

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Southwestern Community College

November 12, 2015 – SCC Jackson Campus

Attending:

Trustees

Terry Bell
Vance Davidson
Jean Ellen Forrister
Mark Jones
Libby Knight
Karl Gillespie
Paul Holt
Jeremy Hyatt
Gary Shields
Lambert Wilson
Ciara Payne, student ambassador

College Staff

Don Tomas
Suzanne Vincent
Cliff Stalter
Johnathan Dean

Guests:

Scott Baker, LS3P

Absent

Conrad Burrell
Jeff Cloer

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for a Special Called meeting on November 12, 2015 in the Slagle Board Room on the Jackson Campus.

Chairman Terry Bell called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and read the Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Bell asked Mr. Cliff Stalter, Vice President for Financial and Administrative Services, to address the 2015-16 Budget. Mr. Stalter outlined the 2015-16 Budget which includes a 1.25% raise and a \$750.00 bonus for faculty and staff.

Mr. Stalter also explained a change to a previously approved IT Equipment Lease. A funds reversion will allow SCC to purchase the Core Switch without a leasing contract. This will save any financing funds identified in the lease. Mr. Holt made a motion to rescind the approval on a lease for the Core Switch. Mr. Shields seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Holt made a motion to purchase the Core Switch. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

After further discussion on the 2015-16 Budget, Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Bell addressed the second action item on the agenda, a revision to the minutes from the 4/28/15 Board of Trustees meeting. The revision clarified the President's Evaluation that was addressed at the 4/28 meeting. Mr. Holt made a motion to approve the revised minutes. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Tomas introduced Scott Baker from LS3P. Mr. Baker presented information and ideas developed through the Master Plan process on the Jackson and Swain campuses. Discussion was held. Funding and possible funding sources of the proposed projects was addressed. A vote on the state bond is scheduled for the March 2016 general election.

OTHER BUSINESS

The National Park Service graduation is scheduled for December 4th at 1:00 pm.

Dr. Tomas gave the Board a health update on Trustee Burrell and Executive Assistant Nan Coulter.

Tiffany Henry, Director of the Small Business Center, recently received the Innovation Award.

The Appalachian Farm School project received a \$5,500 grant.

The retirement celebration for Jerry Sutton is scheduled for December 10th from 4-6pm at the Jerry Sutton Public Safety and Training Center in Macon County.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bell requested a motion to enter into Closed Session under the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (6) to discuss an employee. Mr. Holt made the motion to enter into Closed Session, which was seconded by Mr. Burrell and unanimously approved. The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 6:22 PM.

The Board of Trustees returned from Closed Session at 6:44 PM, having taken no action.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Terry Bell, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Don Tomas, Secretary
Board of Trustees