

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

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, November 19, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Brenda Collins, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Members absent: Yvonne Brown and Patricia Puckett.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Frankie Walton White.

Guest in attendance: Dr. Clyde Muse, President of Hinds Community College; James Robertson, of Wise, Carter, Child, and Caraway; Andy Kanengiser, with The Clarion Ledger; and Ann Peyton, representing the Mississippi Department of Education.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:10 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Joanna Heidel.

Chairman Walker introduced and welcomed new SBCJC member Brenda Collins.

Approval of Minutes of October 15, 1999, Board Meeting

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

Review of Agenda

Dr. Olon Ray suggested that the MACJC Report and the Report on the Attorney General's Opinion, be moved to the top of the agenda. On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

MACJC Report

Dr. Clyde Muse gave a report on items discussed at the October 26, 1999, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges meeting.

The meeting held at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center was immediately followed by a Global Education Conference sponsored by The Stanley Foundation, highlighting ways community and junior colleges could participate in international education.

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Dr. Tom Saterfield, Senior Vice President of ACT, gave a presentation on ACT Hosts Institutions Centers.

The Association held a discussion concerning the need for state-wide law enforcement training. Mississippi Delta Community College and Meridian Community College already have certification programs in place.

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

The Association held a discussion regarding Federal Veterans Administration requirements stating that only Baccalaureate degree nurses could be hired to work in Veterans hospitals nationwide. The Association has enlisted the help and support of Senator Trent Lott to work along with the Mississippi Association of Associate Degree Nurses on this issue that greatly impacts Associate Degree Nursing in Mississippi.

Dr. Muse reported on the MACJC Regional Legislative Meetings and thanked all the Board members that participated in the meetings.

A report was received from the MACJC Imaging Committee pertaining to their meeting with representatives of the Godwin Group, who will work on the colleges' Imaging Campaign.

*Hazel Terry entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Report on the Attorney General's Opinion

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to consider going into executive session.

Chairman Walker asked that Dr. Olon Ray, James Robertson, and Sandra Lucas remain for the executive session. The Board room was cleared.

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session to hold a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation in the matter of the Attorney General's opinion due to the fact that discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of this board.

Chairman Walker then invited the public to return to the Board room and announced the purpose of the executive session. The room was cleared and the Board began the executive session.

Minutes of the Executive Session

James Robertson with the law firm of Wise, Carter, Child, and Caraway, met with the Board and discussed a legal opinion with respect to prospective litigation relative to the Attorney General's opinion issued in November 1998 concerning the IHL-USM-Gulf Park Campus expansion issue.

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to act in

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accordance with the recommendations outlined in the report stating that there are good legal grounds to pursue the issue, beginning with meeting with the Attorney General to present the SBCJC position.

Mr. Robertson left the meeting.

Upon a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.

The meeting returned to open session and the public was invited back into the Board room. Dr. Olon Ray made a recommendation that the Board authorize the drafting of a resolution to request the IHL Board not to take any steps which would violate the statutory authority of the SBCJC. On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution for presentation to the IHL Board requesting that they not take the action that would violate the statutory authority of the SBCJC.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Olon Ray announced that Shannon Rhodes, Secretary, and Ron Marcy, Director of Distance Learning, have joined the staff of the SBCJC. Also, a new technical specialist will join the staff on December 1, 1999.

Dr. Ray updated the Board on the purchase of a uniform software platform from Blackboard, Inc., that will be utilized for the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MVCC).

Dr. Ray reported on a meeting with a subcommittee of the Mississippi Manufacturers' Association.

Enrollment Audits are being done and are scheduled to be completed by December 1, 1999. A preliminary report of audit results may be available for the Board's review at the December Board meeting.

Dr. Ray reported on the MACJC Regional Legislative meetings.

Dr. Ray reported on the Rotary International's HOPE Scholarship Proposal that will be presented to the Mississippi Legislature in January.

Dr. Ray also reported on the MACJC Imaging Campaign for the Board's information. The campaign will work to better inform the public on the vision and mission of Mississippi's community and junior colleges. Mr. Junkin asked to be kept up-to-date and apprised of the steps that will be used in the Imaging Campaign.

