

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
JULY 14, 2000

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, July 14, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in the Magnolia G Room of the Beau Rivage Hotel, in Biloxi, Mississippi.

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

Member Absent: Yvonne Brown.

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

Guest in attendance: Dr. Willis Lott, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. Starkey Morgan, Holmes Community College; Dr. David Cole, Governor's Office; Dr. Charles Chance, Northeast Mississippi Community College; Dr. Bobby Garvin, Jack Harper, and Louis Fancher, Mississippi Delta Community College; and Dr. James Sartin, Mississippi Department of Education.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Walker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

Brenda Collins gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2000, Board Meeting

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2000, meeting.

Review of Agenda

Sara Fox asked that an item be added to the Finance Committee Agenda to address the Kemper Budgetguard Program. On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Chairman George Walker asked that all present give their names and the name of the institution they represent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray reported that efforts to work toward creation of the "Mississippi Center for Lean Manufacturing" are proceeding well. As an initial part of the process, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and Mississippi State University are working

together on the project. Lean manufacturing is a basic process created by Toyota Quality Circle for making good products for profit.

Dr. Ray also reported that he is working with the MACJC Legislative Committee to determine a way of approaching Mississippi Legislators to discuss agenda items for the upcoming Legislative Session. A workgroup has been established and invited to a meeting to discuss transfer of post-secondary vocational technical education from the Mississippi State Department of Education to the SBCJC. Dr. Ray stated that Dr. Starkey Morgan, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, is scheduling visits with key Legislators around the State to discuss the legislative agenda in detail prior to the upcoming session.

Dr. Ray announced that SBCJC staff member, Duane Hamill, had been appointed to the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards Board of Examiners. The Mississippi Quality Awards Program was developed using the Malcolm Baldrige guidelines.

Dr. Ray reported on the summer enrollment for the Mississippi Virtual Community College. He stated that applicants are being interviewed to fill the position of SBCJC Director of Distance Education, Ron Marcy.

Dr. Ray also reported that Mr. Walker and he are visiting with Newspaper and Television Editorial Boards to discuss the IHL-USM Gulf Park Campus issue. He gave a brief overview of meetings that have already taken place and distributed a schedule for upcoming meetings.

Dr. Ray reported that the Adult Basic Education Conference held in Biloxi, on June 21-23, 2000, had a record attendance of 780+ individuals. He complimented SBCJC staff for their efforts in presenting the conference.

Dr. Ray addressed the Board concerning the State's scarce revenue situation and stated that budget cuts may be forthcoming.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Starkey Morgan, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges discussed briefly with the Board his thoughts pertaining to where the Association is headed in the next two years. He stated that the Association would be looking at ways to solicit private funding to support the IHL-USM Gulf Park lawsuit, as well as an avenue to meet with Mississippi Legislators to explain the law to gain support for the community and junior college position.

Dr. Morgan also reported that the Association would be examining the issue of scholarships to out-of-state athletes. He has appointed a committee of presidents to discuss resolutions to problems that would allow more parity in athletic programs.

Another issue is the Association's perceived relationship with the Legislature. Dr. Morgan stated that during the first two weeks in August, members of the Association would meet with key Legislators and discuss the MACJC's concerns about this issue.

Dr. Morgan has set a goal for more interactivity between the MACJC, the Faculty Association, the Inter-Alumni Association, and the MACJC Trustees Association. A meeting is being planned of the leadership of all the MACJC support groups.

Dr. Morgan stated that the primary purpose of the community and junior colleges is to serve the people of Mississippi and this will continue.

Dr. Morgan reported that Dr. Olon Ray had discussed the Board's position on athletics with him and that he would present the SBCJC position to the MACJC at the August meeting.

Status Report on Lawsuit

Dr. Ray updated the Board on the IHL-USM Gulf Park lawsuit. A copy of the response to the interlocutory appeal will be forwarded to each Board member in the near future.

EdNet Report

Dr. Evelyn Webb gave the Board an update on Yvonne Brown.

