

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
FEBRUARY 19, 1999

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, February 19, 1999, 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, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Danny Seal, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Frankie Walton-White.

Guests in attendance: Dexter Holloway, State Department of Education; Dr. Tommy Davis, President of East Mississippi Community College; Gary Chism, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of East Mississippi Community College; and Andy Kanengiser, the Clarion Ledger.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Henry Hudspeth at 9:05 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

**Mr. George Walker entered the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of January 14 and 15, 1999, Board Meetings

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 14 and 15, 1999, meetings.

Review of Agenda

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

Special Report on Enrollment Growth

George Walker requested that Dr. Tommy Davis, President of East Mississippi Community College, introduce his guest. Dr. Davis introduced Mr. Gary Chism, president of the Board of Trustees of East Mississippi Community College. Dr. Davis then gave a presentation on problems associated with rapid growth in Mississippi's community and junior colleges. The report detailed the growth at East Mississippi Community College for the period of 1990 through 1999 (Exhibit A). Mr. Billy Hewes asked that Dr. Davis provide a listing of full-time instructors at the Golden Triangle and Columbus Air Force Base Centers stating average salaries for the Board's information.

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Dr. Davis and Mr. Chism issued an invitation to the Board to hold a future meeting on the East Mississippi Community College campus and tour the center locations. The Board expressed their appreciation to Dr. Davis and Mr. Chism for the invitation and expressed an interest in holding a future meeting at East Mississippi Community College.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Ray reported that Patrick McKinnis and Tracy Heggins will be leaving the SBCJC staff to pursue other employment opportunities.

Dr. Ray and Becky Cade gave a report on the Creating Futures Through Technology Conference. Mrs. Cade stated that the community and junior college presentations were outstanding and many comments were received highlighting the wonderful job the colleges are doing in utilizing technology to enhance learning and teaching.

Dr. Ray also reported that negotiations concerning a proposal from Kaplan Education Centers had been finalized.

Dr. Ray stated that beginning Monday, February 23, 1999, representatives of the Mississippi State Department of Audit will be conducting a limited compliance audit.

Dr. Ray reminded the Board of the upcoming Phi Theta Kappa Recognition luncheon that will be held at the Ramada Coliseum on March 24, 1999.

Dr. Ray shared with Board members letters of support for Senate Bill 2796.

Dr. Ray shared with the Board a thank you card from the family of Jimmy Heidel for the flowers sent on the occasion of his mother's death.

Dr. Ray distributed copies of editorials by Sid Salter (Exhibit B) and IHL Board member, Bill Crawford (Exhibit C).

Dr. Ray asked if members would like to invite Dr. David Powe and Dr. Richard Thompson to the next SBCJC meeting to give presentations as was recently given to the State Workforce Development Council. Dr. Thompson provided an overview of the changes the Mississippi Department of Education is recommending for K-12 and Dr. Powe provided an overview of the Remote Sensing Project.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Ted Alexander reported via the CCN on the following items discussed at the January 26, 1999, meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

The Association voted unanimously to endorse holding a two day statewide meeting on

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May 3, and 4, to create a development agenda for community and junior colleges, and authorize the Inter-Alumni Council to submit an application to the Phil Hardin Foundation for funding the event.

The Association voted unanimously to endorse the Kaplan Learning Systems Program proposal to allow community and junior colleges to participate in the CPA training program.

The Association voted unanimously to endorse the MidSouth Partnership for Rural Community Colleges, recommend that the concept also be presented to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for approval, and commend Dr. Ned Lovell for his efforts in helping to establish the MidSouth Partnership.

Dr. Eddie Smith reported that plans are well underway for the Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team Recognition Program scheduled for March 24, 1999.

Dr. Olon Ray updated the Association on the activities of the SBCJC.

Dr. Clyde Muse lead the Association in a discussion on legislation that has been introduced that affects Mississippi's community and junior colleges.

Dr. Clyde Muse also presented a report on the Workforce Investment Act.

EdNet Report

Yvonne Brown reported on the EdNet Board meeting on February 8, 1999. At that meeting a copy of a letter from Wireless One addressed to the Governor outlining components of the original contract was presented. Inasmuch as contract negotiations are still ongoing to ensure that Wireless One complies with all of the contract issues, the EdNet Board voted to remain neutral and not take a position with regard to the letter. Also, Mrs. Brown reported that EdNet expects to receive a \$220,000 check from Wireless One to help complete the local origination site build-outs. The EdNet Board voted not to accept the check until contract issues are settled. The EdNet Board also directed their attorney to further pursue issues of concern with Wireless One.

