

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

**Board Room
Third Floor, Administration Building
Blinn College, 802 Green Street
Brenham, Texas**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 7 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 7:04 p.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, President, presiding; Mr. Leon B. Toubin, Vice President; Mr. L.J. Lacina, Jr., Mr. Norwood Lange and Mr. Steve Westbrook.

Board members not present: Mr. Don Jones, Secretary; and Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr.

Members of the college staff in attendance were: Dr. John D. Harris, Dr. Debra R. LaCour, Dr. Van Miller and Dr. Barbara L. Pearson, Vice Presidents; Ms. Cathy Boeker, Executive Administrator of External Affairs; Dr. Donald E. Voelter, Chancellor; Ms. Mary Barnes-Tilley, Ms. Linda Bow, Mr. Brian Burk, Mr. Tex Davis, Ms. Becky Garlick, Mr. Ted Hajovsky, Mr. Richard O'Malley, Ms. Gena Parsons, Dr. Milton Radke, Dr. Athena Russell, Dr. Don Stewart, Ms. Jeri Thornton-Dulaney, Ms. Ann Weir, and Dr. Michel Zuch.

Also registered as in attendance were: Ms. Alyson Bartges, Mr. Ted Collins, Ms. Mary Connelly, Mr. Daniel Contestabile, Ms. Jennifer Eckermann, City of Brenham; Ms. Genavi Huerta; Ms. Stephanie Lewis, Mr. Alan Nieschwietz, *Brenham Banner-Press*; Mr. Kirk Scanlon, LCRA; Mr. Reese Swincher, Mr. Jeff Tilley, Mr. Thomas Tydlacka, Mr. Frank Wagner, KTTX-KWHI and Ms. Ashley White.

**ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE
AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenjura. The pledge was led by Mr. Kenjura and the prayer was given by Mr. Westbrook.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Students presented a petition with approximately 1,900 signatures regarding the parking situation on the Bryan Campus and asked the Board for consideration (copies of the petition and photos presented are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). Mr. Kenjura responded that the Board has the Bryan Campus on the top of the priority list. Mr. Richard O'Malley reported that plans to build a temporary parking lot are being developed.

Brenham Campus Student Government (SGA) President, Mr. Reese Swincher, introduced the 2008-09 SGA officers and gave a brief overview of changes taking place in the organization. In addition, he brought a few concerns about the Brenham Campus to the Board.

Mr. Kenjura thanked all of the students for their input.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND LIST OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2008

Dr. Miller gave a brief overview of the financials and responded to questions from the Board (copies of the financial statement and list of checks are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM 4. REVIEW AND ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 19, SEPTEMBER 2 AND SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING/HEARINGS

ITEM 5. REVIEW AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR AN HVAC MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE BRENHAM CAMPUS, BRYAN CAMPUS AND STAR OF THE REPUBLIC MUSEUM FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

ITEM 6. REVIEW AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK AND AWARD BIDS FOR THE SANDBLASTING AND COATING OF STRUCTURAL STEEL UNDERNEATH THE STUDENT CENTER ON THE BRENHAM CAMPUS

On a motion by Mr. Westbrook, seconded by Mr. Lacina, the Board voted to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 4-6** as presented by the Administration.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 7. REVIEW AND ACTION TO SET TAX RATE FOR 2008

Mr. Lange made a motion that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.0532 per \$100 valuation. His motion was seconded by Mr. Toubin. On a record vote, the Board adopted a resolution setting the 2008 tax rate at \$0.0532 per \$100 valuation. All Board members voted in favor of the resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*.

ITEM 8. REVIEW AND ACTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS AS PROVIDED BY BOARD POLICY BG (LOCAL), ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION PLAN

This item was tabled for discussion and review at a future meeting (copies of the proposed organizational charts are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 9. REPORTS:

- **OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE ENVISION 2020 PLAN**

Mr. Kirk Scanlon, LCRA, discussed the Envision 2020 planning process and proposed thoroughfares and their impact on Blinn College.

- **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Mr. O'Malley reported that approval has been received from the City of Bryan to construct a temporary parking lot on the Bryan Campus, which he expects to be completed before the end of the year. He also informed the Board that he was working on obtaining cost estimates for the possible renovation of the Bryan Campus Administration building and strip center to provide additional classroom space and relocation of Administrative offices.

Other items that Mr. O'Malley noted to the Board were that discussions with Loupot's Bookstore regarding a possible land swap in Bryan have resumed; the Star of the Republic Museum is without electricity due to Hurricane Ike and that a few minor roof leak repairs were made on the Brenham Campus.

- **ENROLLMENT AND HOUSING OCCUPANCY FOR THE FALL 2008 SEMESTER**

Dr. Harris announced a record enrollment of 15,645 students for the Fall semester. This is an increase of 1,029 students. He also discussed a contact hour increase and said Housing is full with 1,112 residents on the Brenham Campus (copies of the enrollment and housing reports are attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

- **WORKFORCE EDUCATION**

Mr. Brian Burk and Dr. Athena Russell presented a year-end report for Workforce Education which included an overview of 2007-08 statistics and business and industry initiatives, which indicated that revenues are up 160% from last year (a copy of the report is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

Dr. Russell reviewed the businesses that Workforce Education is either in discussion with or have already partnered with. She also stated that because of a private donation received, 187 Workforce Education students have received scholarships to obtain training in various high demand occupations.

- **ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

No report was given.

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pearson announced a newly endowed scholarship from the family and friends of Dottie Miller (a copy of the scholarship summary is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*).

Ms. Boeker introduced Mr. Jeff Tilley as the new Director of Marketing and Media Relations. Mr. Tilley will begin his position on October 1, 2008.

Dr. Voelter gave a brief update on the Technical Education Center.

Mr. Kenjura announced the following:

- a. Ms. Barbara Moore's Retirement Reception on September 19, 2008 at 9 a.m. on the Schulenburg Campus.
- b. Dr. Holt's Reception on September 25, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in the Janis Sneed Banquet Room of the Blinn College Student Center on the Brenham Campus.
- c. Board Retreat on September 23, 2008 at 6 p.m. in the Board Dining Room of the Blinn College Student Center on the Brenham Campus.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 7:56 p.m.

ITEM 11. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.101)

The public was recessed for a closed session at 8:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

ITEM 12. CLOSED SESSION

- (A) EVALUATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.074)
- (B) DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN BRENHAM, BRYAN AND SCHULENBURG (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.072)
- (C) CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY RELATIVE TO PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.071)

ITEM 13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The public session was reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS:


ITEM 14. REVIEW AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- (A) REVIEW AND ACTION ON FACULTY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF CONTRACTS
- (B) REVIEW AND ACTION TO PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE REAL PROPERTY IN BRENHAM, BRYAN AND SCHULENBURG

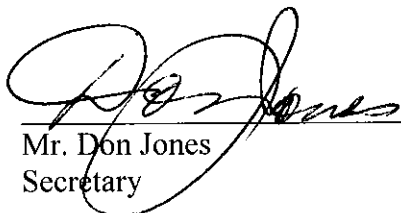
On a motion by Mr. Toubin, seconded by Mr. Westbrook, the Board voted to employ part-time faculty for the Fall 2008 semester.

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Westbrook, seconded by Mr. Lange, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura
President



Mr. Don Jones
Secretary