Dr. Webb reported that an EdNet Board meeting was held at Eagle Ridge Conference Center on June 28, 2000. WorldCom Wireless Solutions representative, Walt Eilers, reported that currently 906 schools have been connected to the system and that 111 additional schools are scheduled for connection during the months of July and August. Mr. Eilers also announced that a purchase order in the amount for 2.4 million dollars had been issued to purchase materials for the Local Origination Sites (LOS). However, Mike Gallagher with EdNet, stated that the vendor had been chosen to provide the equipment for the Local Origination Sites, but the purchase order had not been received. Dr. Webb announced that Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's LOS site has been completed.

The EdNet Board entered into Executive Session and Assistant Attorney General Frank Spencer asked the Board to allow Dr. Evelyn Webb to attend and offer comments, due to the absence of Mrs. Brown, SBCJC Board Member. The EdNet Board has begun a job search to fill the President's position vacated by ETV Executive Director, Larry Miller. The Board also agreed to make a change to the by-laws in order to get a new president. The Board appointed Al Lind to chair a committee of experts and interested parties in a Forum during August or September. The objectives of the meeting will be to 1) learn more about what can be done with the ITFS licenses, 2) to learn what the value of the licenses are, 3) to determine options available to the licensees, and 4) to begin to prepare for contract re-negotiations with Wireless One and other interested parties.

Other action from the Board meeting revealed that EdNet received a total of only \$275,000 from Wireless Solutions during the period of July 1, 1999 through June 2, 2000. The amount received continues to decrease as their subscriber base decreases.

Dr. Webb stated that the Advisory Committee that the EdNet Board requested that Michael Gallagher initiate has not developed. The Board for the third time requested that Mr. Gallagher get an Advisory Committee established.

Dr. Webb distributed a document stating questions and answers covered during a Mississippi EdNet Institute session on June 28, 2000 (Exhibit A), for the Board's review. John Junkin expressed concern about the Board's representation at Executive Session meetings during the time that Mrs. Brown has been unable to attend due to illness. The Board discussed options to have a representative appointed to attend the EdNet Board meetings.

Finance Report

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August and September 2000, Aid to Colleges disbursements from General Fund 2298 in the respective amounts of \$7,366,715 each (Exhibit B).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 31, 2000, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4100 in the total amount of \$1,935,328 (Exhibit C).

Dr. Larry Day presented the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for Mississippi's Community and Junior Colleges (Exhibit D). Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Dr. Larry Day presented a report on Bond Projects under Senate Bill 3315 for the Board's review and approval (Exhibit E). Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the listing of Bond Projects under Senate Bill 3315.

Deborah Gilbert presented a copy of an announcement of a Property Management Seminar for Colleges, Universities, and Community and Junior Colleges that will be held on September 11-12, 2000. The seminar will be presented by the Magnolia Chapter of the National Property Management Association and will be co-sponsored by IHL and the SBCJC. State Auditor, Phil Bryant has asked that the SBCJC help encourage individuals from the community and junior colleges to attend and to help by offering to pay 1/2 of the registration fee for an individual per college to attend. Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Brenda Collins, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the seminar, encourage the attendance of community and junior college property professional, and to pay \$100 of the \$200 registration fee of an individual from each college to attend.

Mrs. Fox distributed a recap of Fiscal Year 2000 Support Expenditures for the Board's information (Exhibit F). No action was required.

Mrs. Fox presented for the Board's information financial statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 for the period ending June 30, 2000 (Exhibit G). No action was required.

In other business, Deborah Gilbert discussed a proposal from the Kemper Insurance Companies that replaces maintenance agreements. BUDGETGUARD is designed to replace the traditional manufacturer's service contract and/or maintenance insurance.

The program establishes a premium cost for budget protection insurance. A self-insured retention budget or aggregate deductible is established for routine maintenance. Successful maintenance cost containment will provide additional savings from the balance of funds remaining in the aggregate deductible budget. BUDGETGUARD allows clients to utilize their choice of service providers to effect repairs on a time and materials basis. The proposal guarantees a 25% savings off the top of the cost of current SBCJC maintenance expenses. A premium would be established for the equipment and a deductible established for a set period of time. If the usage does not exceed the deductible the agency would receive reimbursement of up to 50% of the funds expended. The agency would also be provided with detailed records and information on service placed on the equipment.