Finance Report

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 28, 1999, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Funds 4080 and 4110 in the total amount of \$2,084,940.16 (Exhibit D).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to approve an \$8,000 membership fee to SREB/Southern Regional Electronic Campus (SREC).

Mrs. Fox also presented the following reports for the Board members' review:

Bimonthly Capital Improvement Projects (Exhibit E)

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Audit Results for Fiscal Years 1995-1997 (Exhibit F)
Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit G)
House and Senate Appropriation Versions for FY 2000 (Exhibit H).

Workforce Education

George Walker updated the Board on the activities of the State Workforce Development Council (SWDC). The Council received a report from Dr. David Powe on the Remote Sensing Project.

Mr. Walker also gave the Board an update on the School-to-Careers grant. Request for proposals are being sought during March and awards of sub-grants will be awarded in April.

Mr. Walker reported on a SWDC sub-committee that is working on a plan to partner business leaders with local schools to help ensure graduates are ready to flow into higher education and/or the workforce. The group recently met with representatives of the Mississippi State Department of Education (MSDE) and as a result, asked MSDE representatives to explain their Expert Citizens License. The license program allows individuals to volunteer to teach in areas where there is a critical shortage of teachers and expertise.

Mr. Walker reminded the Board of the upcoming Mississippi Quality Awards Program scheduled for April 8 and 9, 1999, at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi. Mr. Walker announced the names of the 1999 Mississippi Quality Awards. He urged Board members to attend.

Mr. Walker gave a report on activities related to the Federal Workforce Investment Act.

Mr. Walker distributed a copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Mississippi House of Representatives Education Committee, Billy McCoy, in support of Senate Bill 2796 (Exhibit I).

State Adult Basic Education Plan

Eloise Richardson presented a copy of the proposed new State Plan for 1999-2000 for Adult Education and Family Literacy as required by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Exhibit J). Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to submit the Mississippi State Plan for Adult Education to the Secretary of State's office to begin the Administrative Procedures process.

Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted to change the dates of the March Board meeting to March 23, and 24, 1999. Motion passed. (Brown, Puckett, Seal, Hudspeth, Terry, Hewes, Junkin, and Heidel voting yes. Fox voting no.)

Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration

Danny Seal updated the Board on the activities of the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration and discussed the actions taken at the last Commission meeting held on February 19, 1999 (Exhibit K). The next meeting of the Commission is set for April 22, 1999.

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MACJC Request for SBCJC Endorsement of the MidSouth Partnership for Rural Community Colleges

Dr. Olon Ray distributed copies of information on the MidSouth Partnership for Rural Community Colleges. The proposed Partnership collaboratively developed by Alcorn State University, and Mississippi State University, will include Mississippi's community and junior colleges, and the SBCJC. The Partnership's purpose will be to assist rural community colleges as they strive to increase economic and educational opportunities (Exhibit L). Upon the Executive Director's recommendation, a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted to endorse the MidSouth Partnership for Rural Community Colleges. Motion passed. (Brown, Puckett, Seal, Hudspeth, Terry, Hewes, Fox, and Heidel voting yes. Junkin voting no.)

Legislative Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher gave a tracking update on legislation that would affect the SBCJC and community colleges.

Travel Authorizations

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

George Walker attended a Louisville Rotary Club meeting on January 20, a Senate Hearing on January 27, a School-to-Work meeting on February 2, the MACJC Legislative Appreciation Luncheon on February 4, a State Workforce Development Council meeting on February 10, the Headwae luncheon on February 16, a Senate hearing on February 19, and to attend an Education Summit on March 3, 1999.

Hazel Terry attended an educational meeting to enhance the lives of Kemper County citizens on January 12, at DeKalb, and the EdTech Luncheon on January 27, 1999.

Yvonne Brown attended an EdNet meeting on February 8, 1999.

Other Business

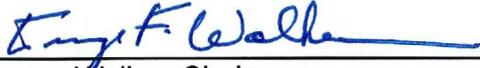
In other business, Hazel Terry reported on a meeting of educational leaders in Kemper County with regard to raising the educational level of public schools in that area.

Mr. Walker reminded Board members that nominations for SBCJC officers for the period of July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 would be on the agenda for the March 1999 meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by William Seal and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. The Board then proceeded to the Phi Theta Kappa International Headquarters for a tour of the facility.



George Walker, Chairman

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Executive Director