community College won the women's championship. Meridian Community College won the Region XXIII men's championship. Hinds was also named the Region XXIII women's champions.

Dr. Bradberry also distributed a handout of information on the Halbrook Award that recognizes academic achievement among athletes (Exhibit I). Mississippi Delta Community College won the award for 1998.

MACJC Report

Dr. Ted Alexander reported on the following items discussed at the October 27, 1998, meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Dr. Alexander distributed a copy of the MACJC Committees for the 1998-1999 year (Exhibit J), and discussed the charges for select committees.

Dr. Alexander reported on a meeting he was invited to and attended at the Orange Grove Community Center in Gulfport, Mississippi, with regard to the Gulf Coast Study.

Dr. Alexander updated the Board on the History of Community and Junior Colleges project. The Mississippi Humanities Council has approved a grant for planning the oral history of the community college leadership. Efforts are continuing to secure a writer/editor for the volume.

Dr. Alexander reported on the establishment of a committee, chaired by Dr. Starkey Morgan, that will be examining the effects of changes to the organizational structure of vocational-technical education and how that would effect community and junior colleges.

John Junkin requested that a report be prepared on the number of out-of-state scholarship athletes who are "starters" in the MACJC system.

William Seal requested that a report be prepared showing the total cost for out-of-state athletic scholarships for the fifteen community and junior colleges.

*The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m.

** The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Hazel Terry addressed the Board with regard to her concern over the amount of remediation that has to be taught at the community and junior college level. Ms. Terry has met with K-12 teachers, community college instructors and presidents, Representative Chip Pickering, and with the Kemper County economic development chairman. During conversations with the Kemper County economic development chairman, he agreed to write a request for a federal grant to aid in collaborative efforts between Mississippi's high schools, community and junior colleges, and universities to help improve level 1 and 2 schools across the state. Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to support the efforts to secure a federal grant to establish a collaborative effort to help improve level 1 and 2 schools across the state. Mr. Walker suggested that Ms. Terry meet with the State Workforce Development Council's Committee (SWDC) for the Support of Public Education on December 9, 1998, at 8:00 a.m.

Workforce Education Report

In light of the upcoming legislative session, Mr. Walker discussed the SWDC's position supporting the transfer of vocational-technical education training from the State Department of Education to the SBCJC. This action would consolidate workforce training for the state under a single Board. Upon a motion by Hazel Terry, and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the concept of consolidation of workforce training under a single board and to inform the Governor and legislators by letter of the SBCJC's position.

Mr. Walker emphasized the position of the MACJC and Board with regard to Advanced Technology Centers. A request will be submitted to the Legislature for \$7,500,000., 1/2 equally divided between the fifteen community and junior colleges, and the other 1/2 distributed to high level technology programs to colleges upon proven expertise in fields of training.

Mr. Walker recapped the MACJC Regional Legislative Meeting he attended and thanked all Board members who attended meetings in their districts.

EdNet Report

Dr. Evelyn Webb reported on an EdNet meeting held on November 2, 1998, for the purposes of (1) discussing the institutional requirements for becoming a Local Origination Site (LOS), (2) reviewing all information an institution would need to write a proposal to become a LOS, and (3) to allow community and junior colleges, public schools, and universities that reside within the same cell to collaborate and begin to form cooperatives for EdNet programming within an area. Five community and junior colleges were present at the meeting, Coahoma, Copiah-Lincoln, East Central, Hinds, and Jones. The institutions were given one week to digest the information and write Letter of Intent, due on November 9, 1998, if they wished to become a LOS. Letters of Intent were received from six community colleges, East Central, East Mississippi, Hinds, Meridian, Mississippi Gulf Coast, and Northeast, and from five universities, Alcorn State, Delta State, Mississippi State, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Webb reported that proposals were being prepared and are due in the EdNet office by November 30, 1998, and decisions to choose the LOS's will be made by December 14, 1998.

Yvonne Brown also reported that EdNet is continuing to explore options with the private partner, Wireless One, and to decide whether to sever the contract and use the remaining funds to provide the LOS sites.

GED Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher updated the Board on the activities of the GED and ABE divisions. Dr. Stonecypher reported that meetings are being held with an external group of ABE/GED program directors and instructors to help identify problem areas and ways in which the SBCJC may improve meeting the needs of the State. The findings of the group will be used in long range planning for the ABE/GED division.

Preliminary Enrollment Report

Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Dr. Larry Day presented a preliminary report of the Fall 1998 enrollment audit (Exhibit K).

Legislative Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher gave an overview of proposed legislation requesting changes related to current Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration language and a bill to allow GED recipients to be teacher assistants in Mississippi public schools.

Travel Authorizations

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

George Walker attended a MACJC Regional Legislative meeting at Mississippi Delta Community College on November 9, a Delta Senate Committee meeting on November 12, and the following meetings he will attend: November 24, at Mississippi State to speak on "Building the Human Capital of the State of Mississippi"; on December 9, a State Workforce Development Council meeting; and on December 14, 1998, a meeting sponsored by Mississippi State University at the Golden Triangle Center.

Hazel Terry attended a meeting with Dr. Andy Mullins and a MACJC Regional Legislative Meeting at East Central on November 10, 1998.

Patricia Puckett attended a MACJC Regional Legislative Meeting at Northwest Mississippi Community College on November 9, 1998.

Yvonne Brown attended a MACJC Regional Legislative Meeting at Holmes Community College on November 19, 1998.

John Junkin attended a MACJC Regional Legislative Meeting at Hinds Community College on November 11, 1998.

Other Business

Deborah Gilbert announced that staff would be holding a covered dish luncheon following the December SBCJC meeting and invited the Board to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Yvonne Brown suggested that a representative of EdNet be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss with the Board LOS's, issues related to severing ties with Wireless One, and where EdNet is headed.

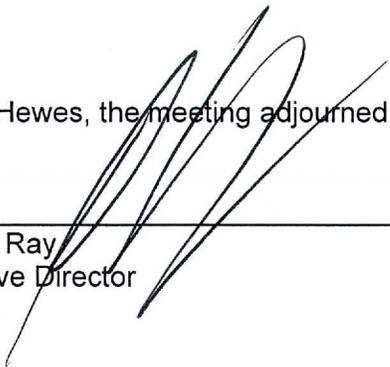
Billy Hewes suggested that Dr. Horace Fleming, President of the University of Mississippi be invited to the December Board meeting to discuss the Gulf Coast Study.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Billy Hewes, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



George Walker, Chairman



Olon E. Ray
Executive Director