

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

**The Falls Resort Clubhouse
Garden Room
1750 North Falls Drive
New Ulm, Texas**

Workshop, Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:05 p.m. in the Garden Room with the following members present: Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, President, presiding; Mr. Leon B. Toubin, Vice President; Mr. Steve M. Westbrook, Secretary; Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr., Mr. Douglas R. Borchardt, Mr. L.J. Lacina, Jr., and Mr. Norwood Lange.

Board members not present: None.

Members of the College staff in attendance were: Dr. Robert Brick, Dr. Debra LaCour, and Dr. Van Miller, Vice Presidents; Dr. Ted Raspiller, Provost Brazos County Campuses; Ms. Cathy Boeker, Executive Administrator of External Affairs; Mr. Claude Free, Mr. Richard O'Malley, and Mr. Michael Schaefer.

Also registered as in attendance were: None.

REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER NON-ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kenjura took a moment to remember Mr. Dan Schiller, retired English Instructor, who recently passed away. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Schiller's forty-four years of service to Blinn College.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

ITEM 4. OPEN DISCUSSION ON FACILITIES PLANNING

Mr. Richard O'Malley reviewed various Master Plans that have been completed over the years for the Bryan Campus. The Master Plan for the current location was designed to accommodate 17,000 students with complete build out. Discussion took place about the Bryan Campus capacity and need for potential parking garage and/or additional parking lots. Increased capacity on the existing campus due to the new Texas A&M Health Science Center Campus lease was discussed. The Board then discussed the leased space and a plan to offer/market general academic courses to Texas A&M University students that can be held in unused space on the Health Science Center Campus.

Future needs of existing campus and/or additional/potential sites were discussed.

The Brenham Campus Master Plans were discussed. Topics discussed were building needs, the need for the Science Labs to be improved, dorm structure, and potential dorm improvements. The Science Building, the Recreation Center, and Dorm remodel would be the next building projects necessary. Spencer Stadium was also discussed.

The meeting was recessed for dinner at 7:03 p.m.

The public session was reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

ITEM 3. OPEN DISCUSSION ON PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT TOPICS

Mr. Claude Free discussed concerns about drugs on the Brenham Campus. He reported there have been twenty-eight drug arrests so far this year. Chief Free told the Board about the drug problem and suggested that discipline, suspensions, and reinstatement policies/procedures should be tightened.

Chief Free discussed the possibility of a K-9 purchase for the College. If the College purchased a K-9, it would be available for all campuses.

ITEM 5. OPEN DISCUSSION ON PROGRAM PLANNING

Dr. Miller reviewed a proposal from the Athletic Director to increase certain squad sizes with no additional scholarships, as well as, adding girls soccer as a sport at Blinn College (a copy of the proposal is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*). The Board discussed both items and felt that additional information was needed regarding the soccer proposal.

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Mr. Kenjura told the Board members that the organizers of Festival Hill are interested in partnering with Blinn's Fine Arts Department. Discussions will continue and as more details are available, they will be brought before the Board for consideration.

CLOSED SESSION:

ITEM 6. RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION (AS AUTHORIZED BY GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.101)

The public was recessed for a break at 8:31 p.m.

The public was recessed for closed session at 8:40 p.m.

ITEM 7. CLOSED SESSION

(A) DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN BRENHAM, BRYAN, SCHULENBURG AND SEALY (GOV'T. CODE, SEC. 551.072)

ITEM 8. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

The public session was reconvened at 9:38 p.m.

ITEM 3. OPEN DISCUSSION ON PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT TOPICS

Discussion took place regarding the Sealy Campus Maintenance Tax option. Several Board members expressed a desire to allow a sufficient amount of time to evaluate the growth/progress of the campus before a final decision to seek a maintenance tax was made. The Board would like to see a discussion with key Sealy stakeholders take place to gain additional input.

Special Meeting for Presidential Search on May 27, 2011, at Noon.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Borchardt, seconded by Mr. Westbrook, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura
President



Mr. Steve M. Westbrook
Secretary