Dr. Ray announced the passing of Dr. Evelyn Webb's father, Mr. James Heard; Pete Walley's

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father, Mr. Pat Walley; and Judy Rhodes's father and Shannon Rhodes' grandfather, Mr. Leonard Crowe. He distributed cards for SBCJC members to sign. Dr. Ray also reported on Yvonne Brown's illness.

Dr. Ray stated that Yvonne Brown had asked him to relay to the Board that EdNet is continuing to discuss the direction of the new merger that is taking place. EdNet has adopted a down scaled budget in which they are reducing the proposed expenditure inasmuch as expenditures are surpassing revenues at this point.

Dr. Ray congratulated Frankie Walton White on being the recipient of the fourth Douglas F. Bates Distinguished Service Award. The national award recognizes her work with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Dr. Ray to draft a letter of congratulations to Ms. White.

Dr. Ray issued an invitation to Board members on behalf of the SBCJC staff, to join in the annual Christmas luncheon that will be held immediately following the December 17, 1999, meeting.

REPORTS/ACTION

Finance Report

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 1999, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4110 in the total amount of \$2,376,948 (Exhibit A).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve funding to contract with a recruiter for one highly technical position (Webmaster position).

Mrs. Fox presented the following reports that did not require action, for the Board's review:

Recommendation for the resolution of low millage rates assigned by counties to certain community colleges (Exhibit B). Enclosed was a letter to Phil Bryant, State Auditor, requesting his office to write a specific audit procedure into their audit program that will verify count millage and ensure compliance with Mississippi Code Section 37-29-141.

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

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$51,500 for software, services, maintenance and recurring costs from Blackboard Inc., that will enable the SBCJC to develop and manage on-line courses (Exhibit D).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the acquisition of six Compaq computers totaling \$14,562.

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Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the process for purchasing five mobile learning labs.

Workforce Education

Mr. Walker updated the Board on the items discussed at the State Workforce Development Council (SWDC) meeting held on November 10, 1999. The top priority of the SWDC for the upcoming legislative session is the consolidation of workforce training under the SBCJC.

Mr. Walker reported that the proposed funding formula recommendations are being brought forth at the District Workforce Council level to garner support throughout the state.

GED Report

Eloise Richardson gave a report on the GED and Adult Basic Education Programs. She reported that 170 teachers participated in the northern district training session held on the Ole Miss Campus in Oxford. The three major areas of training emphasis this year are learning styles, learning disabilities, and English as a Second Language (ESL). The southern district training session is scheduled for December 4, 1999, at the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Natchez Campus.

Board Meeting Invitation from MSU

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of a letter from Mississippi State University President, Dr. Malcolm Portera inviting the Board to hold the January meeting on the MSU campus. On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to hold the January 20, and 21, 2000, meeting at Mississippi State University.

Approval of Policies & Procedures

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the SBCJC Policies and Procedures Manual.

Activities Report

Dr. Randall Bradberry reported on the following athletic programs of the MACJC:

The State Soccer Tournament was held October 29-30, 1999.
Hinds Community College won in both the Men's and Women's Divisions.

The State Football Championship game will be played on November 20, 1999, in Senatobia, between Northwest Mississippi Community College and Hinds Community College.

The MACJC Basketball season is getting underway.

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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 Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses for the following:

Henry Hudspeth for the MACJC Regional Legislative Meeting at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Mississippi on November 9, 1999.

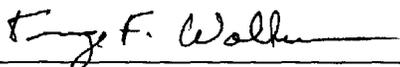
Hazel Terry for attending a District Workforce Council meeting at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Mississippi on October 20, 1999.

George Walker for attending a meeting in Meridian, on November 9; the State Workforce Development Council meeting on November 10; a meeting of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents and the Public Education Forum on November 16; and the MACJC meeting on November 23, 1999.

William Seal for attending the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration meeting on October 21, 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Sara Fox and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.



George Walker, Chairman

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Executive Director