

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 19, 2009

The committee-of-the-whole of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at Huntington's Grille in Jackson and then reconvened at 7:15 p.m. in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS, on March 19, 2009.

Members present: Mr. George Walker, Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Mr. Max Huey, and Mr. Ed Perry. *Members absent were: Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Bobby Steinriede, and Mrs. Brenda Yonge.*

SBCJC Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Dr. Fiona Qualls, Dr. Larry Day, Dr. Debra West, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert and Mrs. Missy Saxton.

Guests in attendance: Dr. Reggie Sykes, IHL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Dr. Clark began by greeting all Board Members. He reported that several legislators have stated that revenue collections are falling below estimates, which will probably mean appropriations will be lower than appeared likely several weeks ago. It is possible that the Governor may make additional cuts to some FY 09 budgets.

Dr. Clark, Dr. Debra West and Mrs. Deborah Gilbert have been invited to, and have listened in on several conference calls pertaining to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Information continues to be circulated in the education community regarding possible uses for these funds. A clear direction still has not been solidified at this point and we continue to seek direction from the Governor's office, as well as the State Auditor's office, regarding state and federal requirements.

It was suggested by Mr. Walker that Dr. Clark and the SBCJC Staff write a letter to our Congressional delegation presenting a united front in promoting economic development in Mississippi. Also, Mr. Walker suggested, and the Board Members agreed, that an editorial column be sent to *The Clarion-Ledger*, promoting the importance of the community college system during these challenging economic times.

Dr. Debra West informed them she would be presenting several Career and Technical Education items for approval at the Friday board meeting. She will also be presenting the workforce and grants report.

Dr. Larry indicated he will provide an informational report on his activities involving the College Outreach initiatives.

Dr. Fiona Qualls welcomed Board Members and reported that she would be presenting two items at the Friday Board Meeting. This first item is the Proprietary Schools report

and the second item is the names presented for the Nissan Scholarship.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert began her Finance report by referring SBCJC members to the Finance agenda tab.

Attachment 1 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for fund 4080 for \$2,871,341.00 and Fund 4110 for \$82,112.00, for a total amount of \$2,953,453.00, for March 31, 2009. This will require approval.

Attachment 2 is an Update on the Education Enhancement Fund Reductions. This is for informational purposes only and does not require action.

Attachments 3a and 3b are the Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of February 28, 2009. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachments 4a and 4b are the House and Senate Versions of Appropriations Bills, Senate Bill 3222-Administration and Senate Bill 3223, Community and Junior College Support. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachments 5a and 5b are the Purchasing Approvals for the Desire2Learn contract and the Infinite Group, Inc, contract. Desire2Learn provides software and services necessary for implementation of an Application Services Provider (ASP) solution for a learning management system for the MSVCC. Total Cost for Years 1, 2 and 3 is \$581,756.80. Infinite Group, Inc. will conduct a current state assessment and provide recommendations for modernization of the computing environment for the network of community and junior colleges at a cost of \$23,000.00. This will require approval.

Mrs. Gilbert concluded the Finance Report.

There being no other business, Mr. Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Recorded by:


Missy Saxton


Mr. George Walker, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director