Since this service falls under the purview of the Department of Information and Technology Services they will develop a Request For Proposal to solicit this type program.

Upon Dr. Ray's recommendation, a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the process of soliciting bids to participate in a cost savings program as an alternative to high cost maintenance contracts.

FTE Fund Formula

Deborah Gilbert discussed with the Board the implementation of a change from the traditional allocation formula based upon headcount enrollment to a formula based upon full-time equivalency (FTE) beginning July 1, 2000. Comments received during the Administrative Procedures Process from Jones County Junior College were presented and discussed. The fact that the MACJC had endorsed the FTE concept with a funding exception during its June meeting was also discussed. Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to begin implementation of a change from the traditional allocation formula based upon headcount enrollment to a formula based upon full-time equivalency (FTE) enrollment beginning July 1, 2000. This gradual progression from headcount to FTE will be implemented over a five (5) year period provided that gradual increases of approximately \$11 million are gained over that same time period.

Program Committee

Joanna Heidel made a motion, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, to approve a request from Jones County Junior College, to add an Internet Development Technology Option under their Computer Information Systems Technology Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Workforce Education

Mr. Walker updated the Board on the activities discussed at the July 12, 2000, State Workforce Development Council (SWDC) meeting. Mr. Walker announced that a SWDC committee researching ways to deliver "Lean Manufacturing" training to Mississippi companies without having to obtain the training from out-of-state providers, is continuing its efforts. This training would be provided through a partnership of community and junior colleges and universities.

Mr. Walker updated the Board briefly on the three workgroups of the SWDC: one that is working on a strategic plan for economic and workforce development, one that is determining technology priorities, and the third that is working to communicate manufacturing needs of the training delivery system.

Mr. Walker announced the SWDC's Best Practices Awards were presented to Kohler Industries and Pearl River Community College. Mr. Walker also reported that Dr. Reggie Barnes, Superintendent of Tallahatchie County Schools spoke with the SWDC regarding the need for high school students to be prepared to enter into employment opportunities in Mississippi.

Appointments to the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher presented the names of two individuals nominated to serve on the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration. Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Billy Lofton to serve on the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration.

Upon a motion by William Seal, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Bob Beasley to serve on the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration.

Invitation for Board Meeting at Copiah-Lincoln Community College

Dr. Howell Garner, President of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, has issued an invitation to the SBCJC to hold a future Board meeting at Co-Lin. Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to accept the invitation from Copiah-Lincoln Community College and to ask Dr. Ray to work with Dr. Garner in scheduling the meeting.

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 requests for reimbursement of travel expenses for the following:

George Walker for attending the State Workforce Development Council meeting on July 12, an editorial board meeting in Biloxi on July 13, an editorial board meeting in Tupelo on July 19, and an editorial board meeting in Greenwood/Greenville on July 26, 2000.

Other

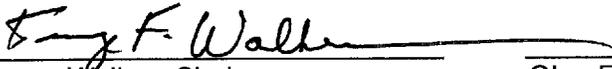
Dr. Ray stated that Brenda Collins' mother is critically ill and also asked that Yvonne Brown be remembered during her illness.

John Junkin expressed his concern over an article he read on the AmeriCorp program. He asked that this item be added to the August Board agenda for discussion.

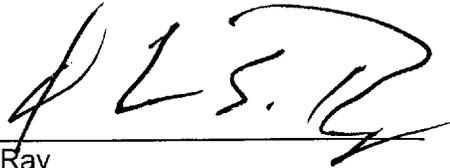
Mr. Walker distributed copies of a newspaper article entitled "Cybercollege offers degrees on Internet" for the Board's information (Exhibit H).

ADJOURNMENT

John Junkin made a motion, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.



George Walker, Chairman



Olon E. Ray
Executive Director